



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

February 4, 2024

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mark 1:29-39



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 : Jackie Caudill**

**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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## Catholics at the Capital





### CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

**Join fellow Catholics for a day of faith and action in Frankfort!**

Led by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, this event will include education and advocacy around issues like criminal justice reform, school choice, gun violence reduction, pro-life and pro-family legislation, and housing/ disaster recovery for Eastern KY

**Who:** Catholics from across the diocese  
**When:** Tues. February 13 from 8:30am-2pm  
**Where:** Capitol Building, Frankfort, KY  
**What:** Education on current legislative issues and meetings with Representatives.

Registration for this event is required.  
 Email Joshua van Cleef, Director of Peace & Justice, at [jvancleef@cdlex.org](mailto:jvancleef@cdlex.org) by Feb. 9 to register and receive the full itinerary.




## Becoming Catholic

We will resume our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday February 6 at 7: 30pm. We will be discussing the Sacrament of the Eucharist All are invited to join us for this faith formation.

## Laudato Si Circles

The Laudato Sí Commission for the Diocese of Lexington is working on establishing Laudato Sí Circles in all the parishes of the Diocese of Lexington. Laudato Sí Circles are small groups that meet regularly to deepen their relationship with God as Creator and with all creatures. Together, the members pray with and for creation, reflect on their ongoing ecological conversion, and act, connected to the local church and other Circles in their region and worldwide. Contact the Laudato Sí Commission for more information. [laudatosi@cdlex.org](mailto:laudatosi@cdlex.org)

## Landscaping Project

East76 Landscaping continues with our landscaping project. The cost of the landscaping trimming, and planting is proposed to cost \$23,000 and the second portion of the project, adding an additional outdoor grotto will cost around \$9,000. If you would like to make a contribution toward this effort, please list landscaping on your donation and checks are payable to Mother of Good Counsel.

## Parish Council

Parish Council will meet next Sunday February 11 following Mass. We will discuss upcoming Lenten plans, and projects happening around the parish. All are invited to join us. Lunch will be provided.

## Teen Disciples

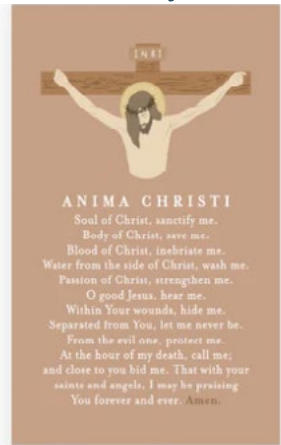
Students in grades 7-12 will meet for Teen Disciples on the following dates in Spring of 2024. All teenagers are encouraged to attend. **February 4, March 3, 24, April 7, 28, May 5, 12.** We will have teen disciples today following Mass at 1pm.

## Eucharistic Adoration

This Wednesday February 7, 2024 Mother of Good Counsel will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Come and join us for prayer and continue to practice moments of thanksgiving

5 Practical Things You can do this week to grow in your appreciation of the Eucharist :

1. Share a meal with family this week and offer a prayer of thanksgiving before you begin eating.
2. Offer a meal to someone who is serving the community - first responder, health care personal, pastoral minister, or social worker.
3. Spiritual Reading on the Eucharist
4. Pray the the Anima Christi after receiving the Eucharist
5. Make a donation ( food or monetary) to a organization that helps fight food insecurity in thanksgiving for Jesus presence to the whole of humanity.



## Silence Before Mass

Parishioners are asked to keep a silent atmosphere in the church before Mass so that people are able to reflect and pray. If you wish to talk, please come out to the gathering space. We are beginning this practice now as we prepare for the season of Lent.

## Financial Updates

At the request of the Parish Finance Council, at the end of the month, the budgeted amount of offertory (an estimate of what is needed to meet parish expenses for the month) vs. the actual amount that has been donated at Mass. Additionally, at the end of each quarter, there will be a quarterly report posted in the bulletin. If you have any questions about parish finances, please feel free to contact Lori.

