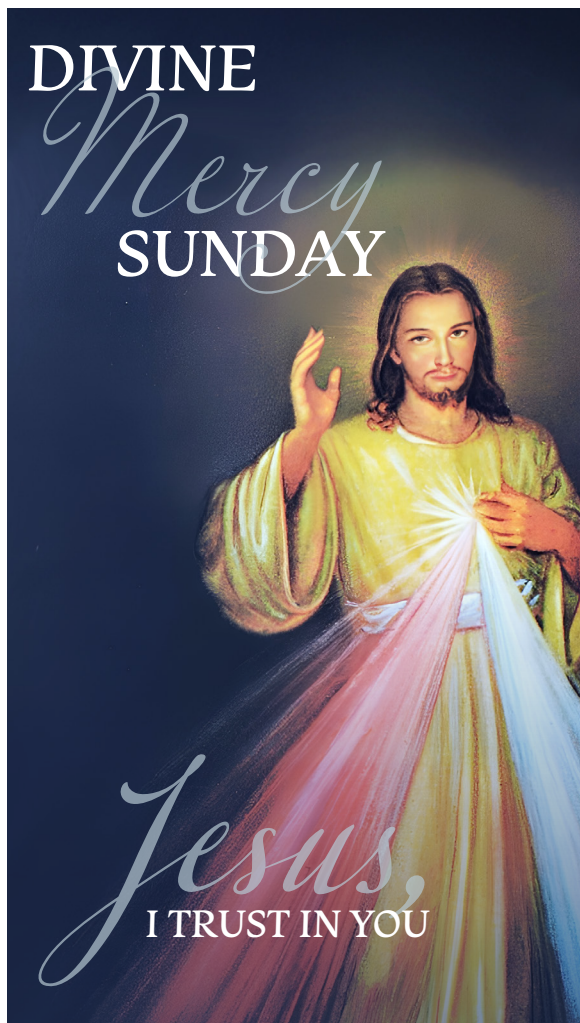


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Office Hours

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:
 9:30 am – Traditional Music
 11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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

APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**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
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus Himself requested that this date be set aside as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II designated, during the Millennial Celebrations of 2000 AD, that this feast was to be added to the universal Church calendar.

Jesus promised that on that Sunday, for those who participated in the prayers and services, there would be available an "Ocean of Mercy." Along with the regular Chaplet of Mercy, which can be prayed at any time throughout the year, a Novena of Divine Mercy could be said from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday, in preparation for the feast.

Divine Mercy Church in Bellevue and the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption will be holding special Divine Mercy services. From noon until 3:00 pm, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available, and at 3:00 pm, both parishes will have special prayers, including Benediction.

I encourage you to take part in these services.

**INSTITUTION OF THE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

In the Gospel for this Sunday, we witness Jesus' apparition to the Apostles in the Upper Room on that first Easter night. They are in the Upper Room, with the doors locked, hiding, because they fear that those who arrested and murdered Jesus would come for them next.

Suddenly, Jesus was in the room, in the midst of them. He said, "Peace be with you" (actually, the word He said was "Shalom!"; the Jewish word meaning, "Peace, well-being, fullness of blessings.") He showed them the wounds in His hands and side, and said, again, "Shalom!" This reconciliation with His Disciples was important, because the last time He had seen them they had abandoned Him as He was being arrested, and Peter denied Him as He was being tried before the Sanhedrin.

Then, breathing on them He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them. And whose sins you shall retain are retained." In these words, Jesus gave to His Apostles, and through them, to the bishops and priests who would succeed them, His own authority to forgive sins in His name.

This is the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Confession, or the Sacrament of Penance). Remember that a Sacrament is an Outward Sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace. The outward sign is the holding out of the priest's hand over the head of the penitent, as he says the words of Absolution. We see in this Gospel account, Jesus instituting the Sacrament. And the graces given are the forgiveness of sins, and the grace that is needed for the individual to do battle with sin in the future.

I have heard many people deny that it is necessary to go to Confession to find forgiveness and reconciliation. They are deluding themselves, which in this matter can have disastrous consequences. I ask them where in the Scriptures Jesus gives us a Plan B, for those who do not choose to go to the Sacrament. Plan B does not exist.

The Church teaches that all serious sins must be confessed, and until they are, the individual should not go to Communion. Receiving the Eucharist with a serious sin on our souls is a sacrilege, adding another serious sin. Saint Paul warns us that if we go to the Eucharist when we are not in a state of grace, we eat and drink condemnation on ourselves, and that many will get sick, and some will even die.

If you have not gone to Confession in quite some time, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Come and experience the Mercy of our God.

FRANCESCO

Next Sunday, April 19, we will be showing the movie *FRANCESCO* at 3:00 pm in the undercroft, as part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis. This is an excellent dramatic presentation of the life of Francis. I know that you will learn a great deal about him and will be inspired by his witness and example.

The movie is one of the strangest castings I have ever seen. Francis is played by the actor Mickey Rourke, who would seem to be the last person you would expect to play the part. Because he is cast against type, I think his portrayal has even more power. Perhaps even a stranger casting is that of Helena Bonham Carter as Saint Clare. (Yes, Bellatrix LeStrange is playing Clare.) She does a magnificent job.

