



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 35:4-7a / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37



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

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

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

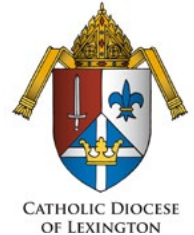
Give us your good counsel

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

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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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International Dinner 2024

Thank you for all who helped and contributed to the International Dinner. The Fundraiser made around \$1200 and there is still some money to come in.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration for the month of September will take place on next Wednesday September 11 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm because setup for the International dinner will be taking place this Wednesday.

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 8 & 15

October 13 & 27

November 3 & 17

December 8 & 15

Becoming Catholic

The parish will again begin 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 beginning on September 10, 2024.

Piarist Priests

The Piarist priests who run a school in Hagerhill, KY (between Paintsville and Presetonburg) 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 Damiyanose, one of the Piarist priests serving in the upcoming months.

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.




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

Nativity of Mary

Today the church celebrates the birthday of Mary, Jesus’ mother. Take some time to celebrate Mary with a family Rosary or Marian prayers and remember to pray for mothers who are expecting.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!.... The healing of the heart begins with listening.... We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: “Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Upcoming Events

- 9/10 : Becoming Catholic (OCIA) 7-9 pm
- 9/11: Rosary and Communion Service
- Eucharistic Adoration
- 9/21: Br. Mike’s Memorial
- 10/5 : Service Retreat for Creation & Blessing of the Parish Grotto

Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

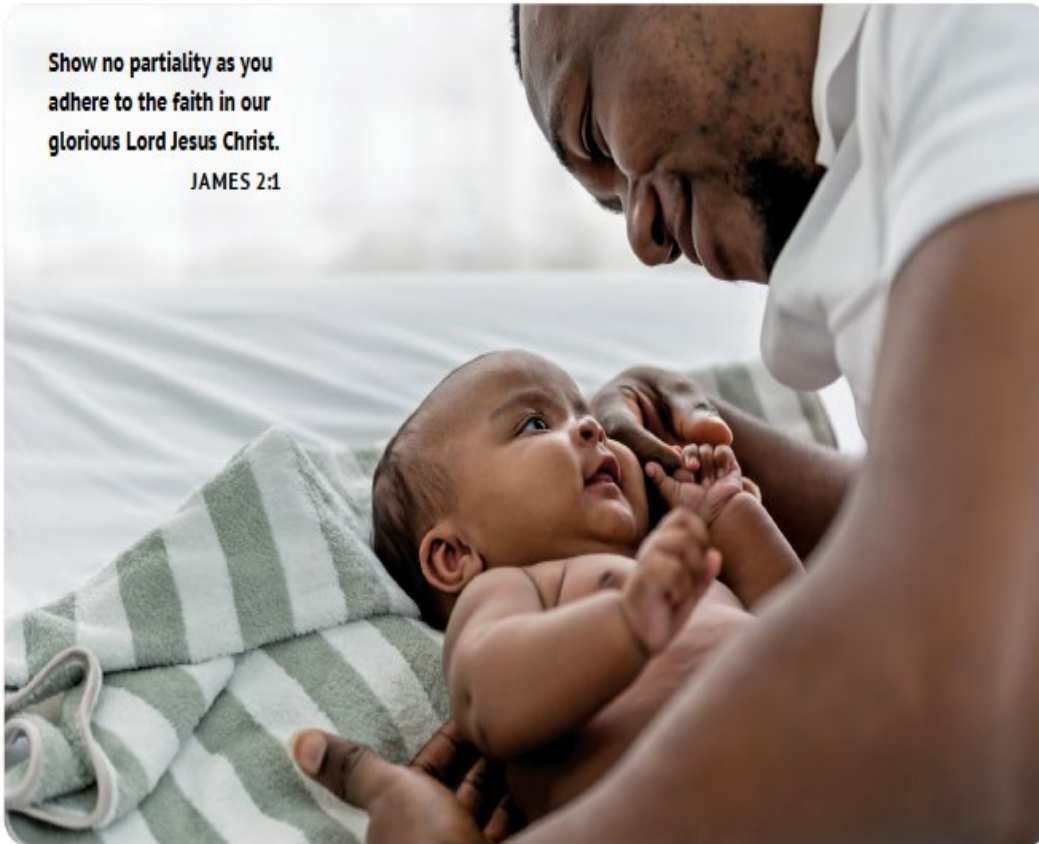
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect

Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

JAMES 2:1



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Readings for the Week

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

September 15
Twenty-fourth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35



Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

9/1/2024

Loose: \$180

Envelopes : \$265

Monthly: \$370

Outreach \$100

Online : \$740

Total Weekly Offering: \$1655

Birthdays

9/11 Zach Sizemore

9/15 Jeffery Hunter

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.



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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, 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

The Sizemore Family