**Budgeted Collection for Jan. 2024: \$8000**

**Actual Collection for Jan. 2024: \$5463**

**Difference between Budgeted & Actual = \$2737**

## Upcoming Events

2/4: Teen Disciples

2/6 : Becoming Catholic

2/7 : Rosary, Word & Communion Service Adoration

2/11 : Parish Council

# Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**t some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

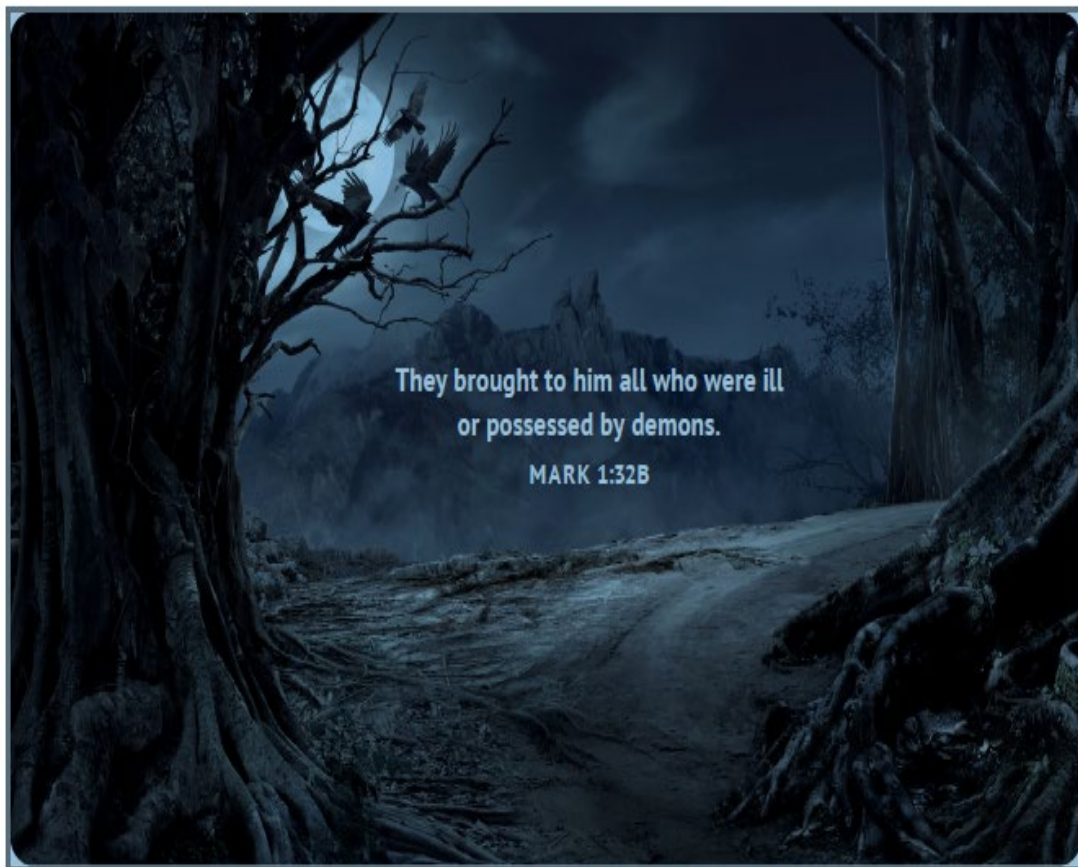
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

## Reflect

*How do you answer the question of why evil exists?*



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015



Readings for the Week

## MONDAY

February 5  
*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

## TUESDAY

February 6  
*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

## WEDNESDAY

February 7  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

## THURSDAY

February 8  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

## FRIDAY

February 9  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
Mk 7:31-37

## SATURDAY

February 10  
*St. Scholastica, Virgin*  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

## SUNDAY

February 11  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45



# Dear Padre,

*In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come."  
Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?*

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR**  
**DearPadre.org**



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## Our Weekly Offering

1/28/24

Loose: \$89

Envelopes : \$3095

Opportunities for Life: \$35

Online: \$190

Total Weekly Offering: \$3409

## Birthdays

2/5 : Marinne Oghia

2/7 : Katie Turner

2/8 : Jorge Martinez

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

February

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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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 & Amose 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, Marfie Fields 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

Jennifer Kuss