



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8



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,

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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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Second Collection for Home Missions –

The Annual Collection for Home Missions will be taken up today April 28. What is a home mission diocese? Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. , please give generously to The Home Missions Collection.

Net Zero Initiative

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington announced on Tuesday April 23rd its commitment to net-zero for energy usage by 2030. In order to accomplish this goal of net-zero carbon emissions, the Diocese will convene a task force. The net-zero initiative will be led by Joshua van Cleef, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice, Diocese of Lexington, with Adam Edelen and Edelen Renewals as the diocese's primary advisor. As primary advisor, Adam will consult on the overall process, as well as assist in assembling and chairing the task force to advise the diocese with expertise in three main areas:

- 1) Technology: The task force will evaluate relevant data from the diocese to determine its carbon footprint. It will then propose solutions to bring the diocese to net-zero.
- 2) Finance: The task force will identify funding sources and partnerships, and propose ways for the projects to be financed.
- 3) Communication: The task force will advise on a strategy to communicate this net-zero project to the public from initial planning through the plan's implementation. This would include a public launch and other major project milestones. To read more about the Net Zero Initiative go to <https://cdlex.org/net-zero-commitment/>

Landscaping Project

tEast76 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. **May 5, 12, 2024**

Becoming Catholic

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

Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage 2024

The 2024 dates for the Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage are filling up. The Laudato Sí 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.

Quilt Raffle

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



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.

Upcoming Events

4/30 : Becoming Catholic
5/1 : Rosary, Communion Service, & Adoration
5/5: Teen Disciples
5/19 : Feast of Pentecost & Celebration

The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

JOHN 15:1-2



Readings for the Week

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021



Dear Padre,

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

4/21/2024

Loose: \$102

Envelopes : \$160

Online : \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$337

Birthdays

4/28 : Russel Oliver & Autumn O'Rourke

5/3 : Waylon Roberts

5/4 : Michael Millan

5/5 : May Bentley, Maria Braman, & Tim Cory

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.

May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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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.

Prayer Family

Russel Oliver .