



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37



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. Bob Damron

Lector :

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

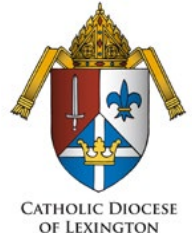
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY
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? There will not be class this week but there will be class on Decemeber 12 folowing Mass. The topic for class will be an introduction to the Sacraments. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday December 6, Mother of Good Counsel will have our first Wednesday of the month Adoration from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Giving Tree

The giving tree ornaments are here for selction. Please take a giving tree ornament if you would like to sponsor of child this year. All presents should be returned to the parish by December 17.

Decorating the Parish

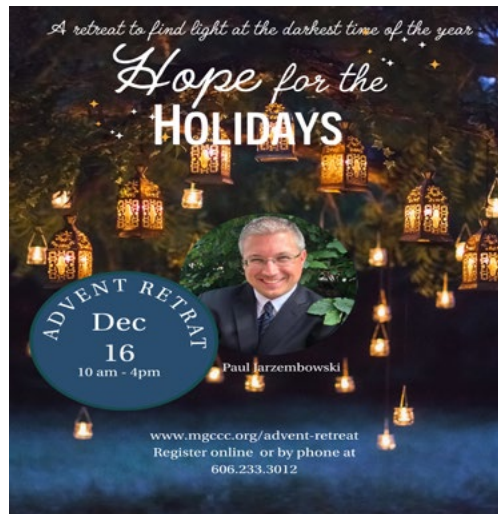
Next Sunday December 3, parishioners will gather to decorate the center and outdoor space of Mother of Good Counsel. we will have soup, and chili available. to eat. Join us as we begin our preparations for the season.

Stockings for the Elderly

Mother of Good Counsel is again making stockings for the eledrly. Please sign up to bring an item for the stockings. See the list the in the gathering space. Please drop off items by Decemeber 12.

Annual Appeal Update

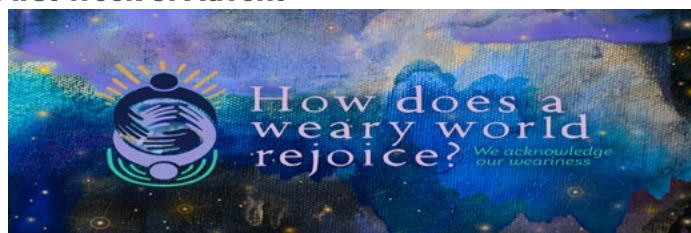
Our parish is doing very well in meeting our goals for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have met our financial and participation goal. Thank you to all who have donated to the Annual Appeal



Advent Retreat

On December 16 from 10 am to 4 pm the parish will host a Advent retreat entited Hope for the Holidays. It will be a day of prayer, reflection, and community prepatation for Christmas. Bishop John will be here to say Mass at 4:30 pm on that Saturday. Sign up in the back if you plan to attend.

First Week of Advent



The First Week of Advent
How does a weary world rejoice?
We acknowledge our weariness

Wade In

Over time
wind and water
will sand down the edges of a stone.
For humans,
our wind and water
is the grief of the world.

Stay here long enough
and pieces of you
will be pressed upon
by life's never-ending stream.
It's enough to make you weary.
It's enough to make you question.
It's enough to make you quiet.
And yet, the stream continues.

So do not be afraid to stand in that water.
Wade in. Soak the hem of your jeans.
Drip wet footprints through every room in your house.
Let the water stains tell your story.
And when your body grows weary of swimming,
name the stream.
Acknowledge your weariness.
For eventually,
you will pick flowers from
the opposite bank.
And over and over again, we'll tell this story.
And over and over again,
a weary world will rejoice.

Poem by
Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

Upcoming Events

- 12/ 3 : Decorating the Center & Outside
- 12/6: Rosary, Communion Service
- Adortion - 7:30 to 8:30 pm
- 12/12 : Reconciliation Service & Mass
- 12/16 : Hope for the Holidays Retreat

ONE IN CHRIST

2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Participation Matters!

OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL:
50 _____%

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:
100 _____%

OUR PARISH FINANCIAL GOAL:
\$ 6250 _____

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:
\$ 6907 _____

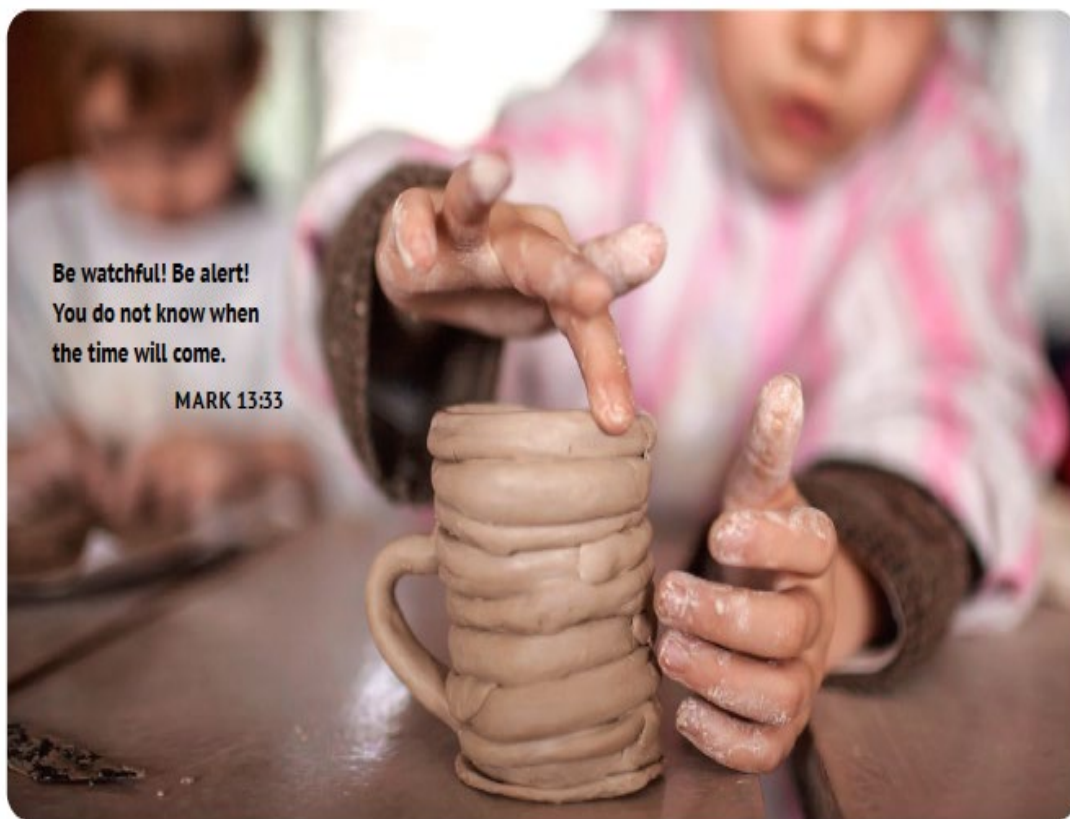
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Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

MARK 13:33

How Has God Shaped You?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along. ●

Reflect

What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Monday	December 4
Advent Weekday	Is 2:1-5
	Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	December 5
Advent Weekday	Is 11:1-10
	Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	December 6
Advent Weekday	Is 25:6-10a
	Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Is 26:1-6
	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gn 3:9-15, 20
	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
	Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	December 9
Advent Weekday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26
	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	December 10
Second Sunday of Advent	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
	2 Pt 3:8-14
	Mk 1:1-8



Dear Padre,

Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.



These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

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Our Weekly Offering

11/26/2023

Loose: \$21

Envelopes : \$1295

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$20

World Missions : \$20

Christmas Flowers: \$50

All Saints: \$20

Online: \$190

Total Weekly Offering: \$1616

Birthdays This Week:

12/3 : Brandon Dials

12/4 : Beatrix Atienza

12/5 : Katie Braman & Jackie Caudill



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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.

Prayer Family

Wendy Latunik & Brandon Dials

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.