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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am-4:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

Cindy Duesing, Director

(ASL Interpreted)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 12:05 pm

PARISH SCHOOL

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Please call the Parish Office (859.291.2288) to Register, to inform us of changes in your contact information, to let us know how our parish can serve you, or to inquire about volunteering in the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants:

Contact
 Ellen Habermehl
 (M, TU, F)

Reconciliation:

Tuesday at 11:00 am
 Saturday at 11:00 am
 in Church

Marriages:

Contact Ellen Habermehl
 at least 9 to 12 months prior
 to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communion
 and other home visits:
 Contact Parish Office

Sacraments of Initiation:

For Adults:
 Baptism, Confirmation,
 and First Communion:
 Contact Parish Office

For Children:
 Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist,
 and Confirmation:
 Contact Parish Office

OCTOBER 11, 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
PURPOSE STATEMENT

We, the people of Mother of God Church, aspire to be instruments of the peace of Jesus Christ by:

- Worshipping God with joy and reverence
- Welcoming the stranger with love and compassion
- Serving those in need with humility and respect.

FROM THE PASTOR

ORIGINS OF THE ROSARY



The Rosary developed slowly over a number of centuries. In the early Church, monks used a rosary of 150 beads to pray the 150 psalms every day. Many of the laity, who could not read the psalms, wanted to join in the prayer of the monks, and prayed an assortment of Our Fathers and Hail Marys. Eventually it took the official form as we know it now.

One legend tells us that in the 13th century, the Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Dominic and gave him the first Rosary and told him how it was to be prayed. The Dominicans have had a great devotion to Mary and to the Rosary and have been instrumental in spreading it throughout the Catholic community.

In the fifteenth century, the prayers were grouped into five decades (groups of ten) of Hail Marys. In the sixteenth century, Pope Saint Pius V officially grouped these into three sets of mysteries, reflecting on the lives of Jesus and Mary. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II added another set of five mysteries, examining the adult life and ministry of Jesus.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, so I will try to include information each week about the Rosary.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PRO-LIFE?

One of the most important stands of the Catholic Church is that of being Pro-Life. God created all human beings in His own image and likeness and loves each of us as His own beloved child. Because of this, every human being is of infinite value and must be loved as a child of God. This applies to every human being from the moment of conception to natural death. Anything that denies, demeans, degrades or diminishes any human life does so to all human life and is a grave sin.

Is there any circumstance that the Church recognizes that justifies the taking of a human life? If taking the life of another person is required to defend one's own life, or that of another innocent person, then it is morally justified. But if we can defend ourselves or another without taking a life, it is not justified.

For these reasons, war, capital punishment, murder, etc. are all condemned by the Church. Pope Leo recently said that if someone opposes abortion, but supports capital punishment, they may be anti-abortion, but they are not pro-life. There are others who strongly oppose capital punishment, but who support abortion. Clearly, they cannot truly call themselves pro-life.

COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

This Monday, October 12, is both Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. Columbus is honored as the first European to come to America in 1492. For centuries, we have celebrated that he and his company of explorers, seeking India, arrived on the coast of America. Not knowing where they were, they erringly named the natives that they encountered "Indians."

**SAINT TERESA OF JESUS,
 VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**



Saint Teresa of Jesus, also known as Saint Teresa of Avila, lived in the 1500s. She was a Carmelite sister and was a very important writer and teacher of spirituality. Her writings, including such works as *The Interior Castle*, and *The Way of Perfection*, are so highly regarded that she has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

Her Feast Day is Thursday, October 15.

PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Oct. 11, Coffee and donuts are available downstairs in the Undercroft after both Masses.

Note: Coffee and donuts will **Not be available** after the Masses **next Sunday, Oct. 18**, due to the Oktoberfest celebration immediately following the 11:30 am Mass.

Reminder: Next Sunday, Oct. 18

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next Sunday, there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Last year's gifts helped build new churches, sustain mission dioceses, support seminarians and religious sisters worldwide.

Make checks payable to Mother of God Church.

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** this Monday, Oct. 12, for the **Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day holiday**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 9:00 am.

Mass on Monday, Oct. 12 will begin at 10:00 am.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Spencer and Alexa (Schaufler) Peters



ANNUAL MUTTER GOTTES OKTOBERFEST

Next Sunday, Oct. 18

immediately following 11:30 am Mass

Join us for our annual Mutter Gottes Oktoberfest!

Enjoy German food, beer and music!

Fellowship is free and unlimited!

Suggested donation of \$10 per person / \$20 per family

No RSVP required. *See you there!*

CARE NET, ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We will continue our annual baby bottle campaign this month to support Care Net. If you still need to get a baby bottle, they are available by the Pieta statue in the back of church and at the exits of church.

Please return the bottles with coins, bills or checks made payable to Care Net by Sunday, Oct. 25.

Thank you so much for your support.



Download Our New Parish App
Use the QR code to download the app.

Catholic Social Teaching in Action Committee

Kentucky Refugee Ministries is offering an **opportunity for mentors** to work with youth 15 to 24 years old. It would be a once-a-week commitment, 60-90 minutes for six months. Topics may include English practice, college/scholarship applications, career development, arts and music, etc. Be a caring, encouraging presence in a young person's life as they build confidence, explore possibilities, and find their place in our community.

There will be a short informational meeting and training for potential mentors. Contact Andrea at Awanson@krm.org if you have questions or are interested in being a mentor.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT DRIVE

As we transition into the cooler weather, sometimes we find coats that we did not wear last year or we got a new one on sale at the end of the season and have one or more too many. Barrels are located in the back of church to collect them.

