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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

APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

In this week's Gospel, we have one of the most compelling of the Easter Resurrection stories, the Road to Emmaus. It takes place on that first Easter Sunday. Two of Jesus' disciples are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a nearby village. One or both of them live there. Like all of the disciples, they are shocked and horrified over the events of the previous days. And they are filled with grief over the death of Jesus.

"What shall we do now? We staked everything on Jesus. We have left our jobs. We have alienated many of our family and friends. What do we do?"

At that moment, Jesus joined them, asking what they were discussing. They told Him they were talking about the events that just happened in Jerusalem and the execution of Jesus. "We had hoped that He was the Messiah."

We are told that Jesus explained all of the Old Testament passages that prophesied that the Messiah must suffer and die. How we would love to hear that message ourselves!!! Their hearts were burning within them as He spoke. Coming to a house, they invited Him to remain with them and eat dinner with them. As they ate, He took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and did the same with the cup of wine. "They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread."

The Church has always seen this event as a form of the Mass. Jesus breaking open the Scriptures is the Liturgy of the Word and recognizing Him in the breaking of bread is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Why did He disappear? Because we, too, are to recognize Him in the breaking of bread, and do not see Him in His physical form. He is as truly present in the form of the Blessed Sacrament as if He stood before us.

Jesus is Risen. He is with us.

ST. MARK

Saturday, April 25, is the Feast of Saint Mark, the Evangelist. Like Saint Luke, Mark was not one of the Twelve. He was one of the early 72 disciples whom Jesus sent out on mission. He is also thought to be the John Mark named in the Acts of the Apostles as a companion of both Saint Paul and Saint Peter.

Mark is the author of the Gospel of Saint Mark, which was the first written. Matthew and Luke seem to have had a copy of Mark's Gospel in front of them as they added additional material to it. Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels and moves with a great deal of urgency.

GOAL OF THIRTY

Last Sunday, I announced a new goal for Mother of God Church. On Holy Saturday, we received fifteen men and women into the Church. Seven were baptized. Eight others were already baptized but came into Full Communion with the Church.

That was three times the number at any Easter Vigil since I became your pastor nine years ago. We do not take credit for this. The Holy Spirit is responsible for all conversions. But He uses us as His instruments.

The goal I would like to see us achieve for next year is thirty new Catholics. That may sound bold, but I believe God wants to see all people come to Him and come into His Church.

As He prepared to ascend to the Father, Jesus gave the Church His 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 I have commanded you, and know that I am with you to the end of the age."

Making disciples is the work of every Christian. He sends us all out. As I have said, that is the message of the Great Sending at the end of the Mass. "Go!!!"

The first thing we do is pray. Ask God to show you who He wants you to focus on. That may be an individual or a family member. Begin praying for them every day. Perhaps say a decade of the Rosary. Ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon them. Ask the Blessed Mother to pray for them and to lead them to her Son. Ask to be shown how you can help them find their way to God. Talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God.

I will regularly give suggestions for how to reach out and invite someone to come to Christ and to His Church.



PARISH NEWS

HISTORY ITEM –

Friday, April 24, is the Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen. His relic is enclosed in the Privileged Altar here at Mother of God Church, along with the relics Amandus and Urbanus. These three relics were added to the Altar in the first church building, which was enlarged and consecrated in 1851.

Victor Canfield

Today, Coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft.

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!

Northern Kentucky University Spring Choral Concert

Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Mother of God Church
119 W. Sixth Street
Covington, KY 41011

Featuring Northern Chorale, Norsekor,
Women's Choir and Chamber Choir

Katie Barton & Adam White, Directors



We are pleased to host the Northern Kentucky University for their annual spring concert! Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music featuring a variety of composers conducted by Professor Katie Barton and Dr. Adam White.



Welcome to New Parishioners!

Sally Baker Morgan Ferris Marshall Sallee
Hannah Wirth Lisa Hamilton William Hamilton
Kevin and Jennifer Tierney

Mother of God Cinema presents: *FRANCESCO*

Today, Sunday, April 19, 3:00 pm in the Undercroft

Join us today at 3:00 pm in the Undercroft to watch the movie *FRANCESCO*. This film about the life of St. Francis is sure to inspire us as we celebrate this Jubilee Year commemorating the 800th anniversary of his death. The life and example of St. Francis never gets old and is always necessary!



Come and bring a friend! We will be serving a potluck soup and salad dinner afterward for those who want to stay. We will see you there!

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.



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

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.

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 – Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,
please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.



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Forming Catholics For Life!

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 12, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 8,048.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,230.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,700.78
Total Collection	\$12,978.78

One-time Donation \$15,000.00
Good Friday \$1,739.00

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.

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.

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 mkelley@mogcov.org.



The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

July 24-26 at TownePlace Suites by Marriott

Lexington – Keeneland / Airport, Lexington, KY

This Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples a chance to step away from daily demands and focus on their relationship in a meaningful, faith-filled way. Through simple presentations and private couple dialogue, you'll rediscover connection, communication, and the grace of your marriage.

Take time for each other this summer.

Call or apply today!

Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

For questions or more details, contact:

Wayne and Jeanie Hodges at 859-760-3046, or wayne.jeanie.hodges@wwme.org, or visit esharing.org.

Partners in Hope for the Poor Annual Dinner

Thursday, June 4, Receptions Event Center

6:00 pm Social Hour 7:00 pm Dinner

Partners in Hope for the Poor Annual Dinner
"20 Years of Hope"
to benefit The Friends of the Rose Garden Mission

Thursday, June 4, 2026
 6pm Social Hour | 7pm Dinner
Receptions Event Center
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Keynote Speaker:
REV. REYNALDO S. TAYLOR

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Go to partnersinhopeforthepoordinner.com
 for more information or to register today!

Please RSVP by May 15th!

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
 Romans 12: 12

Music for Food – A Concert to support Cincinnati's Freestore Food Bank – REVIVAL

Monday, April 20, 7:00 pm, Freestore Community Resource & Distribution Center

3401 Rosenthal Way, Cincinnati, OH

Admission is Free with suggested donation of

\$40.00/Adult, \$15.00/Student

100% of Donations go to the Freestore Food Bank

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 Season!

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

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

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Wilma, and to the Family and Friends of Gary Brown. You will be held in our prayers. May Gary rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

Apr. 19	9:30 am	Bill Rice
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Apr. 20	12:05 pm	Monica Carl Schubert
Apr. 21	12:05 pm	Ebbitt Family
Apr. 22		No Mass
Apr. 23	12:05 pm	Tom Schneider
Apr. 24	12:05 pm	Schuerman, Baker & Neltner Families
Apr. 25	12:05 pm	Dolores Bertling
Apr. 26	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller

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 ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Anna F. ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ G.S. ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Renee Seward ♦ Meg Anne O'Brien ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Ruthie ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Meg H. ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Nikki ♦ 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 ♦ 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 ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Fred ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Colleen Bell and Family

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the parish office.



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