



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

May 5, 2024

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17



**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
- 11:00 am Sunday - Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

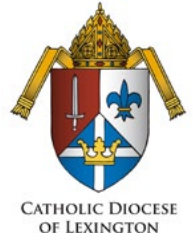
Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

**Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

**Ministers for next Sunday,  
Sacramental Minister Fr. Bob Damron  
Lector : Luke Glaser**

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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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### **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**

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. **May 5, 12, 2024**

### **Becoming Catholic**

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

### **First Communion**

Next Sunday May 12, Mother of Good Counsel will have First Communion. Please pray for Ximena Lozano this week as she prepares for her First Holy Communion.

### **Feast of Pentecost**

On Sunday May 19, the church celebrates the feast of Pentecost, join us after Mass for a potluck.

### **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](mailto: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**

- 5/7 : Becoming Catholic
- 5/8 : Rosary, Communion Service,
- 5/12: Teen Disciples
- 5/19 : Feast of Pentecost & Celebration



[Jesus said,] "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

JOHN 15:12



## We're Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight.* So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

### Reflect

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

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#### MONDAY

May 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26–16:4a

#### TUESDAY

May 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

#### WEDNESDAY

May 8  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15,  
22–18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

#### THURSDAY

May 9  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

#### FRIDAY

May 10  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

#### SATURDAY

May 11  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

#### SUNDAY

May 12  
Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23 or  
4:1–7, 11–13  
Mk 16:15–20



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021



## Dear Padre,

*Please clarify for me what the Church considers as "gossip." Is it that bad?*

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are "detraction" and "calumny." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." Calumny occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). ●



*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Our Weekly Offering

4/28/2024

Loose: \$39

Envelopes : \$480

Catholic Home Missions : \$170

Online : \$426

Total Weekly Offering: \$1115



### 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.

### Birthdays

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

5/6 : Giovanni Lozano & Brenda Alitan

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention

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 Family

# Martinez & Lozano Family