



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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 :

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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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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Epiphany Party

Mother of Good Counsel will celebrate the Christmas season with our annual Epiphany party on Sunday January 7. The parish will provide a turkey and drinks. Please sign up to bring a dish to share. We will play some games and celebrate Christ's birth



Christmas Message from Bro. Ed Gura

Dear Friends

O what Wonder has come upon us that words cannot express over our Christmas Gift from the Son who descended from heaven with his Cross to carry, and this the true Spirit of Christmas so let the Grace of Christmas embrace us and lift us to the heights of this Holiest of Nights and grow in our souls and leave us changed and never the same as we ponder the Son of God and Son of Mary who came to us dressed in flesh and poverty and took his rest upon the earth as a dependent Infant shivering in the cold as he lay arrayed in Humanity and Divinity upon a bed of hay in a rough feeding trough amidst the odor in an old and dirty Bethlehem stable among the sheep, oxen and cattle where he slept with enough Love and Forgiveness in his Heart to save the whole human race, for this Child came to take us by the hand and lead us into the Promise Land by going the way of Calvary where he hung nailed to a Tree in bitter agony and became the Sacrificial Lamb to make all on earth his lambs through his Wounds that are our Salvation and his Christmas Gift to us that he left for us under his Christmas Tree on Calvary.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Brother Ed Gura

Year End Giving

Please remember any donations to be counted for 2023 must be dated December 31, 2023. You will be receiving your year end giving statement in January by email. If you wish to receive a printed copy please let Lori know.

Teen Disciples

Students in grades 7-12 will meet for Teen Disciples on the following dates in Spring of 2024. All teenagers are encouraged to attend.

January 14, 21

February 3

March 3, 24

April 7, 28

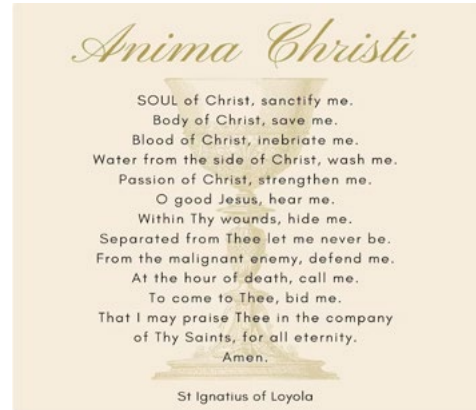
May 5, 12

Becoming Catholic

We will resume our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday January 9 at 7pm. We will begin to discuss the Sacraments in detail. All are invited to join us for this faith formation.

Eucharistic Adoration

The parish will host our monthly Adoration from 7:30 - to 8:30 pm on January 3. All are invited to come and pray.



landscaping Project

In the new year Mother of Good Counsel will begin having our landscaping trimmed and redone. If you would like to make a contribution toward this effort, please list landscaping on your donation.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

This feast has been waived this year. There will not be Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024. Continue to ask Mary to join us in our prayers for the new year.

Upcoming Events

- 1/3 : Rosary, Word & Communion Service
Adoration
- 1/7 : Epiphany Party
- 1/9 : Becoming Catholic

Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any "have-tos" whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one's home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father's gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents' acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love" (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace....And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 27, 2020

HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL) / ANDREA MANTONIA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



Readings for the Week

- Monday**
January 1
Mary, Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday**
January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday**
January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday**
January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42
- Friday**
January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday**
January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38 or
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Sunday**
January 7
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●



Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering
12/24/2023 & Christmas
Loose: \$61
Envelopes : \$1155
Total Weekly Offering: \$1216

Birthdays This Week:

1/4: Christina Elsoueidi
1/5 : Cassidy Turner

Pope Francis Prayer Intention
Intentions for January
For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church
Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



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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, Joe Vogel Sr. 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

The Turner Family