



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25



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

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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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Good for Counsel

Lent 2024

Fish Fry

The second fish fry is this Friday March 8 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are available if you would like to sell some ahead of the event. Please sign up to help with the second fish fry: there are opportunities to serve the parish by helping do prep work, serving the meal, frying fish, or on cleanup crew on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

Mother of Good Counsel LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, February 23 & March 8
5:30pm - 7:30 pm



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church for a fish fry. All proceeds go to support the church and our outreach ministries. Tickets available at the door or in advance from the church or parishioners.

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

The dinner includes: battered or baked fish, fries, Mac 'N' Cheese, roll, cole slaw, dessert, and ice tea or lemonade.

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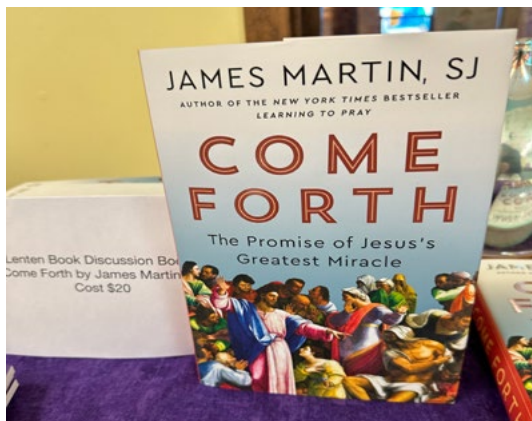
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\$15 for adults | \$8 for children 6-12 | under 6 free



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

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

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. 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 3, 2024 - Christ the King in Lexington 2-4 pm

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

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

HOMILY, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021

Upcoming Events

3/3: Synod Session - Christ the King

3/5: Becoming Catholic

3/10: Book Discussion - 10 am

3/8 : Fish Fry 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

3/10 : Synod Session -

St. William London 3-5 pm

3/20 : Reconciliation Service

Spring Cleaning Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



Readings for the Week

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God’s temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life’s details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God’s Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

What might be cluttering your life right now?



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

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MONDAY

March 4
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab
Lk 4:24–30

TUESDAY

March 5
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

WEDNESDAY

March 6
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

THURSDAY

March 7
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23–28
Lk 11:14–23

FRIDAY

March 8
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

SATURDAY

March 9
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

SUNDAY

March 10
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
2 Chr 36:14–16,
19–23
Eph 2:4–10
Jn 3:14–21



Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Our Weekly Offering

2/25/2024

Loose: \$96

Envelopes : \$480

Black and Indian Missions: \$25

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$741



Birthdays

3/3 : Brittany Fields

3/8: Molly O'Rourke

Prayer Family

Molly O'Rourke

Stay Connected 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 & 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.