



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

November 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Daniel 12:1-3 / Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 / Mark 13:24-32



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,**

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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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### 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, November 19, 2024 the topic will be places in the church. Today our parish will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for those who are Becoming Catholic

### Synod Listening Session

Today following Mass Mother of Good Counsel will host our synod listening session where we will be discussing the question - how might your parish be organized to encourage full and active participation and draw forth the gifts of others for the common good?. Lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to join us.

### Second Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### One in Christ 2024

With your prayers and contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year, we are able to support your neighbors in need. Lives will be changed and those most in need will know God's grace in a very special way. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship each Fall. The DAA ends on Nov 30th Please be generous Our parish benefits greatly from this appeal. Our goal for 2024 is \$9500 and 58 families. Currently we have raised \$3003, which is 32 % of our total goal coming from 24 donors which is 41% of our participation goal. Please consider how you can support these goals, all donations are welcome.

### Month of Remembrance

During the month of November Mother of Good Counsel and the entire Catholic Church remembers those who have died. We will have an altar of remembrance again this year. If you would like to bring in pictures of your loved ones who have died, please drop them off at the parish. Also the book of the dead, where we remember those who have died will be out, you can add your loved ones names to the book and the parish will keep them in prayer during this month.

iGiveCatholic – Mother of Good Counsel will participate in iGiveCatholic again this year. Giving Tuesday is on December 3, 2024, early givign for this day begins this Monday, November 18. If you have friends, family or people who may wish to help support Mother of Good Counsel outside the Diocese of Lexington this is the perfect online giving opportunity. There are envelopes in the back and please share the online link with freinds and family <https://lexington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/mother-of-good-counsel-catholic-community>

### Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy that Mother of Good Counsel is offering in 2025 is open for registration. Follow the QR code for more information. There will be an information session in Decemeber.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy  
with Lori Helfrich  
12 Days  
July 29-August 9, 2025

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### 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

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE!

**ONE IN CHRIST**  
2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL  
Catholic Diocese of Lexington

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”  
– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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# When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

## Reflect

*Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?*

[Jesus said,] "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."

MARK 13:24

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### Monday

November 18

Weekday

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday

November 19

Weekday

Rv 3:1-6,

14-22

Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday

November 20

Weekday

Rv 4:1-11

Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday

November 21

Presentation

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Rv 5:1-10

Lk 19:41-44

### Friday

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin

and Martyr

Rv 10:8-11

Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday

November 23

Weekday

Rv 11:4-12

Lk 20:27-40

### Sunday

November 24

Our Lord

Jesus Christ,

King of the

Universe

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37

Readings for the Week





# Dear Padre,

*I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?*



Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Our Weekly Offering

11/10/24

Loose: \$115

Envelopes : \$390

Monthly : \$20

Church in Africa: \$20

Online : \$165

Votives: \$55

Total Weekly Offering: \$765

### Birthdays

11/18 : Gavin Napier

11/23: Johnny Bryant

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention

November. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

### Upcoming Events

11/17 : Synod Listening Session

11/19: Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm

11/20: Rosary and Communion Service

12/1 : Advent Begins, Christmas Decorating



### 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, Sandy & Phillip Craft 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 Napier Family