



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Acts 10:34-38
or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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. Dan Noll

Lector : Michael Oghia

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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. Becoming Catholic will resume this Tuesday January 14, 2025 from 7-9 pm with the topic of Sacraments of Initiation.

Epiphany Party

Our celebration for Epiphany is canceled but we will have some brunch hospitality after church today. We will plan to have a whole parish gathering on Sunday March 2 for Mardi Gras.

Second Collection Opportunities for Life Collection

The Opportunities for Life Collection will be taken up on January 18-19, 2025. The proceeds from this collection help support women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Thank you for your support of these collections which support the work of the Universal Church, as well as the work of our local ministries.

Flock Note

Mother of Good Counsel is using Flocknote to help stay in contact with parishioners and friends of the parish. You may receive texts or emails from Flocknote about upcoming events, Mass times, or prayer requests. You can also find Mother of Good Counsel in App.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers Needed

The parish is looking for more Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors to help at Mass. Please let Lori know if you are willing to read or be a minister of the Eucharist. There will be training provided for any volunteers.

Giving Statements

Giving statements will once again be emailed out in January, if you prefer a hard copy of your giving statement or need to update your email address please let Lori know or email her at lhelfrich@cdlex.org.

Roasy & Word & Communion Service

Roasy and Communion Service return this week on Wednesday evening at 6:40 pm. Come and pray with us and share in community liturgy.

Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee 2025

With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis seeks to rekindle hope and trust in the future, encouraging Catholics to deepen their faith through acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage. Be watching for more information on how to participate in this Jubilee year.



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 year. The DAA continues, if you have not given of this year's campaign please consider how you can support our parish efforts. Our parish benefits greatly from this appeal. Our goal for 2024 is \$9500 and we have 58 families. Currently we have raised \$6244, which is 66% of our total goal coming from 34 donors which is 60% of our participation goal. Please consider how you can support these goals, all donations are welcome.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE!

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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

Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy that Mother of Good Counsel is offering in 2025 is open for registration. Registration is encouraged before March 31, 2025. Follow the QR code for more information or talk with Lori about your questions.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy and the Canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

with Lori Helfrich and Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM

12 Days
July 29-August 9, 2025

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2024



[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."

LUKE 3:16

Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| January 13 | January 14 | January 15 | January 16 | January 17 | January 18 | January 19 |
| Weekday | Weekday | Weekday | Weekday | St. Anthony, Abbot | Weekday | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Heb 1:1-6 | Heb 2:5-12 | Heb 2:14-18 | Heb 3:7-14 | Heb 4:1-5, 11 | Heb 4:12-16 | Is 62:1-5 |
| Mk 1:14-20 | Mk 1:21-28 | Mk 1:29-39 | Mk 1:40-45 | Mk 2:1-12 | Mk 2:13-17 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 |
| | | | | | | Jn 2:1-11 |



Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●



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Our Weekly Offering

12/31/24 (Mary Mother of Good) 1/5/2025

Loose: \$45

Envelopes : \$85

Monthly: \$100

Christmas: \$10

Mary the Mother of God: \$25

Online : \$675

Total Weekly Offering: \$915



Birthdays

1/15 Bob Adams

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

January. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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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, Maria Brama, Ronnie Hurt, Sandy & Phillip Craft, Jaranda Brunty, Kazmir Sparkman, 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
Jim Casper