



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21



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 :Cindy Combs**

**Ministers at MGC**

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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

**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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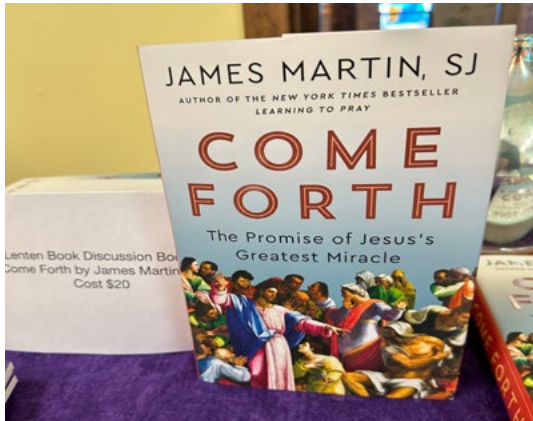
### Lent 2024

#### Fish Fry

The second fish fry went well and the parish raised around \$500 for this second fish fry. Between both fish fries there was around \$1000 raised for the parish.

#### Book Discussion

Next Sunday March 10, we will continue our book discussion on Come Forth by James Martin at 10 am in the Gathering Space.



#### Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

On Wednesday March 20, the parish will host a communal reconciliation service beginning at 6 pm. There will be the option for individual confessions and Mass to follow.

#### Second Collection

Today there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please discern how you can contribute toward this second collection.

#### Mass on Thursday Evening

There will not be the regular Rosary, Word & Communion Service on Wednesday, but the parish will have Rosary at 6:15 pm followed by Mass with Fr. Dan Noll at 6:30 pm.

#### Stations of the Cross

Mother of Good Counsel will have our regularly scheduled Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 15th at 7pm. All are invited this Lenten Devotion.

#### Landscaping Project

East76 Landscaping is finished with the first part of the landscaping project. Part two of the project, which is scheduled for sometime this spring, is building an additional grotto on the large parking lot side of the church. The parish needs to raise some money to help complete this portion of the project, which has been quoted at \$9000. If we raise \$4500 then the remaining amount will be covered by parish savings. The parish has raised \$2300 of the of the \$4500 for the grotto. If you would like to make a contribution toward this effort, please write landscaping on your donation and make checks payable to Mother of Good Counsel.

#### 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. March 24, April 7, 28, May 5, 12, 2024

#### Synod Gathering Process

The follow up to the Synod Discussions that took place in Rome in October 2023 are happening in the local Diocese this Lent. The gatherings for the Diocese of Lexington will take place on the following dates and locations.

March 10, 2024 - St. William's in London 3 - 5 pm.

All people in the Diocese of Lexington are invited to attend this Diocesan discussions to contribute input to the continued conversation of the synodal process. You can read more at <https://cdlex.org/synodality/>

#### 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. Thank you for offering this continued space of prayer and reflection.

#### Becoming Catholic

Our Becoming Catholic Classes will meet on Tuesday March 5 at 7:00pm. All are invited to join us for this faith formation.

#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*If God is the God of life...*

