



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48



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. Jay Van Handorf

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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 \$3190 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 16 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

Faith that does Justice

Are you interested in getting involved in justice ministries in our parish? There are a number of commissions that are part of the peace and justice office of the diocese including: Peace & Justice, African American Concerns, LGBTQ, Laudato Si, and Right to Life. If you would like to get involved in any of these ministries please talk with Lori to see how you can get connected.

Parish Council

Parish Council will meet next 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

On Friday, April 26, we will also be having a quilt raffle for a beekeeper quilt made in blues as a fundraiser for Mother of Good Counsel. Tickets will be 1 for \$5 for 5 for \$25. celebrate the feast of Mother of Good



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

4/16: Finance Council Meeting

4/17 : Rosary, Communion Service, & Adoration

4/21: Parish Council

4/26: Feast of Mother of Good Counsel

Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41-43



Readings for the Week

MONDAY

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY

April 21
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021

GIOVANNI CARULLO / SHUTTERSTOCK



Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

4/7/2024

Loose: \$74.50

Envelopes : \$550

Monthly: \$130

CRS :\$25

Good Friday : \$25

Online : \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$879.50

Birthdays

4/14:Anthony Pennington &

Henry Steinberg

4/16: Sue Bowling

4/17: Cris Turner

4/20 : Scott Turner & Matt Tuttle

Prayer Family

Steinberg/ Richards Family



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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.