



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2 Kings 4:42-44 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15



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. Livinus Uba

Lector : Cindy Combs

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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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Parish Planners

Today parish planners (parish council) will meet following Mass to plan and prepare for upcoming events, prayer, and liturgical seasons at the parish.. Lunch will be provided.

Care of Creation (Laudato Si) Listening Session

Mother of Good Counsel will host a listening session on Sunday August 4 following Masss on Care of Creation in the parish. This is the next step in our parish Laudato Si action plan that the Diocese of Lexington has asked each parish to host. It will be an opportunity to share your ideas about how our parish can be better stewards of creation. We will have lunch provided that day and should be finished by 2pm. All are welcome to join us for this listening session.

Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generosity to the collection last week with donations of \$74.25. If you would still like to contribute there are envelopes in the gathering space where you can make your donation. For more informatio, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage toltaly

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 Florecnce. 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.

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.

More Behind the Readings

Today's readings are not merely just a miracle of feeding the multitudes but also provide people a basis for a Eucharistic Theology. You can read more about the realings on the St. Louis University Liturgy site (<https://liturgy.slu.edu>).

In the second reading from Paul to the Ephesians we hear about how to really live under the one body of Christ that is made up by the people of God. We are called to live with humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another througg love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. So even with we disagree with a family, friend or coworker, pause to think am I making these statements out of love or to prove that I am right. How do we build the kingdom of God through our everyday words and actions.



Upcoming Events

- 7/28: Parish Planners
- 7/31: Rosary and Communion Service
- 8/4 : Laudato Si Listening Session
- 8/7 : Eucharistic Adoration
- 8/15: Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Mass 7 pm
- 9/6 : International Dinner
2024 Fundraiser
- 9/21: Br. Mike's Memorial
- 10/5 : Blessings of the Parish Grotto



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply."

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 25, 2021

Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

*How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?*



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

Monday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of
Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
St. Alphonsus
Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of
the Church
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4,
12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



Readings for the Week



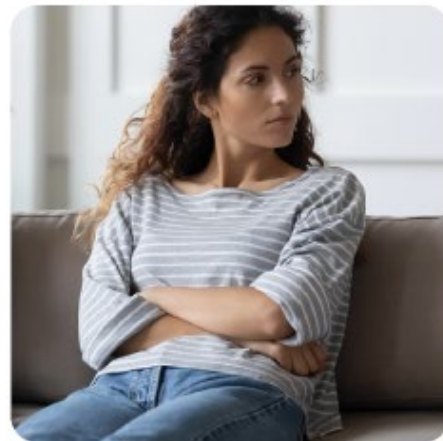
Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22-32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

7/21/2024

Loose: \$4.35

Envelopes : \$585

Churches in Central & Eastern Europe
\$74.25

Online 7/20 : \$190

Online 7/27 : \$125

Total Weekly Offering: \$978.60



Birthdays

7/27 : Trista Hall

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

July

For the pastoral care of the sick
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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

Mary Manuel