



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31



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 \$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 7, 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.

Earth Day Walk

Our Earth Day Celebration – In celebration of Earth Day, the Laudato Si Commission of the Diocese of Lexington invites you to join us for a walk through the forest at the Pinnacles in Madison County on Saturday, April 13. We will combine the Japanese tradition of “forest bathing” (Shinrin-yoku) with contemplative photography using either cameras or cellphones. The day will be facilitated by Father Bob Dueweke. Participants will meet at St. Clare Church, 622 Chestnut Street, Berea, at 10:45 a.m., and we will caravan to the Pinnacles. Our time in the forest will end at 1 p.m. and will be followed by an optional brown bag lunch.



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



Eucharistic Adoration

This Wednesday following our regular Rosary, Word & Communion Service Mother of Good Counsel will have Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm. Come and pray with the community.

Upcoming Events

- 4/7 : Teen Disciples
- 4/10 : Rosary, Communion Service, & Adoration
- 4/13: Earth Day Walk
- 4/16: Finance Council Meeting
- 4/26: Feast of Mother of Good Counsel

The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



Readings for the Week

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MONDAY

April 8
Annunciation
of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY

April 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

April 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

April 11
St. Stanislaus,
Bishop and
Martyr
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

April 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY

April 14
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 3:13-15,
17-19
1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord's mercy.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022



Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come."

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God's divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



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

Our Weekly Offering
3/30/2024 - Easter Vigil
Loose: \$98
Envelopes : \$195
Grotto: \$150

3/31/2024 - Easter Sunday
Loose: \$146
Envelopes : \$870
Votives: \$40
Online: \$740
Total Weekly Offering: \$2239

Birthdays

4/7: Fred Duke & Kim Sparkman
4/10: Ben Braman, Michael Deaton, Cody Slone
4/12: Joey Napier
Anthony Pennington & Henry Steinberg

Prayer Family
Kim Sparkman



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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

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.