FRANCESCO is a darker presentation of the Francis story than we usually would expect. I think that is good. Culturally, we have sanitized and sentimentalized Francis, so that he does not shock us, or challenge us. This movie won't let us get away with that.

Following the movie, we will have a potluck supper. We will provide drinks. We would appreciate it if attendees would provide a soup or a salad or a dessert. If you cannot do so, please come anyway. We will make it work. Contact Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org to let us know what you will be bringing.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Last weekend at the Easter Vigil Mass, we received fifteen men and women into the Catholic Church. Seven of these we baptized, and eight, already baptized as Christian, were received into full communion with the Church. We will have a few more sessions with them, and this year's OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be complete. In our Diocese, over 400 came into the Church. Throughout the United States, over 30,000 became Catholic. This is very exciting.

Now we look to the coming year, and the 2026-2027 OCIA. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or in exploring that possibility, call me at 859-816-3198.

THANKS TO ALL WHO COMPLETED A SURVEY – We had almost 300 responses! Stay tuned for news about the results, and how they will impact the planning of the future of our parish!



DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Contribution envelopes are available in the pews if you wish to make a donation for flowers for our Easter liturgies in memory or honor of a loved one.

Thank you for your generosity!



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PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, April 12

After both Masses – Coffee and donuts are available downstairs in the undercroft.

10:30-11:30 am – Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products are available for sale in the undercroft.



Congratulations on their Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil!

Kacee Allen Candace Bradley William Fondren
Adam Moorhead Wesley Reid
Christopher Santiago, Jr. Hunter Ward

Congratulations on their First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil!

Cynthia Cason Terry Cogswell Jacob Jones
Terri Schoberg Bill Shumate Heath Smedley
Hannah Wagner Hanna Wooding



Welcome to New Parishioners!

Katherine Bromm Sean Buckley William Durbin
Melissa Camarena Davalos Nicholas Delaney
Adriana Felix Jacob Kleisinger
Benjamin Davis Hannalee Klein
Mark and Jennifer Lipson
Luke and McKenzie Landree
Emily Parker Abigail Valliere Michael Zenz

The celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis continues! Mother of God Cinema presents:
FRANCESCO

Sunday, April 19, 3:00 pm in the undercroft

We are looking forward to seeing you next Sunday at 3:00 pm in the Undercroft to watch *FRANCESCO*, a historical drama about the life of St. Francis.

Popcorn and waters will be provided for the movie. You may bring any other drinks or snacks.

Come and bring a friend to watch the movie and stay for a soup, salad and dessert potluck and conversation.

If you can provide something for the potluck, please email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org.



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.

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	April 5, 2026
Church Collection	\$15,869.00
Mailed In	\$ 4,155.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,506.85
Total Collection	\$21,530.85

Subsplash Online Giving

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.



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

MOTHER OF GOD SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior Group has decided to share established overnight and day trips that have already been organized. On the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps leading to the undercroft is the **Golden Age Travel Schedule for 2026**. It includes overnight and day trips.

If there are no notices left on the board, please notify Carol Fausz at 859-409-3730 and she will get a copy to you.

FORMED is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through the Easter Season. Check out resources to help you deepen your understanding of Christ. You can find resources on prayer, the lives of the saints, and great spiritual content to help guide you and your family through the season.

We pray that all these resources draw you deeper into the mystery of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and Pentecost.

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VIRTUS

A big Thank You to all of the Mother of God Volunteers who stay current on their Virtus training bulletins. If you would like to volunteer and need to become VIRTUS Trained, please email Mary Ann Kelly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, call or email Mary Ann at any time. She can be reached by phone at 859-291-2288, ext. 16, or send an email to her at mkelly@mogcov.org.



Girls Soccer Players Currently in Grades 6-8

Holy Cross High School is looking for girls currently in 6th, 7th & 8th grades who are interested in playing soccer at Holy Cross High School in the upcoming 2026-27 school year.

For more information, please contact Coach Schaffeld at corrie.schaffeld@hchscov.com.



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Use the QR code to download the app.

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

Christ, Our Risen Savior, is always by your side, to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Wishing you a Joyous Easter!

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Plymesser Family on the death of Charles Plymesser. You will be held in our prayers. May Charles rest in peace.



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

Apr. 12	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Steinmetz Family
Apr. 13	12:05 pm	Mike Holliday
Apr. 14	12:05 pm	Bertha Neltner
Apr. 15		No Mass
Apr. 16	12:05 pm	Patel Family
Apr. 17	12:05 pm	Don Valentine
Apr. 18	12:05 pm	Darlene Heile
Apr. 19	9:30 am	Bill Rice
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Lauri Boggs ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Greg ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ G.S. ♦ Ruthie ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Anna F. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Renee Seward ♦ Meg Anne O'Brien ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ John Kalker ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Meg H. ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Teresa Bowman ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦ Joyce Hamberg ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick and Pam Bronner ♦ Susan ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Dolores Donovan

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