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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

November 1, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints

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

November, the Month of the Dead

November is the last month of the Church Year. The last Sunday of the Church Year is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, which will fall on November 22. The new Church Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, which will fall on November 29. As it is the last month of the Church Year, we focus on what are referred to as the Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.

The reality for each of us is that we will someday die. So, what happens to us at death, and what follows death?

At the moment of death, the body and soul separate. The body becomes a corpse, and the soul becomes a ghost. The body is dead. The disembodied soul is severely limited. A human being is a body-soul continuum. Plato believed that the body was a prison for the soul, which was set free at death. That is not the Christian perspective. A soul without a body is like a great singer who has lost his or her voice. Or a wonderful ballet dancer who has been paralyzed. The soul without the body is seriously handicapped.

At death, the soul undergoes what is called the particular judgement. It is at that moment when it is determined if we are to go to Heaven or Hell. If we are going to Heaven, the next question is about Purgatory. Too often, we look at Purgatory as a place of punishment. I see it as a place (or state of being) for healing. When we die, most of us will likely need further purification before we can enter the fullness of peace, joy and holiness that is Heaven. Nothing evil or selfish can enter Heaven, and most of us at death will still have some of this that has to be healed.

For those who have been perfectly purified, they will go to heaven. More info in the next item about Heaven.



All Saints Day

Today, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, when we remember and commemorate those who have died, and who have completed the Last Purification, and who are now in Heaven. This includes those who have been officially recognized as saints by the Church. It also includes those unofficial saints, our families, friends, and acquaintances, who are in Heaven, but no one knows for sure.

The first reading today, from the Book of Revelation, describes the Heavenly Liturgy where those dressed in white stand around the Altar of the Lamb. They are described as those who have survived the period of trial (this life) and who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb (they have washed their souls in the blood of Jesus).

The second reading describes all of us as children of God but says those in Heaven will be like God for they will see Him as He is.

Finally, the Gospel describes the saints as those who live according to the Beatitudes.

All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls, when we commemorate all who have died, and who perhaps have not completed the Final Purification – those who are described as the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

The sufferings of these Poor Souls is often described as punishment. But I see it as a process of healing. Those in Purgatory are already forgiven for their sins. They are saved and have no fear of Hell. The sufferings are their sorrow for their sins, the process of healing that sets them free from the fact that their separation from God and Heaven is the attachment to sin that they have not let go of. But they are closer to God and Heaven than we are and are happier than we are. They pray for us constantly.

We pray for those in Purgatory, and our prayers help them in their final stages of pilgrimage to Heaven.

We never know who is still in Purgatory. Certainly, we hope that those we love are already in Heaven, but we do not know that. We continue to pray for our beloved dead for the rest of our lives. And we know that they are praying for us.

National Vocations Awareness Week

This is National Vocations Awareness Week. Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.



PARISH NEWS

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

Available for you, Today, Sunday, Nov. 1
Downstairs in the Undercroft
Coffee and donuts will be available 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.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals

We are placing the order for the missals this week and we will let you know when they arrive. The cost for each missal is $4.50. It is very helpful if you could have the exact amount for your purchase. ***Thank you very much.***



Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign

Just a reminder to return the baby bottles as soon as possible. A representative from Care Net will be here to pick up the bottles with donations very soon.

Thank you for your participation.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Ricky and Riley (Wrightsel) Villarreal



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 – this Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30-8:00 pm.
For more information, call Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

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.

Mark your calendars –
Nov. 15– St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Collection
Nov. 22 – Giving Tree
Dec. 13 – Parish Christmas Party
More details coming soon!

Give Catholic NKY

Last year, the Diocese of Covington began participating in "Give Catholic NKY." This is an opportunity for those in and outside of our diocese to support special projects that our schools and parishes have deemed important.

We have chosen to participate this year. Our special project is that of updating our security and surveillance system, as we want to convert our old analog system to a more functional and reliable digital system.

Please check out the "Give Catholic NKY" website at https://givecatholicnky.org. You can use this link https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1459/event/48667 or the QR code to go directly to the Mother of God giving page.

Do you have friends and family who like to support Mother of God? Be sure to tell them about this great opportunity! The page will be open for giving from November 24-December 8.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of Mother of God Church!

Handcrafted Olive Wood Items from the Holy Land

On Sunday, Nov. 15, 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.

These items make great Christmas gifts.

