



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Proverbs 9:1-6 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 6:51-58



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 Piarist Priest
Lector : Bridget Turner**

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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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Baptism

Today we welcome Henry and Harold Steinberg to our faith community as they are baptised. Let us pray for them and their family during this joyful time.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a Pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate the Jubilee year. This trip will take place from July 29 to August 9, 2025 with Select International Tours. This 12 day trip will include stops in Rome, Assisi, and Florence. If you are interested in participating in this trip please let Lori know of your interest. There will be 30 spots available. There will be an information meeting in August once more details are finalized.

Memorial for Brother Mike Dubec, OFM

The updated date for the memorial for Br. Mike Dubec will be on September 21 at 4 pm. Please mark your calendars and share with those in the community who may wish to come and celebrate his life.

Second Collection for Seminarian Education

We will take up the Second Collection for Seminarian Education on August 17-18, 2024. Funds from this collection will support the continuing studies of our seminarians. We are very blessed in our diocese to have seminarians preparing to serve our parishes and missions as true and faithful servant leaders. Thank you for your support and prayers for their efforts.

Be sure to check out the Vocations section of our Diocesan website (<https://cdlex.org/vocations>) to learn more about vocations in our diocese.

Haremos una Segunda Colecta del 17-18 de Agosto para la Formación de los Seminaristas. Los fondos de esta colecta apoyarán los estudios de nuestros queridos seminaristas. Somos muy afortunados en nuestra diócesis de tener seminaristas que están preparándose para servir en nuestras parroquias y misiones como verdaderos y entregados servidores/líderes. Gracias por su apoyo y oraciones para sostener a nuestros seminaristas y sus esfuerzos.

Asegúrense de visitar <https://cdlex.org/vocations/> para obtener más información sobre las vocaciones en nuestra diócesis.

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.

International Dinner 2024

Mark your calendar for the International Dinner on September 6, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. There is a sign up sheet for the dish you plan to bring. Dinner tickets are available today for pickup. The parish needs help in distributing letters to local businesses for donations for our raffle. Contact Lori if you are able to help.



Piarist Priests

The Piarist Priests who run a school in Hagerhill, KY (between Paintsville and Presetonsburg) will begin to help with Sacramental Ministry at Mother of Good Counsel along side our regular Fr. Bob Damron and Fr. Bob Dueueke, OSA. The Piarist Priest ministry focuses on education. Please welcome them in the upcoming months.

Upcoming Events

- 8/21 : Rosary and Communion Service Eucharistic Adoration
- 9/6 : International Dinner 2024 Fundraiser
- 9/8 : Religious Education for grades K - 6 beginnings
- 9/10 : Becoming Catholic (OCIA) 7-9 pm
- 9/21: Br. Mike's Memorial
- 10/5 : Service Retreat for Creation & Blessing of the Parish Grotto



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018

The Wisdom Meal

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Common sense and wisdom are two different realities, similar but not the same. Common sense can be taught, and it tends to be black and white, rather obvious. For the most part, parents teach their children common sense. *Don't run with a knife in your hands. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wash your hands before you eat.* Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be more nuanced. It has a depth to it that cannot be taught. Rather, it is learned by experience and is more obscure than obvious. Sometimes, wisdom may not even seem to make sense. *One finds life by losing it. We find meaning not by focusing on ourselves but rather upon others and their needs. Less is more. Might does not make right.* Wisdom is the home of God.

Throughout Scripture, the virtue of wisdom is often personified as Lady Wisdom. She is thought to have been present with God even before creation and with God at creation (Proverbs 8:22–31). Wisdom has spread her table before us and invites us: “Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I have mixed!... / advance in the way of understanding” (Proverbs 9:5–6). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh. To feast on Jesus’ Body and Blood through the Eucharist is to feast on the wisdom of God. There, at his table, we begin to look at life the way God does. ●

Reflect

When faced with difficulties, do you stop and pray for wisdom—to see as God sees?



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Monday

August 19
Weekday
Ez 24:15–23
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday

August 20
St. Bernard,
Abbot and
Doctor of the
Church
Ez 28:1–10
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 34:1–11
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday

August 22
Queenship of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ez 36:23–28
Mt 22:1–14

Friday

August 23
Weekday
Ez 37:1–14
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Sunday

August 25
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1–2a,
15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32
or 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69

Readings for the Week



Dear Padre,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Our Weekly Offering

8/11/2024

Loose: \$198

Envelopes : \$230

Outreach: \$200

Assumption : \$164

Online : \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$932

Birthdays

8/18 : Freddie Tallent

8/25 : Nathan Napier

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

August

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



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, 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.

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Prayer Family

Freddie Tallent