*then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.*

*If God is the God of peace...*

*then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.*

*If God is the God of love...*

*then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.*

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021



#### Upcoming Events

3/10 : Synod Session - St. William London 3-5 pm

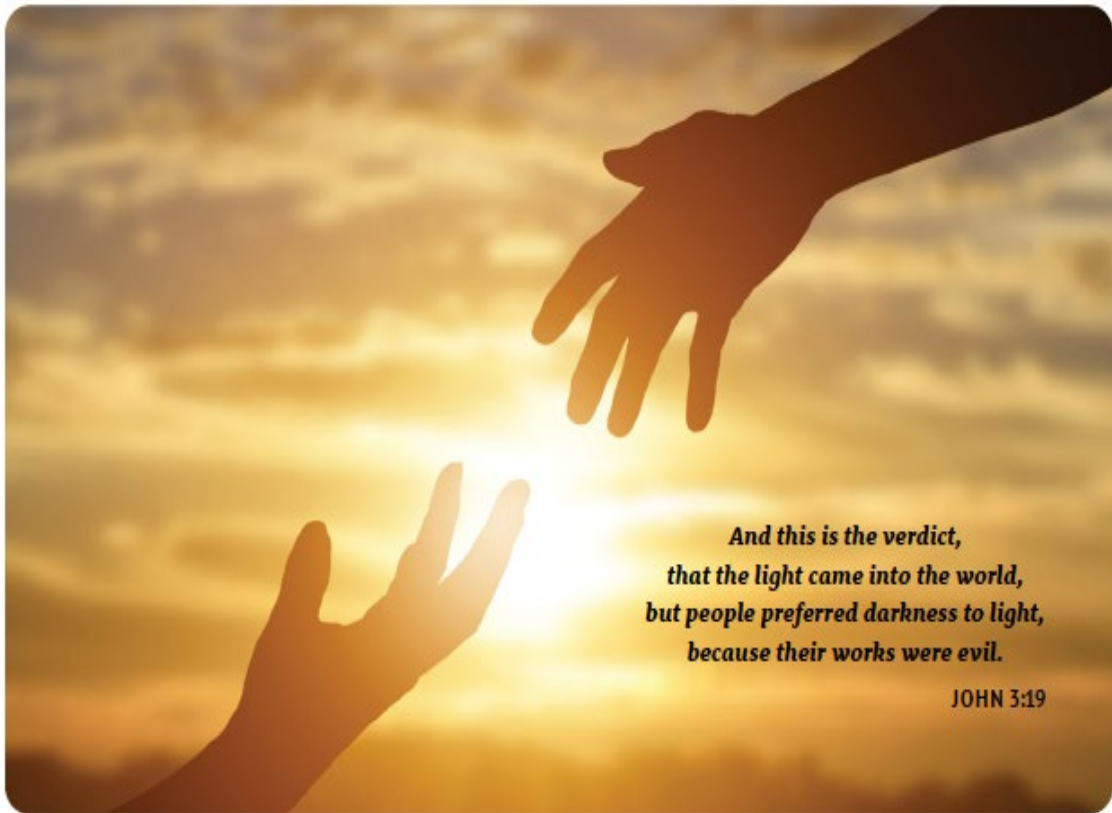
3/12: Becoming Catholic  
3/14 : Rosary & Mass at 6:15 pm

3/15: Stations of the Cross  
3/16: Perry Co. Farmers Market Pop Up 10 - 1

3/20 : Reconciliation Service

3/17: Book Discussion - 10 am





*And this is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.*

JOHN 3:19

## The Saving Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and

again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

### Reflect

*How have you been saved and  
how do you need saving now?*

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<b>MONDAY</b>	March 11
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Is 65:17-21
	Jn 4:43-54
<b>TUESDAY</b>	March 12
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Ez 47:1-9, 12
	Jn 5:1-16
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	March 13
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Is 49:8-15
	Jn 5:17-30
<b>THURSDAY</b>	March 14
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Ex 32:7-14
	Jn 5:31-47
<b>FRIDAY</b>	March 15
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22
	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>SATURDAY</b>	March 16
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Jer 11:18-20
	Jn 7:40-53
<b>SUNDAY</b>	March 17
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Jer 31:31-34
	Heb 5:7-9
	Jn 12:20-33



# Dear Padre,

*In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?*

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography.*

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●



MICHELANGELO/DAVID/1517/RETROCK

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

Our Weekly Offering  
3/3/2024  
Loose: \$36  
Envelopes : \$145  
Monthly: \$110  
Votives : \$124  
Online: \$675  
Total Weekly Offering: \$1090

**Financial Update**  
**Budgeted Collection for**  
**February 2024 : \$8000**  
**Actual Collection for**  
**February 2024 : \$4027**  
**Difference Between Budget**  
**and Actual : \$3973**

**Birthdays**  
3/17: Susan Ritchie

**Prayer Family**  
**Susan & Dewey Ritchie**



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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 & 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, Randy Damron, Jaranda Brunty, 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

**March**  
**For the new martyrs**  
**We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.**