



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

April 20, 2025

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9



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. Bob Damron

Lector :

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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### Becoming Catholic

Pray for our Neophytes David Bolling, Chase Patrick, Don Stacy, Cameron Bradford, Nik Block, and Kristi Watts and welcome them to our community. We will continue our formation on Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 7pm. If you are interested in knowing more about the Becoming Catholic talk with Lori Helfrich.

### Parish Office Closed

This week the parish office will be closed for Easter Week. If there is an emergency please call or text 606.233.3012.

### Rice Bowl Lenten Program –

The Rice Bowl Lenten Program has come to a conclusion Please return your rice bowls to the parish as soon as you are able. You may still make a contribution to this program, as . 75% of the money raised goes to Catholic Relief Services and 25% stays within the Diocese. Please return your rice bowls with your contributions.

### Easter Flowers in Memory of:

- Maximo Atienza
- Judith Sumalpong
- Cathrin Joy S. Hacker
- Joseph Jenkins
- Lily Rogers
- Bob Rogers
- Hadi Oghia

### Feast of Mother of Good Counsel

Our feast day lands this year on Saturday April 26, which is in the Octave of Easter. We will celebrate as a parish on Sunday April 27 with brunch following Mass and an egg hunt for the children of the parish. We will also be raffling off a Carpenter Star Quilt on the feast of Pentecost. The quilt chances will be available beginning on Easter Sunday April 20th. The funds from this quilt raffle will go towards helping the parish and its operations.



### One in Christ 2024

The Diocesan Annual Appeal officially has ended. Thank you to all who contributed toward this appeal. We raised \$7209 of our \$9500 goal. Sadly we didn't reach our parish financial goal but you can still make a contribution that would count toward this goal if it is before the end of June 2025. Please ask Lori if you have any questions.

### 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 in April 2025. Follow the QR code for more information or talk with Lori about your questions.



### Parish Shirts

There has been the request to get parish shirts printed. If you would like a tshirt please sign up so we can get accurate numbers to order. Once we have an estimate of shirts we will get an estimated cost.

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We welcome the Easter message: "Peace be with you!" Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace.

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 17, 2022







On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1



## Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**L**ooking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John’s Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday’s Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It’s noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement’s gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

### Reflect

**What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?**

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#### Monday

April 21  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15

#### Tuesday

April 22  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18

#### Wednesday

April 23  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35

#### Thursday

April 24  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48

#### Friday

April 25  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14

#### Saturday

April 26  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15

#### Sunday

April 27  
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy  
Acts 5:12–16  
Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19  
Jn 20:19–31

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

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.





## Dear Padre,

*I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?*

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you "beef up" your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

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

### Our Weekly Offering

4/6/25

Loose: \$ 101

Envelopes : \$360

Monthly: \$185

Online: \$647

Votives: \$82

Easter Flowers: \$52

Total Weekly Offering: \$1427

If you would like to make an online donation to our offertory follow the QR code below:



### Birthdays

4/20 : Scott Turner & Matt Tuttle

4/24: gary Lindon & Tammy Karelis

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention April

For the use of the new technologies  
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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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, Janet Kuss, 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, Kim & shane Sparkman, Neph & Annie Catemeo, Dana Roy, 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  
All Neophytes