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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 25, 2026
Thirtieth 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

What Is the Purpose of My Life?

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" We have to remember that the law included not only the Ten Commandments, but the entire 600-plus other laws in the Mosaic Law. There was an attempt by many of the rabbis to summarize them into one or two. The Pharisees are trying to put Jesus to the test, and to pit Him against the other rabbis.

Jesus responds, "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind… and the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These are not just the Two Great Commandments. They are the statement of the meaning of our lives. When we come to the end of our lives, the only question that will matter will be: "Did you learn to love God and to love your neighbor?" Love. That is what our lives are about.

How are you doing at that?

"You Shall Not Oppress an Alien"

One of the most controversial topics of our time is how we relate to aliens in our midst and those who wish to enter our country. Our first reading gives us some very important guidance. It does not define what our exact policies should be. Instead, it gives us guidance about the way we treat aliens.

God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien….You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up , and I will kill you with the sword. Then your wives will be widows, and your children orphans."

That is some pretty straight talk.

Whatever policies we develop about how we deal with the issue of immigration, we must treat aliens and migrants with respect and dignity. We must not mistreat them or abuse them in any way.

Their Father in heaven will make sure that we suffer whatever suffering we cause them.

Seminarian Education Fund

The Second Collection for this week is for the Seminarian Education Fund. It costs quite a bit to educate a seminarian. Right now we have six men studying for the Diocese of Covington. You, of course, know Michael Schulte, who has been with us for the past two summers and was here with us last weekend when he was on fall break.

Young Adult Meeting

Our Young Adult Group will meet this Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm. This week, we will meet in church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterward we will go downstairs for some fellowship.

If you have not come to any of our Young Adult Meetings, I invite you to do so. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm. The group is intended for those who are in the age range from 20 to early 30s, for those who are single or married. You do not have to be Catholic. All are welcome.

Each week our sessions include social time and prayer.

Halloween

This Saturday is October 31, which is, of course, Halloween. The next day, November 1, is All Saints Day. A tradition grew up in Europe, in the Middle Ages, that the day before All Saints Day, and All Souls' Day, which is November 2, when we honor those who have died, was to be known as All Hallows' Eve. It eventually evolved into Halloween.

The myth was that on Halloween, all of the deceased were set free to roam the earth. People would dress up as saints, in order to honor them. Later the focus shifted from the saints to all the dead and especially evil spirits. So the whole tone of the day changed.

I know I am wasting my time, but I would like to see a reversion to the original meaning of Halloween, when we focus on the saints, and the whole idea of holiness. I am not one who thinks that dressing up as demons or monsters is going to spiritually scar kids, but I would like to see a more positive meaning for the day.



PARISH NEWS

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

Today, Sunday, Oct. 25, **coffee and donuts** will be available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.



***Next Sunday,* Nov. 1, 10:30-11:30 am**
Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale between the Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

Today, 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.



Care Net Baby Bottles

Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause.

Remember to return the bottles by next Sunday, Nov. 1. Please give them to one of the ushers or put them on the table by the Pieta Statue.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals 2027

We are taking orders for the St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2027. Order forms are available by the Pieta Statue in the back of church.

If you have any questions, please call 859-291-8935. **We will place the order for the missals the first week in November**.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Evan and Katrina (Rattermann) Otte





Congratulations on his recent Baptism to the Family of *Camden James Goetz*
Son of Jacob and Hillary (Cox) Goetz

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.



Notes of Appreciation and Gratitude!

BLINK EVENT

Thank you to Bob Stevie, to all the Volunteers and the Knights of St. John for their work during the **BLINK** event here recently at Mother of God Church. A special thanks to Meg Booker who delighted our many visitors with her organ performances.

Despite the poor weather on Saturday evening**, over 1,500 people attended** and admired the artwork that adorns our church. Many of those touring the church expressed how welcomed they felt here.

Annual Oktoberfest Celebration

Thank you to Donna Kinnemeyer and to all the Volunteers who helped make our Annual Oktoberfest Celebration a success last Sunday! Lots of good German food, fun and fellowship!

A special thanks to Maureen Eiting who has organized Oktoberfest celebration for the past several years.

Thank You!

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

The Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group here at Mother of God is for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives. Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the **St. Aloysius Conference Room at the parish office.**

Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For more information, call Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

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.

