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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
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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:
 Contact Parish Office

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

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**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
HE IS RISEN!!!

Happy Easter to all of you from the people of Our Savior and Mother of God Churches. This is the most important liturgical day of the year, even more important than Christmas, for we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, through which we are saved from the threats of sin and death.

We especially welcome those of you who are visiting today, whether you are visiting family, or if you have been away from the Church for some time. Thank you for joining us. Your presence makes our celebration more complete.

Because of Easter we are victorious over all those things that we will face in life. Our faith in the Risen Lord means that even though we will go through very difficult times, as Saint Paul wrote, "We are victorious through Him who loves us."

The major event at this time is the Easter Vigil. Last night, 15 men and women were received into the Church. This is the most we have received in the time that I have been at Mother of God. Throughout the Diocese of Covington, we are seeing the same kind of results. There will be over 400 men, women and children who will enter the Church this year at Easter. This trend is happening around the country and around the world.

One of the most moving parts of the Easter Masses is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Catholics throughout the world will stand and recommit themselves to Christ and to the Church as they renew the sacred promises made for them as children, or later when they entered the Church. The priest then goes around the church sprinkling everyone with holy water.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 11, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Sister Faustina Kowalska began receiving apparitions of

Jesus Christ in the image of Divine Mercy, early in the Twentieth Century. In the image, we see Jesus standing, facing us, with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand is pointing to His heart, which we cannot see. Coming forth from His heart are two rays - one white and one red. They recall the blood and water which flowed from Jesus' side after He was pierced by the lance of the Roman soldier.

The white ray represents the mercy that God pours out upon us through the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. The red ray represents the mercy of God poured out through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

In the messages that Jesus gave to Sister Faustina, He invites sinners to come to Him, trusting in His Mercy and love. Too many people, feeling alienated and threatened by Christ, avoid Him, when they desperately need Him. This devotion is similar to that of those directed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each seeks to let us know how loving and kind Jesus is, and to draw near to Him for forgiveness and healing.

Jesus Himself asked that the Second Sunday of Easter be set aside for Divine Mercy Sunday. This is because the Gospel for that day is the account of the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Apostles are hiding in the Upper Room, and Jesus passes through the door, and stands before them. He says, "Peace be with you." Then He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them. Whose sins you shall retain are retained." Thus, He gives the Church the authority to forgive sins, absolving sins committed after Baptism.

Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue will have Divine Mercy Sunday services. The primary prayers will be at 3:00 pm, with Confessions beginning at 2:00 pm.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

We are finishing up our sessions for the 2025-2026 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) in a couple of weeks. We will then begin preparations for the 2026-2027 sessions. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please let us know. You can contact Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2289, or me at 859-816-3198. This contact is not a commitment to join the classes or to become Catholic. We would be glad to help you discern if that is what God is calling you to do.



PARISH NEWS

Due to the Easter celebration today, **Coffee and Donuts** are **not available** after the Masses. Coffee and donuts will resume next Sunday downstairs in the undercroft after both Masses.

Thank you to Cindy Hassan and all the Volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry on Sundays.

Next Sunday, April 12!

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale next Sunday, April 12, from 10:30-11:30 am downstairs in the undercroft.

LIFE IS COLORFUL WITH JESUS!

Have you ever wondered why jellybeans are so many colors? After Mass today, you can find kits in the baskets at the exits of church to learn why!

Each kit will contain a prayer, materials to make a cross, and a small coloring book that will help you and your child have fun while learning their significance.

All of us here at Mother of God hope you and your family have a blessed Easter!

VIVA VOICES - A CLASSIC CELEBRATION

Here at Mother of God Church

Saturday, April 11, 4:00 pm.

Viva Voices Chorale &

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Multiple voice choir and orchestra!

The Music of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven

Featuring: Haydn's *Te Deum*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, and Beethoven's *Hallelujah Chorus*



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5th ANNIVERSARY SEASON
VIVA VOICES

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!

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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the film - *FRANCESCO*

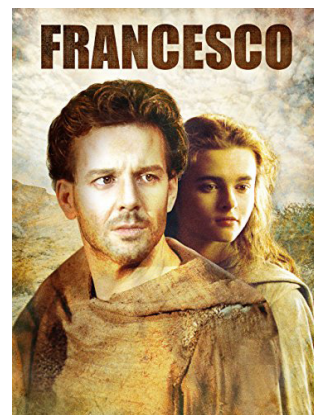
Sunday, April 19, 3:00 pm in the undercroft

Continue the celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi! Join us for the movie, *FRANCESCO*, a historical drama about the life of St. Francis, on Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 pm.

You are invited to stay after the movie for a potluck soup/salad/dessert dinner and discussion. If you can provide a dish for this, please email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org.

Popcorn and water will be provided for the movie. You are welcome to bring any other drinks or snacks for yourself or to share!

No RSVP required, but for planning purposes, let Mary Ann know if you will be bringing a dish for the potluck. Come and bring a friend!



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.



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

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	March 22, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 5,749.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,025.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,166.75
Total Collection	\$9,940.75

One-time Donation \$2,000.00

Sunday Collection	March 29, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 8,031.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,285.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,154.27
Total Collection	\$11,470.27

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.

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.

MOTHER OF GOD SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior Group 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, 859-409-3730 and she will get a copy to you.



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DIOCESAN NEWS

RELIEF IN ACTION

**Fundraiser for Kentucky Refugee Ministries
Saturday, April 11 at the Carnegie**

Across from our west parking lot in the alley is Kentucky Refugee Ministries. This is the agency that helps to resettle refugees. Refugee resettlement funds were discontinued in January of 2025 and funds for existing Centers were cut. Our NKY Center serves over 800 of these refugees. On Saturday, April 11, at the Carnegie, 1028 Scott Street, Covington, a fundraiser, Relief in Action, will be held to help continue this ministry.

- **The Market opens at 5:30 pm** with a community raffle featuring unique items, a curated vendor market highlighting vendors of diverse backgrounds and an ethnic food truck in the parking lot.
- **The Showcase of Performances begins at 7:30 pm** and will include performances by Kentucky Refugee Ministries clients and other artists that show the diversity of our region.

Your presence reinforces to our refugee and immigrant clients how much our NKY community supports and cares for them. Several of our Mother of God parishioners are already volunteers with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, and you are welcome to join. If you are interested, email Mini Masih at mmasih@kyrm.org.

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

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31



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. 5	9:30 am	Recorded Memorials
	11:30 am	Joseph and Barbara Schulte
Apr. 6	12:05 pm	Margaret and Patrick Reilly
Apr. 7	12:05 pm	Eric Hetteberg
Apr. 8		No Mass
Apr. 9	12:05 pm	Ebbitt Family
Apr. 10	12:05 pm	Babe Kinnemeyer and Lil McGowan
Apr. 11	12:05 pm	Ed and Laverna Bink
Apr. 12	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Steinmetz Family

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ D.B. ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Lauri Boggs ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Amy Bates ♦ 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 ♦ 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 ♦ Plymessenger Family ♦ Meg H. ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ John Kalker ♦ Nikki ♦ 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 ♦ Jamie ♦ Joyce Hamberg ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick 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 ♦ S. M. ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Mary Ruth ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth

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



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