



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 50:5-9a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35



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 Rev. Sunil Damiyanose,
Sch.P.**

Lector : Michael Oghia

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

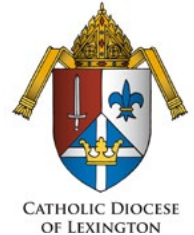
Give us your good counsel

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

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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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Religious Education

Our religious education program will be beginning on September 8 for students in grades K-6. Please register your children so we can have the correct number of materials available. Please pick up a registration form in the gathering space, and fill out and return to the office.

Teen Disciples

Our teenagers in grades 7-12 will meet on the following Sundays following Mass. All those in grades 7-12 are invited to join this group of faith sharing, fun and fellowship.

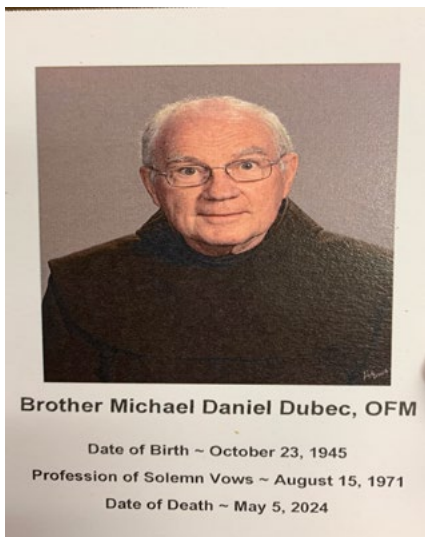
- September 15
- October 13 & 27
- November 3 & 17
- December 8 & 15

Becoming Catholic

The parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes that will journey with those going through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). All people are welcome to come to this faith formation class. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. This Tuesday, September 17, 2024 the topic will be faith.

Memorial for Brother Mike Dubec, OFM

This Saturday September 21 at 4 pm will be the memorial for Br. Mike Dubec. Please join us for this memorial to celebrate the life of Br. Mike Dubec. Reception to follow Mass.



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 Dueweke, OSA. . The Piarist Priest ministry focuses on education. Please welcome Fr. Sunil Damyanose, one of the Piarist priests serving in the upcoming months.

Quilt Raffle

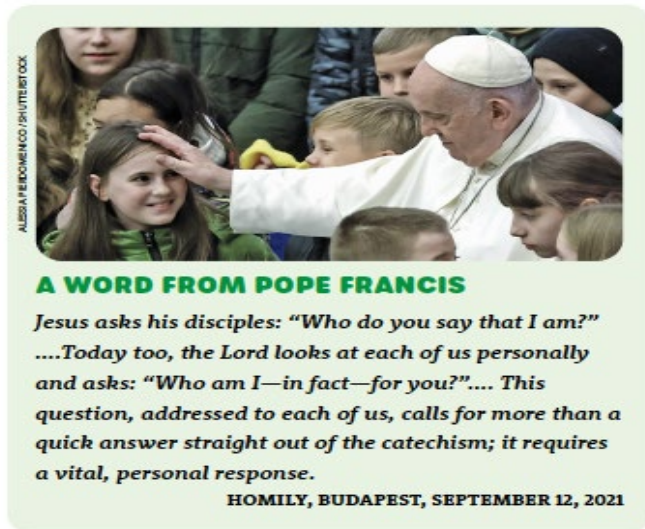
Raffle tickets for the red and white quilt are available. Purchase your chances by October 5, 2024. Chances are 1 - \$5 and 6 - \$25.

One in Christ 2024

The Diocesan Annual Appeal officially begins next Sunday with Commitment Sunday. The annual appeal goes toward supporting retired priests, youth, young adult and campus ministry, Catholic Charities and community outreach and parish operational support. Our parish benefits greatly from this appeal. Last year the parish met our goal and received \$3,403.97 as a parish shareback for meeting our participation and amount goals. In addition the parish receives a Mission and Ministry Grant for \$65,000 that helps with our parish budget.. Our goal for 2024 is \$9500 and 61 families. Please consider how you can support these goals, all donations are welcome.

Season of Creation (Sept 1- Oct 4, 2024

October 5 – Season of Creation Celebration in Hazard – Join Bishop John and the Laudato Si Commission for a celebration at Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Hazard. A day of reflection will be followed by the blessing of the church’s new grotto and an outdoor Mass at 5pm. The evening wraps up with food and fellowship. Please RSVP at laudatosi@cdlex.org
October 6-9 – Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage 2024 – The next pilgrimage is scheduled for October 6-9. The immersion experience brings pilgrims into contact with people and places of Appalachia who share their lived experiences of natural disaster, 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 also encouraged to apply: laudatosi@cdlex.org



Upcoming Events

- 9/17 : Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 9/18: Rosary and Communion Service
- 9/21: Br. Mike’s Memorial
- 10/5 : Service Retreat for Creation & Blessing of the Parish Grotto

Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?

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[Jesus asked the disciples],
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29

MONDAY

September 9
*St. Peter Claver,
Priest*

1 Cor 5:1-8
Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY

September 10
Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11
Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

September 11
Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31
Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY

September 12
Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7,
11-13
Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY

September 13
*St. John
Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Cor 9:16-19,
22b-27
Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY

September 14
*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

SUNDAY

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*Twenty-fourth
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Is 50:4c-9a
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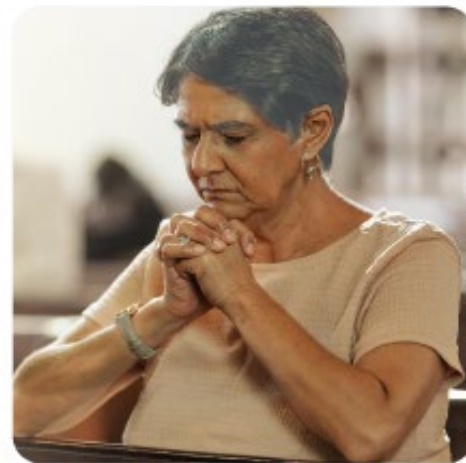
Readings for the Week



Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

9/8/2024

Loose: \$109.75

Envelopes : \$2560

Monthly: \$10

Crossroads: \$14

Online : \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$2768.75



Birthdays

9/15 Jeffery Hunter

9/18 : Pam Melton

9/21 : Carol Marie Logan

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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
The Logan Family