The first distribution will be Saturday, Nov. 14 and the date for the second distribution is Saturday, Dec. 5. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our neighbors warm this winter.



Please join us on **Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am** for **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also available at this time.

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS 2027

We are taking orders for St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2027. They have the readings for each Sunday, for the Holy Week Triduum, the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, and also prayers for Confession and special needs.

There are sheets in the back of church by the Pieta Statue for you to fill out to place your order. The missals have gone up in price and will be \$4.50 each.

Please place your order by Sunday, Oct. 25.



Scan this QR Code
to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund

In your kindness, please consider making bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.

AL-ANON has their Wednesday Noon Meetings at Mother of God Church. Enter through the courtyard and go down the steps to the Undercroft of the church. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicted ones. Please come, for you are welcome.

Subsplash Online Giving Reminder

If you are currently giving a recurring gift online through FaithStreet, please log in and cancel it before setting up your Subsplash gift. For more information, go to "Giving" at <https://mother-of-god.org> or send an email to communications@mogcov.org.

Notice: If you are giving online or through a bank draft to our church and are still receiving budget envelopes, please let us know if you wish to cancel receiving budget envelopes.

Sunday Collection	September 27, 2026
Church Collection	\$6,722.00
Online Giving	\$3,185.77
Total Collection	\$9,907.77

Sunday Collection	October 4, 2026
Church Collection	\$6,739.00
Mailed In (2 weeks)	\$4,631.00
Online Giving	\$1,834.42
Total Collection	\$13,204.42



DIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

This Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Our greatest defense of life – Celebrating the Eucharist.

Northern Kentucky Veterans Day Observance

The community is invited to Northern Kentucky's observance of Veterans Day to honor all veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and military families.

Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:00 pm Highland Cemetery
2167 Dixie Hwy., Fort Mitchell, KY (rain or shine).

Saluting Our Heroes

You Are Invited–

An Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Conversation Exploring Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas*

Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium,

Diocesan Curia, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY

Presenter: Msgr. William Cleves, Pastor,

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Monday, Oct. 26 – Part 1 & Monday, Nov. 30 – Part 2

7:00 pm Opening Prayer No Preregistration required.

Presented by Intercommunity of Sisters Peace and Justice Committee and the Diocese of Covington.



St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ft. Thomas, KY will be hosting the speaker you can't afford to miss, **Sister Deirdre Byrne!** The talk will be based on the book, *Sister, Soldier, Surgeon*, which details her crazy and incredible life. **Sunday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 pm.**

Doors open at 5:45 pm.

Limited Seating.

No tickets or admission are required, but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit her free medical clinic. Please be generous. Questions? Call 859-441-1352.

RETURN IS RETURNING!

It is exciting to hear recent reports of increasing conversions and reversions of loved ones to our Catholic faith! You are invited to be a part of this growing movement! Join your fellow Mother of God parishioners who are hosting an **action-oriented, six-session workshop** guided by the book *Return*, by Brandon Vogt.

The workshop will be held at **St. Thomas Parish, 26 East Villa Place, Ft. Thomas, KY, beginning this Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 pm.** Attend as many sessions as you are able.

There are two ways to register for free.

Use the **QR code** below **or email** your name, phone number, and email address to gerryotto.pmd@gmail.com.



Mother of God Church is a Place of Prayer.

This week, we honor and thank our Parish Prayer Team, who prays each week for the prayer intentions submitted to us. Every member of Mother of God Church is included in those weekly prayers.

Several opportunities are available to us to become deeper, more intentional pray-ers beyond our Sunday liturgies. We offer:

Weekday Mass on M, T, Th, F, and S at 12:05 pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on Tuesday from 11:00-11:45 am

The Parish Prayer Team, which each member does from their own home via a weekly email.

The Parish Book of Prayer Intentions, which is located in the back of church

The OCIA Prayer Partner Ministry

And church is open every day for prayer and quiet reflection. The ***Altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*** is a favorite prayer spot!

For more information on any of these, email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org.

Again, thank you to our Parish Prayer Team, which consists of over 50 dedicated pray-ers. As we celebrate three years together, we consider it a great honor to have prayed for over 500 prayer intentions in our time together and look forward to the future growth of our ministry.



Mass Intentions

Oct. 11	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton
<i>Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day Holiday</i>		
Oct. 12	10:00 am	Carol Imbus
Oct. 13	12:05 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Oct. 14		No Mass
Oct. 15	12:05 pm	The Marcia Clark Family
Oct. 16	12:05 pm	Gaige Mueller
Oct. 17	12:05 pm	Bob Schaar
Oct. 18	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Brian Steinmetz

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to Dave and Cookie Flower on the passing of their daughter, Cari Flower. You will be held in our prayers. May Cari rest in peace.



To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

Remember in Prayer List

If you wish to keep a non-parishioner on the Remember in Prayer list, add someone new, or remove someone from the list, call or email our parish secretary, Ellen Habermehl, at the Parish Office. She will gladly help you. Keep praying! Call 859-291-2288 or email motherofgod@mogcov.org.

Remember in Prayer

Kenneth Schuler ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Bennings ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ N.R. ♦ G.S. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Hannah Donoghue ♦ Dorothy Shroat ♦ Michael Wolfe ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Laurel Greis ♦ Lori Siemer ♦ Haley Wright ♦ David O'Brien ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Tyler Runge ♦ R. Roberts ♦ Leo ♦ Laurel Greis

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the Parish Office.



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