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

OCTOBER 4, 2026
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This Sunday, October 4, is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Because the feast falls on a Sunday, it is superseded by the Sunday liturgy and does not show up on most Church calendars. In this year of Saint Francis, I am sorry to hear that. We have a first-class relic of Saint Francis (which means it is actually part of his body) and I will use it to bless the congregation. If you followed the beatification of Bishop

Fulton Sheen last week, you may have noted that they were carrying his relic, which was his entire jaw.

Francis died eight hundred years ago this Sunday. He was one of the most extraordinary saints of all time. Perhaps more than any other saint, his life mirrored that of Christ, which is why he is so revered. He lived a life of incredible poverty, choosing to possess Christ only. Later in life he received the gift of the stigmata – the wounds of Christ in his own body. He is the first to receive that remarkable blessing.

Known as the patron saint of ecology and of animals, and of peace, he is a perfect saint for our own time.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October is Respect Life Month, and this first Sunday of October is Respect Life Sunday. On this Sunday we recall the terrible crime of abortion, that has taken the lives of about 65 million children since abortion was made legal through the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. Just try to wrap your head around that figure – 65 million!

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY –
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. It is a month during which we are encouraged to pray the Rosary if we are not already doing so, and to pray it with more attention and devotion if we are already doing so. I am a strong proponent of the Rosary, so I certainly encourage you to do this.

There are many videos on YouTube on the Rosary. I often use these when I am driving, listening to someone lead the prayers of the Rosary, while I respond while I am driving. Also, if I am having trouble sleeping, I will turn it on and listen to it as I try to fall asleep. It usually works.

There are many variations to use, but I usually use the ones by Bishop Robert Barron or Father Michael Schmitz.

PRIEST RETREAT

Each year in October, the priests of the Diocese of Covington get away for five days for a retreat together. This week, we will be gone from Monday to Friday at Saint Meinrad Abbey in Indiana. Please pray for us, and I will pray for you.

I will do the Mass on Monday, and there will be Communion Services on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

BLINK

Four years ago, Mother of God Church was the primary attraction during Blink here in Northern Kentucky. It will be the same this year. This Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, artistic lights will be shown on the front of Mother of God Church and other buildings in downtown Covington. It is a beautiful light show, and it illustrates the church and the other buildings downtown in a beautiful way.

We will be giving tours of the church during the show.

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

One of the most important saints of the Twentieth Century is Saint Faustina Kowalska. She was a Polish nun, who had many visions of Christ. He revealed Himself to her under the title of Divine Mercy. He instructed her to have a portrait painted of Him standing, with His left hand pointed at His heart and His right hand raised in blessing.

From His heart come two rays, one white and one red, symbolizing the blood and water which flowed from His side in the crucifixion. These rays, in turn, represent the Eucharist and the waters of Baptism, by which our sins are forgiven, and we are saved.

St. Faustina's feast day is this Monday, October 5.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Oct. 4

Coffee and donuts are available for you downstairs in the Undercroft after both Masses.

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.



**Congratulations on her recent Baptism
and First Holy Communion to**
Diana Angeline Perry
Daughter of
Alfred Perry and Brittany Brown

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Connor and Madeline (Malone) Wilson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BLINK

Thursday-Sunday Evenings, Oct. 8-11

BLINK returns to Mother of God Church. We use this event to offer a tour of the church interior and **need volunteers to hand out information sheets and direct guests.** Volunteers also help with the **gift shop and parking lot management.** Free parking will be provided on the evenings that you are scheduled.

Please scan the QR code, complete the form and click SUBMIT.

This form is also available at <https://mother-of-god.org>.



Contact Bob Stevie at RobertWStevie@hotmail.com or 513-236-3333 with any questions.

Our OCIA Sessions are off to a great start!

Mother of God Parish been blessed with over 20 inquirers. OCIA is the work of the entire parish as we welcome, give witness to, and accompany our participants. We are asking for help from all of you in this work. Would you consider supporting our inquirers by praying for one (or more) of them over the next several months as an OCIA Prayer Partner?

If you are interested, please call or email Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288, ext. 16 or mkelly@mogcov.org.



MOG ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2026

Sunday, Oct. 18 after the 11:30 am Mass

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

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person / \$20.00 per family.

No RSVP required. We will see you there – *Prost!*



A Note of Appreciation

Thank you to all the Mother of God parishioners who made the **World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service** so meaningful.

