



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 15, 2026

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



### **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. Robert Duewke, OSA

Lector : Luke glaser

### **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

Becoming Catholic will meet on Tuesday February 24 from 7-9 pm. We will be discussing the Sacraments of Healing with special guest Fr. Dan Noll. Please pray for our candidates and catechumens.

**Annual Appeal** Thank you to those who have already donated. We have met our financial goal for the parish but we are still needing more of our members to participate in the annual appeal to meet our parish participation goal of 65%. We still need 5 others to participate to reach this goal. Please consider how you can help us reach this goal.



**The Episcopal View** – Given that February is Black History Month, you can find a February 2023 talk by Bishop John at Bellarmine University entitled “Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All: Pope Francis and Thomas Merton on Universal Fraternity” at <https://merton.org/Research/AV/TMBHM/Stowe.mp3>

## Lent 2026

Feb 15 : Mardi Gras Potluck following Mass

Ash Wednesday

11- 1 pm Ash Distribution at ARH in Hazard

12 pm Prayer Service at Noon at ARH

6:00 pm Simple Meatless Meal

7:30 Mass with Ash Distribution

Soup & Stations 6 pm - 8 pm

Feb 20, Mar 6, 13, 20, 2026

A simple meatless soup for dinner and discussion followed by praying Stations of the Cross.

Fish Fry 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

February 27 & March 27, 2026

\$15 for Adults \$8 for Kids 6-12

Holy Week

March 29 -April 5, 2026

Join us at Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church for all of our Lenten events and prayer services !



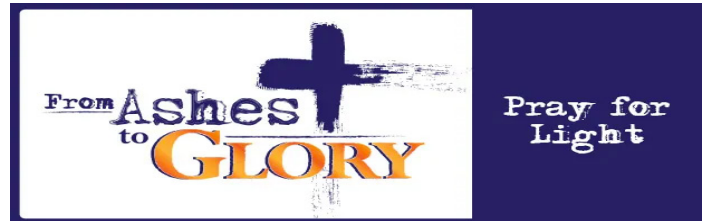
### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. *He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone.*

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025



**Breaking Open the Word Lent 2026**  
**Virtual, Global, Scriptural Conversations in the Spirit**

Join Catholics from around the world for one hour each week to reflect and share insights on the weekly Gospel

**Steps to Participate**

1. Register for the day/time that works for you
2. Receive a Zoom login via email
3. Log in each week of Lent for prayer and conversation

Weekly meetings in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese

**Register here: [bit.ly/botw2026](https://bit.ly/botw2026)**

Small Group Facilitators also needed. Info and Registration at [link above](#).

Sessions are free, donations are welcome.

#### Monday

February 16

Weekday

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

February 17

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday

February 19

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

#### Friday

February 20

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

#### Saturday

February 21

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

#### Sunday

February 22

First Sunday

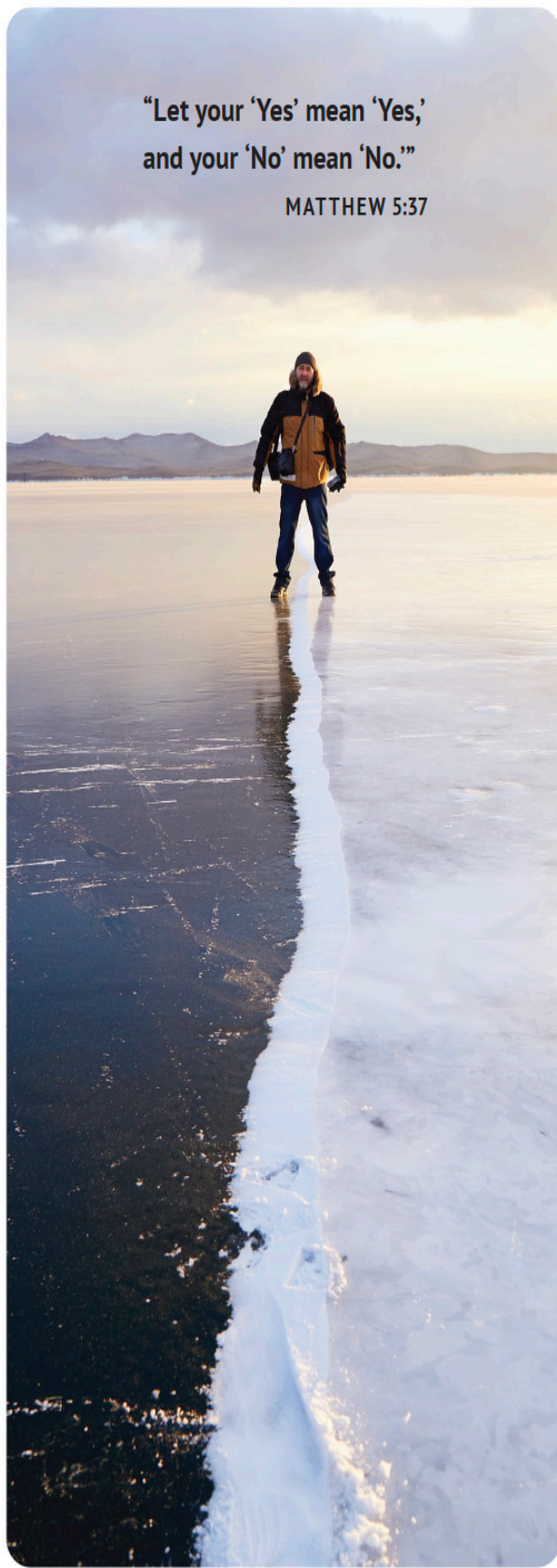
of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or

5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11



“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’  
and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37

# Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“**L**et your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●

## Reflect

*What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?*



# Dear Padre,

***My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?***

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



## Our Weekly Offering

February 8, 2026  
Loose: \$55  
Envelopes: \$580  
Monthly: \$10  
Opportunities for life: 10  
Online: \$185

Total: \$840

## Birthdays

**2/15 : Daniel Slone**  
**2/16: Brian Campbell**

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

### February

For children with incurable diseases  
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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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 Fileds, Mark Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Merlene Combs, Robert Cladwell, The Rice family, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie & Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishener, Michael Witaker, Thomas Stidham, Roy Pulliam, Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, Church Brunty, Al Pratt, Joe Vogel, Sr, Margie Fiels, Kazmir Sparkman, Dana Roy, Cordis Bishop, Randy Damron, Myla Atienza, Helen Brunty Michael Deaton, Ronnie Hurt, Sandy & Phillip Craft, Donnie & Judy Combs, Jaranda Brunty, Gail Baker, 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 Campbell Family