



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community



**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ezekiel 17:22-24 / 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 / Mark 4:26-34

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
- 11:30 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 Dueweke, OSA

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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Laudato Si Action Plan for the Diocese

To mark Pentecost, Bishop John Stowe announces the launch of the Laudato Si Action Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Lexington. This process will involve every parish and mission in the Diocese. You will hear Bishop John's Pentecost Pastoral Letter and the documents will be posted online.

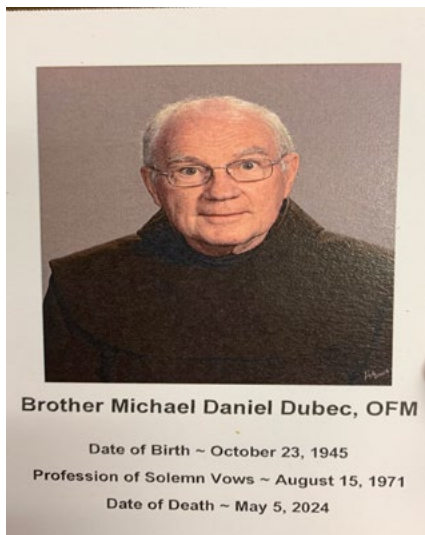
Net Zero Initiative

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/>

Memorial Mass for Br. Mike Dubec, OFM

On Saturday June 29, 2024 at 4 pm. Fr. Mike Chowning, OFM will be here for a Memorial Mass for Br. Mike Dubec, OFM who died on May 5, 2023. Come and Celebrate Br. Mike's life. Reception to follow.



Perry County Famers Market

The Perry County Famers Market regular maket is back. The first Saturday market will be June 1 from 8 am to 12 pm. The market hours are Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm (beginning June 6)Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm at the Farmers Market Pavilion at Triangle Park.The Perry County Farmers Market is launching a new fundraising program to support youth programming and double dollars initivives.

Eucharistic Ccngress Charter

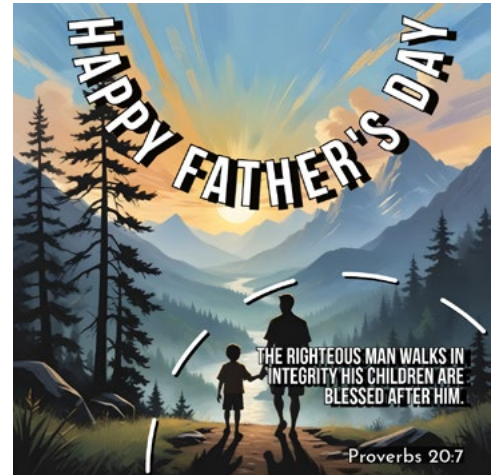
There is a group from Christ the King Cathedral going to the Eucharistic Congeress in Juy. There is a charter bus going to Indianapolis for theEucharistic Congress on July 18 for Thursday's session. The cost is \$260 and includes a day trip on the bus, parking and Thursday ticket. If interested, contact Kathy Fuqua at (859) 583-3467.

Thursdays on the Grand

Join the Hazard Community for the 2nd Thursdays on the Grand event of 2024 on June 20th! Live music with Nathan Coots, amazing vendors, food, and much more. Starting at 5pm at the Grand Park on Main St.

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.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

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Upcoming Events

- 6/19 : Rosary, Communion Service & Adoration
- 6/20 & 6/22 : Perry County Farmers Maket
- 6/20 : Thursdays on the Grand
- 6/29 : Br. Mike Dubec Memorial Mass



With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33

Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**

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MONDAY

June 17
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:1–16
Mt 5:38–42

TUESDAY

June 18
Weekday
1 Kgs 21:17–29
Mt 5:43–48

WEDNESDAY

June 19
Weekday
2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

THURSDAY

June 20
Weekday
Sir 48:1–14
Mt 6:7–15

FRIDAY

June 21
St. Aloysius
Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Kgs 11:1–4,
9–18, 20
Mt 6:19–23

SATURDAY

June 22
Weekday
2 Chr 24:17–25
Mt 6:24–34

SUNDAY

June 23
Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8–11
2 Cor 5:14–17
Mk 4:35–41



Dear Padre,

*Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?*

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

6/9/2024

Loose: \$119

Envelopes : \$350

Monthly: \$100

Votives: \$60

Landscaping : \$100

Online : \$95

Total Weekly Offering: \$824



Birthdays

6/19 : Benjamin Hernandez & Jennifer Kuss

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

June
For migrants fleeing their homes
We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**Stay Connected
to MGC on
Social Media**



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, 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, Mark 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., Margie Fields, Cordis Bishop, Randy Damron, Jennifer Dials, Myla Atienza, 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

Jennifer Kuss & Larry Pressley