To the greeters who welcomed all, the volunteers who made the reception so beautiful and delicious, the planners and participants, and to Father Comer who gave permission to host the service at Mother of God Church,

Thank You.

October is Respect Life Month

CARE NET, ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

During October, we will have our annual baby bottle campaign. This is a fun and easy way to promote life and support your local pregnancy help center.

Bottles are available at the exits of church. You can fill the bottles with coins, bills or checks made payable to Care Net. Please return the bottles by the end of the month. Your participation in this campaign makes a vital difference in saving the lives of unborn children and ministering to the women and men who come to Care Net for help.

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.



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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
Total Collection	TBD



DIOCESAN NEWS

A quick favor for our *Messenger* newspaper



For 142 years, the *Messenger* has been a trusted source for Catholic news. To ensure that we keep delivering the news in a way that is most beneficial to its readers, we need your feedback. Whether you've been receiving the *Messenger* for decades or just recently started getting the paper, we want to hear from you. Scan the QR code with your phone camera or visit covdio.org/messenger to share your thoughts.

Villa Madonna Academy Kindergarten Information Session Thursday, Oct. 22, 8:30 am

Learn how to help your child be Kindergarten-ready and how Villa's Benedictine values shape our education.
RSVP: aholtzman@villamadonna.net.

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 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** or **email** your name, phone number, and email address to gerryotto.pmd@gmail.com.



SACRED HEART DISCERNMENT DINNER

Men, you and your family are invited to join the Diocese of Covington's Vocation Director, Fr. Conor Kunath, for Evening Prayer followed by a casual dinner at **5:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 18, at St. Thomas Parish, 500 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY.** Bring all your questions and concerns, whatever is keeping you from answering God's call to the Priesthood, and talk to Father Kunath about it. **This event is free, but we do ask that you RSVP by Friday, Oct. 16** to Ms. Shannon Barnes

at SBarnes@covdio.org if you would like to attend.

Vatican II Workshop: *Proclaiming the Joy and Hope of Christ to the Modern World!*

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Thomas More University's Ziegler Auditorium (Academic Center) Join us for an engaging and informative workshop, "Vatican II: *Proclaiming the Joy and Hope of Christ to the Modern World*." Presented by **Prof. Lucas Pollice**, Chief Mission Officer for the Diocese of Colorado Springs, this day of formation will explore the enduring vision of the Second Vatican Council and its relevance for evangelization and catechesis today.

Clergy, parish catechetical leaders, OCIA directors and coordinators, principals, Catholic school teachers, catechists, homeschoolers, Bible study groups, Rosary groups, coaches, parents and grandparents, and all those involved in catechetical ministry throughout the Diocese of Covington are encouraged to attend.

Please register by Friday, Oct. 23, by going to <https://tinyurl.com/56vtzdx2>. **For more information**, contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at iisaak@covdio.org or call 859-392-1529.

In October, our **Parish Prayer Team** will celebrate **three years of our ministry of prayer**. This is, to our knowledge, the first Prayer Team that Mother of God Church has had. It is our honor and privilege to pray for you and your intentions each week.

If you would like to submit a prayer intention to our team, please go to our parish website, <https://www.mother-of-god.org>, click the tab "Connect," then click "Prayer Request." Follow the same instructions on our parish app. Friends and family from outside the parish can submit prayer requests, too, so spread the word!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Team, email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org for more information. We welcome new members! There are no meetings involved. You are simply asked to pray for our intentions each week from wherever you are.

We will celebrate our anniversary at each Mass next Sunday, Oct. 11, with a blessing from Father Comer, and a light reception in the Undercroft afterward, along with Coffee and Donuts. All are welcome!

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Responsorial Psalm:

**I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Due to the Priest Retreat this Week

**Communion Services – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Tuesday, Oct. 6**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will Not be available.
Eucharistic Adoration will be available as usual from
11:00-11:45 am, followed by a Communion Service.



Mass Intentions

Oct. 4	9:30 am	Sue Hodge
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Oct. 5	12:05 pm	Richard Sacksteder
Oct. 6	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Oct. 7		No Mass
Oct. 8	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Oct. 9	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Oct. 10	12:05 pm	Jim Wigger
Oct. 11	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton



Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to Robann and Donny Cunningham and Family on the passing of Robann's brother, Ryan L. Pitts. You will be held in our prayers. May Ryan rest in peace.

Remember in Prayer List

Most of the names from our *Remember in Prayer* list have been moved to our Parish Book of Intentions. We will keep our parishioners on the prayer list as we are more familiar with their needs.

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

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



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