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We Remember in Prayer
Our Parishioners and Loved Ones
Who Died During the Past Year

2025

Devin Rae Lewis	October 26, 2025
David R. Cannon, M.D.	October 30, 2025
Robert H. Ruete	November 9, 2025
Lawton J. Muncy, Jr.	November 20, 2025
Mary Anne Anderson	December 10, 2025
James W. Schilling	December 10, 2025
Sister Mary Theresa Bowman, C.D.P.	December 14, 2025
Marshall Zachary Barker	December 29, 2025

2026

Bertha L. Neltner	January 2, 2026
Thomas F. Schneider	January 30, 2026
Jean B. Steffen	February 1, 2026
Richard Grau	February 28, 2026
Charlie Plymesser	March 23, 2026
Brad O'Neil Ashley	March 23, 2026
Gary W. Brown	April 11, 2026
Michael Tierney	April 16, 2026
Jerome Patrick Lynch	April 17, 2026
Sister Kathleen Ryan, O.S.B.	April 23, 2026
Ruth Ann Krebs	May 23, 2026
Judge Charles J. Brannen	May 26, 2026
Wilma A. Brown	May 27, 2026

2026

Teresa Ann Bowman	June 10, 2026
Paul M. Middendorf	June 11, 2026
Susan J. Hodge	July 3, 2026
Lawrence G. Mersch	July 18, 2026
Shosuke Yokono	August 4, 2026
Mary Katherine Sterling	August 5, 2026
Bernard M. Wehrmeyer	September 1, 2026
Thomas J. Grady	September 22, 2026
Ryan Louis Pitts	September 24, 2026
Cari Cahill Flower	September 29, 2026
Dolores B. Donovan	October 9, 2026

In Memory of Our Former Pastors

Rev. Ferdinand Kuhr	(1870)
Rev. Peter Teutenberg	(1885)
Rev. William Tappert	(1907)
Rev. Henry Tappert	(1929)
Rev. Edward G. Klosterman	(1961)
Rev. John A. Bankemper	(1971)
Rev. Edward T. Hickey	(2001)
Rev. Ray Hartman	(2020)

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine on them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

F3NKY – The Fellowship-driven Fitness Program for Men *Fitness. Fellowship. Faith*.

F3NKY meets here to workout in **Mother of God Parish's North Parking Lot**. You are invited to join in on these Free Men's workouts. Always free, always held outdoors, peer led in rotating fashion, ends with a circle of trust. **Meeting times are the following:**

Friday mornings, 5:30-6:15 am – Regular workout
Saturday mornings, 6:00-7:00 am – Run, Walk, Ruck

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a parent with you. ***For more details,*** please visit **F3NKY.com**.

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 25, 2026
Church Collection	$7,609.00
Mailed In	$2,355.00
Online Giving	$3,827.80
Total Collection	**$13,791.80**

Seminary Education Collection $3,196.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Joseph PTO Craft Show
Next 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.

St. Benedict Parish Holiday Market
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2:00 to 7:00 pm
St. Benedict Parish Hall, 338 E. 16th Street, Covington. Shop for unique holiday gifts and décor from local crafters/vendors in a friendly and festive atmosphere. College football and bar in the Back Hall. Chili, soup, and smash burgers available for purchase.

Villa Madonna Academy K-12 Open House
Sunday, Nov. 15, 1:00-3:00 pm
Tour our beautiful 60+ acre campus.
RSVP at villamadonna.org.

The Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of NKY Monthly **Third Tuesday Prayer Gathering, "Spirit and Grace," Nov. 17, 7:00-8:45 pm**
Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center
2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell.
Praise & worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. **Questions** – call Carol at 859-341-5932.

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. Pre-register: $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.

Women's Advent Retreat
"*Behold Believe Become*" Saturday, Dec. 5,
St. Pius X Parish, Edgewood, KY

- Registration will be from 7:30-8:00 am.
- The Retreat will begin with Mass at 8:00 am and run until 3:00 pm. Enjoy Mass, talks, Adoration, and two meals (hot breakfast and lunch).
- Cost is $45.00 cash or check on the day of the Retreat.
- Seating is limited. ***RSVP*** to Jenny Bent at bentjenr@gmail.com or text 859-801-6813.

Prayer for Healing

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, You care for us and provide us with all that we need. You shower us with Your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in times of sickness or pain. I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness or advanced age. I pray especially for (____).

In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we might be filled with hope in You. In the midst of our frustration and discouragement, give us patience that we might accept our own limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us to know we are not alone, that You walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in Your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of Your presence in the life to come. We make this prayer in Your name, for You are our Risen Lord. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ***Or*** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Matthew 25:1-13



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

Nov. 1	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	George E. Silva
Nov. 2	12:05 pm	Bernard "Sonny" Brislin
Nov. 3	12:05 pm	Catherine Strathern
Nov. 4		No Mass
Nov. 5	12:05 pm	Elmer Feldhues
Nov. 6	12:05 pm	Funeral Mass – Elizabeth Helbling
Nov. 7	12:05 pm	Richard Kallmeyer
Nov. 8	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller

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

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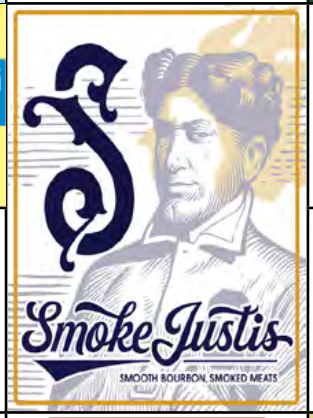
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