



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18



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
- 9:30 am Easter 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,

Sacramental Minister Fr. Bob Damron

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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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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 \$3290 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. **April 28, May 5, 12, 2024**

Becoming Catholic

Our Becoming Catholic Classes will meet on Tuesday April 30 at 7:00pm

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.

Prayer for Creation

Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your Creation.

Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures as signs of your wondrous love.

Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.

- Author Unknown

Parish Council

Parish Council will meet today Sunday April 21 following Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member of parish council let Lori know. All are invited to this meeting.

Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day

On Friday, April 26, we celebrate the feast of Mother of Good Counsel. We will have Mass at 6 pm with potluck to follow.



Quilt Raffle

The parish will be selling chances on a quilt as a fundraiser for the parish. Tickets will be sold until the feast of Pentecost May 19, 2024. The quilt being raffled is in a beekeeper pattern made in blues as a fundraiser for Mother of Good Counsel. Tickets will be 1 for \$5 for 6 for \$25.



Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage 2024

The 2024 dates for the Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage are filling up. The Laudato Si Commission still has spots in three pilgrimages to the mountains. In addition to the regular pilgrimages, which run from Sunday to Wednesday, we are also offering weekend pilgrimages. Dates are still available in June 9-12, October 6-10 and August 23-25.

The immersion experience brings pilgrims into contact with people and places of Appalachia who share their lived experiences of natural disasters, social division and disparity, single-industry economics, and climate change. Through listening to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, we hope to instill and encourage a response to the Gospel call to peace and justice and Pope Francis' call to care for creation. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot. Groups are also encouraged to apply. For more information email laudatosi@cdlex.org.

Upcoming Events

4/21: Parish Council

4/24 : Rosary, Communion Service, & Adoration

4/26: Feast of Mother of Good Counsel
4/28: Teen Disciples



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JOHN 10:16

Living with Our Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, "we are God's children now"

(1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God's love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

Reflect

How does the voice of the Good Shepherd call you to reject the dark and embrace the light?

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MONDAY

April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1–18
Jn 10:1–10

TUESDAY

April 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19–26
Jn 10:22–30

WEDNESDAY

April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24–13:5a
Jn 12:44–50

THURSDAY

April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

FRIDAY

April 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26–33
Jn 14:1–6

SATURDAY

April 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44–52
Jn 14:7–14

SUNDAY

April 28
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26–31
1 Jn 3:18–24
Jn 15:1–8

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021



Dear Padre,

My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About

half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

4/14/2024

Loose: \$91.50

Envelopes : \$440

Landscaping :\$100

Online : \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$771.50

Birthdays

4/24: Gary Lindon

4/28 : Russel Oliver &

Autumn O'Rourke

Prayer Family

Catholic Church of the Good Shephard in Campton



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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, 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

April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.