



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Eucharistic Services:

- 7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,
Vigil Mass
- 11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Luke Glaser

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

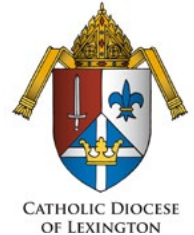
Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? The Parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes this Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 pm. The topic for class will be The Bible. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

Roof Project

Our roofing company, A Plus Roofing has been in contact and has plans to begin the project the week of November 1.

All Saints Day

WOn Wednesday November 1st Mother of Good Counsel celebrates All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. There will be our regular Rosary, at 6:40 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm.

November Remembrance

During the month of November the parish remembers those who have died, especially those in the last year. We will have our book of remembrance for you to write loved ones names in and we will have an altar of remembrance in the church during the month. Please bring pictures of loved ones that you would like us to remember in our altar of remembrance. The parish will also host a digital book of remembrance, if you would like to remember someone please submit a picture or name to be added.

Teen Disciples

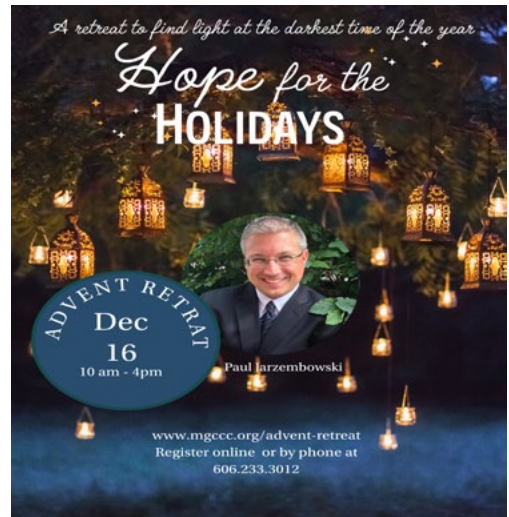
Will meet today Sunday October 29, and next Sunday November 5 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this faith formation and social opportunity.

Pig Roast

Mother of Good Counsel will host a pig roast lunchtime fundraiser on Friday November 17. Tickets are \$15. Please begin to share with your community.

Advent Retreat

On Saturday Decemeber 16, Paul Jarzembowski, will be here to give a retreat on Hope for the Holidays. The retreat will be from 10 am to 4 pm with Mass at 4:30 pm with Bishop John Stowe, Ofm Conv. Books are available for purchase for \$20.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is the test: if I say, "I love God," and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



All Hallowtide

All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), a holiday observed on October 31, the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day. The celebration marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints (Nov 1) and initiates the season of Allhallowtide, which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day (Nov 2). These three days taken together are the "Days of the Dead". a triduum of feasts called Allhallowtide, a time when the living honor the dead in Christ: the Saints in heaven, as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory, on their way to heaven. It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints.

Upcoming Events

- 10/29 : Teen Disciples
- 10/31 : Becoming Catholic : Jesus
- 11/1 : All Saints Day
- 11/17 - Pig Roast

ONE IN CHRIST
2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Participation Matters!

OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL:
50% _____%

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:
32 _____%

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OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:
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The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Dennis is one of the local street people who lives around the parish where I live. He is usually pleasant and courteous and wants to do things right, though he also struggles with his own set of demons. For the most part, Dennis seems to be finding his way through the mazes of life, as people do in their own fashion.

In some ways, the parishioners have become a family for Dennis, or at least a part of the family scattered about the neighborhood. Frequently he will be gone for a time, and we will wonder what happened to Dennis, only to find him drifting back among us.

These days Dennis is angry with us. For whatever reason, Dennis brought his assembled belongings and took up residence on our garage roof. The roof is flat and has a two-foot-high wall around the edge, a place that affords a bit of shelter from the wind. Soon, however, the parish came up with a list of reasons why it would be best if Dennis did not live on our garage roof—safety, security, and insurance among them. So Dennis was asked to move on, and that's why Dennis is angry with us.

The parish staff tries to be sensitive and caring about the street people. They try to let them make their own way when that is what they want to do. Yet at other times the staff needs to do what is best for everyone involved in the parish. It's not always easy to know how to love someone. ●

Reflect

When have you been unsure of how to love someone?

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39



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November is the
MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

...in Christ shall all be brought to life.
1 Cor. 15:22



Readings for the Week

MONDAY

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY

October 31
Weekday
Rom 8:18-25
Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY

November 1
All Saints
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration
of All the Faithful
Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Any readings
from no. 668 in
the Lectionary or
from the Masses
for the Dead

FRIDAY

November 3
Weekday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY

November 4
St. Charles
Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 11:1-2a,
11-12, 25-29
Lk 14:1, 7-11

SUNDAY

November 5
Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b-2:2b,
8-10
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12



Dear Padre,

How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of "saint" by the Church, a person's life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

10/22/2023

Loose: \$24

Envelopes : \$155

World Missions: \$35

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$289

Birthdays This Week:

10/30 : Sammy Spencer

11/1 : Jack Bowling

11/3 : Tom Teague

Prayer Family
Jack & Sue Bowling



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to MGC on
Social Media**



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Chuck Brunty, Al Pratt, Mike Deubec, OFM, and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for October

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Intentions for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.