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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

Prince of Peace Catholic Montessori
625 Pike Street, Covington, KY – 859.431.5153

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 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth 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

World Mission Sunday

The final words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew are what we call the Great Commission, "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to carry out all that I have commanded. And know that I am with you until the end of the age."

Christianity, and therefore Catholicism, is a missionary religion. Our ultimate focus is outward. This day, celebrated on the next to last Sunday of October, reminds us of that reality. We have lost that focus, unfortunately, and need to reclaim it.

When Catholics came to America, it was a very hostile environment. The Protestants of that time were fiercely anti-Catholic, and anti-Papist. There was a strong attempt to convert Catholics to Protestantism, especially young Catholics. Businesses had signs on their doors that said, "Catholics need not apply!" There were not a lot of Catholic Churches, so many Catholics began going to non-Catholic Churches by default.

The priests of that time, instead of focusing on missionary work, told Catholics to not have any dealings with Protestants. There were women's sororities and men's fraternities, so that they did not mingle with Protestants. Many mixed religion couples were the cause of many Catholics falling away from the faith.

Catholics were just trying to preserve their own faith, and that of their children, so they did not mingle with others. So the Catholic Church did not go out to share their faith but kept it private. This was the situation when the Second Vatican Council began, and so the bishops, priests, and religious had to rediscover the Church's missionary roots. We are still in the beginning of that process.

For the past fifty or sixty years, we have been gradually learning how to be missionary Catholics. We have a long way to go.

To be missionary, we need to learn a lot more about our faith. You cannot share with others what you do not have yourself. If you do not know the Catholic faith, you cannot share it with others. That includes your own children. Most Catholics do not feel qualified to even teach their own children. Many Catholic children are not attending Catholic schools, or even a parish religion program. So they simply fall away from all religion or go to non-denominational churches. But they cease to be Catholic.

This must change! This weekend in Protestant religions is Laity Sunday. They have realized that it is the laity that must become the front line troops of the Church, and so they train them in Discipleship, teaching them how to read, study and share the Bible. Catholics must do this as well. I do not think anyone is surprised that that is what I try to do.

I want every member of Mother of God Church to be a fully equipped Catholic, knowing and understanding their Catholic faith, and ready and willing to share their faith with those they meet, including their children.

Saint John Paul II, Pope



On Thursday, October 22, we celebrate the Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II. Born as Karol Wojtyla, in Poland, he studied for the priesthood while Poland was under Nazi rule. When the Nazis were defeated, Poland fell under the rule of Soviet Russia. He was ordained in 1946, consecrated a bishop in 1958, and elected Pope in 1978 (the Year of Three Popes). He participated in the Second Vatican Council and was an advisor to Pope Paul VI.

When Pope Paul VI died in 1978, Pope John Paul I was elected, but died 35 days later. Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II on October 16 and died on April 2, 2005.

During his very long papacy, he participated in the collapse of the Soviet Union, published the Catechism of the Catholic Church, travelled more than all Popes before him combined, and had many other major accomplishments.



PARISH NEWS

Due to the Oktoberfest celebration immediately following the 11:30 am Mass **today, Oct. 18, coffee and donuts will Not be available** after both Masses.

Today – Sunday, Oct. 18

World Mission Sunday Collection

Today, we will take a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Last year, donations to this collection helped to build new churches, sustain mission dioceses, and support seminarians and religious sisters worldwide.

Make checks payable to Mother of God Church.



Annual Oktoberfest

Today, Sunday, Oct. 18

After the 11:30 am Mass in the Undercroft

Come one and all to our annual Oktoberfest today, Sunday, Oct. 18, immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners in celebrating the German history of our parish while enjoying delicious food and festive music.

We honor our German roots (even our Irish Pastor, who is one-eighth German!) with this annual celebration. Even if you are not German, all are invited to join us for good German food and music and fellowship!

Suggested donation is $10 per person / $20 per family. ***No RSVP required***. Hope to see you there – ***Prost!***

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 next Sunday, Oct. 25.

Thank you so much for your support.

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 next Sunday, Oct. 25.

Covington Deanery Mass
Bishop Iffert's Five-Year Anniversary

Holy Spirit Parish – This Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 pm

Bishop Iffert is celebrating his five-year anniversary of ordination to Episcopacy with a Mass held in each of the deaneries. Our deanery celebrates this anniversary on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Parish in Newport (825 Washington Ave, Newport, KY).

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Shane and Hannah (Ward) Wockley





Congratulations on her recent Baptism to the Family of *Laura Jo Allen*
Daughter of Patrick and Katie Allen

Reminder for Next Sunday, Oct. 25

Seminary Education Fund Collection

The Seminarians for our Diocese are preparing, through prayer, education, and service to others, to become the future priests of our Diocese. They have dedicated themselves to follow the Lord and have the heart of the Good Shepherd.

As the Lord has called them, so too are we called to support them on their journey. Please be generous in your gift and in your prayer for them.

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.

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.

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.

SCAN ME

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

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	October 11, 2026
Total Collection	TBD

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

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Use the QR code to download the app.



DIOCESAN NEWS

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 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.

Catholic Charities – Called to Serve

Parish Kitchen Weekend Team Member, put your faith into action by serving alongside a dedicated team at the Parish Kitchen, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Covington.

Flexible weekend scheduling with most team members serving an average of 3-6 weekend shifts per month. Saturdays and/or Sundays, 7:00 am-2:00 pm.
Apply: sbraun@covingtoncharities.org.
Questions: abauer@covingtoncharities.org.
Learn more: www.covingtoncharities.org.

Northern Kentucky Veterans Day Observance
Saluting Our Heroes

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*).

Mother of God Church Is a Place of Prayer.

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 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. 18	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Brian Steinmetz
Oct. 19	12:05 pm	Mae Huber
Oct. 20	12:05 pm	Louie Hentz and Family
Oct. 21		No Mass
Oct. 22	12:05 pm	Shaylee Collins
Oct. 23	12:05 pm	Jeanne Feldhues
Oct. 24	12:05 pm	Funeral Mass for Cari Flower
Oct. 25	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	The Lueke Family

Message of Condolence



We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to Maria and John Martini and Family on the passing of Maria's Mother, Dolores Donovan. You will be held in our prayers. May Dolores rest in peace.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

***Responsorial Psalm*:**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

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 ◆ 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 ◆ Schnell Family

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

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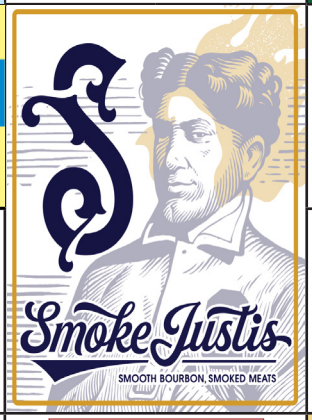
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