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
Church Collection	$7,759.00
Mailed In	$5,020.00
Online Giving	$3,263.23
Total Collection	**$16,042.23**

Sunday Collection	October 18, 2026
Church Collection	$6,152.00
Mailed In	$1,215.00
Online Giving	$2,554.20
Total Collection	**$9,921.20**

World Mission Collection $1,208.00

Mark your calendar – Sunday, Nov. 15
Handcrafted Olive Wood Items from the Holy Land

Maha and Mike Kassis will be here with religious handcrafted olive wood items from the Holy Land available for sale before and after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

Do you want to put your faith into action yet need a little encouragement? **Parish Missionary Disciples (PMD)**

Knowing and Sharing Your Story Workshop

The Knowing and Sharing Your Story Workshop, based on With One Heart PMD training, was developed and first offered by the Mother of God Engagement Team in the Spring of 2025. Please join your fellow parishioners and Catholics from across our diocese for the next workshop at **St. Agnes Parish in Fort Wright this Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm. For more details and to register for free, please email Gerry Otto at gerryotto.pmd or call him at 513-322-9783**.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Join Msgr. William Cleves this Monday, Oct. 26, at 7:00 pm for Part 1 of An Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Conversation – Exploring Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas* at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Diocesan Curia, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY. No Preregistration required.

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

St. Joseph PTO Craft Show
Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
St. Joseph School, Memorial Hall and Gym,
4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY
$3.00 Admission. Kids Free.

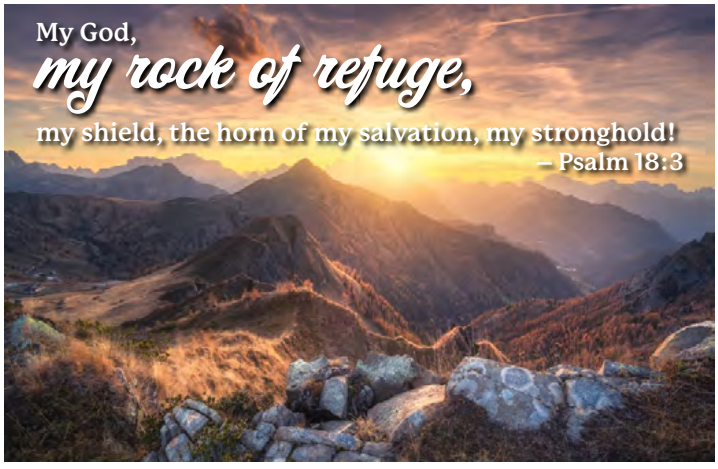
Villa Madonna Academy K-12 Open House
Sunday, Nov. 15, 1:00-3:00 pm

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Lace up your running shoes for neighbors in need!

St. Vincent de Paul NKY19th Annual Turkeyfoot Trot 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, Nov. 21, 9:00 am at Thomas More University. Proceeds fund rent and utility assistance, food, beds, winter coats, and more.

Choose Mother of God Parish's SVdP Conference when you register to support families in our community. Preregister: $25.00 adults, $20.00 kids 14 & under (higher on race day). Free kids' fun run, door prizes, and post-race food! Scan the **QR Code** to register or visit www.svdpnky.org.



Golden Leaves

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed. And, as Your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by Spring's first touch.

(Anonymous)

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a



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



Mass Intentions

Oct. 25	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	The Lueke Family
Oct. 26	12:05 pm	Tim Vissman Family
Oct. 27	12:05 pm	Bob Cetrulo
Oct. 28		No Mass
Oct. 29	12:05 pm	John Roth
Oct. 30	12:05 pm	Rosemary Richter
Oct. 31	12:05 pm	Melia Mueller
Nov. 1	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	George E. Silva

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 ◆ 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 ◆ Lori Siemer ◆ Haley Wright ◆ David O'Brien ◆ Jill Bland ◆ Tyler Runge ◆ R. Roberts ◆ Leo ◆ Laurel Greis ◆ Schnell Family ◆ Peggy Price

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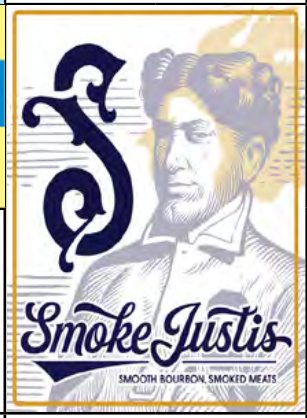
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