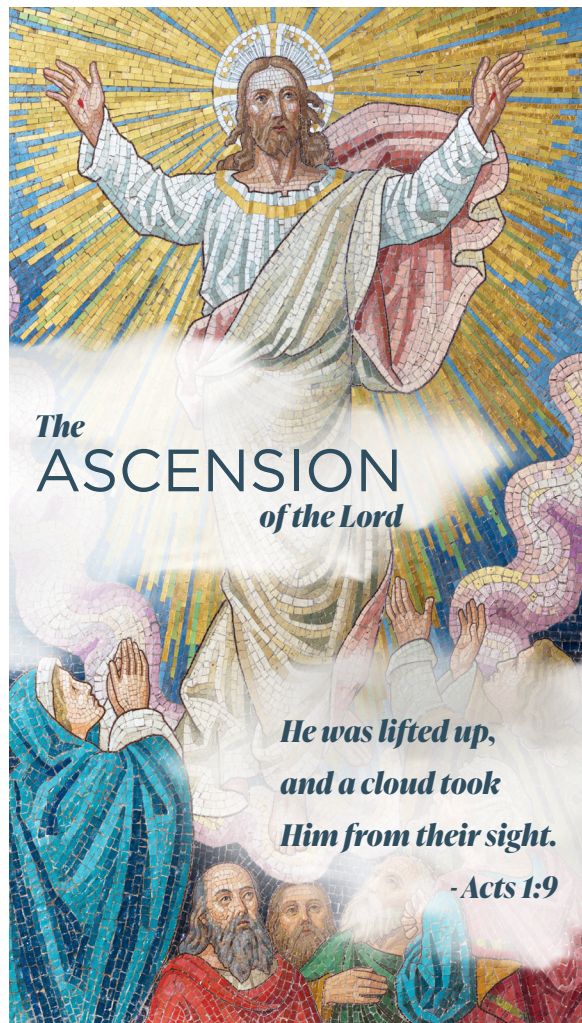


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Office Hours

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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(ASL Interpreted)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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

MAY 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION 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
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Forty days after rising from the dead on Easter Sunday, Jesus returned to the right hand of God the Father, taking His seat as Lord of the Universe. We can visualize His earthly mission by imagining a downward arc, beginning with His descent from Heaven to His birth in Bethlehem, traveling rightward representing His earthly life and ministry, and His Passion and Death, and then, moving upward beginning with His Resurrection and the Forty Days of His Risen Life, and finally returning to Heaven on Ascension Thursday.

He has completed His time on earth and is now in Heaven. We recall that Jesus ascended as both human and divine. He remains both human and divine for all eternity. Mary, too, will be assumed both body and soul, so there are two human beings in Heaven who have completed their earthly life.

Saint Paul has taught us that we are the Body of Christ, and that Jesus is Himself the Head. Where the head has gone, the body will follow. United with Christ, His Ascension is our Ascension.

Immediately before His Ascension, Jesus gathered with His Apostles on a mountain in Galilee. He spoke to them the words that have come to be known as the 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 that I have commanded you, and know that I am with you until the end of the age." They then saw Him lifted up into a cloud, which carried Him away.

At His Ascension, He gave the Church its marching orders, its mission statement. The purpose of the Church, and its mission is first of all to "GO!!!" We are a missionary Church. When He called His first disciples, He told them that they would become fishers of men. Fishermen go out, seeking out the fish that they will catch. In the same way, the Church goes out to locate those Christ is calling to Himself. This is the task of every Christian, and in particular, of every Catholic. This is the meaning of the words of dismissal at the end of the Mass. "The Mass is ended. Go in peace."

"Make disciples of all nations." Jesus' entire ministry took place in Israel and was directed to the Jewish people.

He told the disciples, when He first sent them out on mission, that they were to seek out only the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:5-6). Later, there were Gentiles who came to Jesus. But in the Great Commission, they were sent to the whole world. Very quickly, the Church's mission would be primarily to the Gentiles.

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Membership in the Jewish community was accomplished through circumcision. For Christians, membership was through the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is known as the Sacrament of Salvation, because by Baptism we are forgiven from all sin, united to God in Christ Jesus, and made officially members of the Church.

He also told the Apostles to teach all of His followers to carry out all that He had commanded. Jesus' plan for His disciples is that they would live a fully Christian life, according to His commandments to love God and to love one another.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit, fifty days after Easter. Mary the Mother of Jesus, and the Apostles, and others were gathered in the Upper Room, when there came a strong driving wind, and tongues of fire hovered over their heads.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We are making plans for our 2026-2027 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation), the convert instruction classes for those exploring becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining the Church, or are considering doing so, please contact me at 859-816-3198 or Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

We would like to meet with you and get to know a bit about where you are in your faith journey, and how we can be supportive and helpful to you.


PARISH NEWS

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



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

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.

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, June 3, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,

please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Cole and Noelle (Phillips) O'Brien

**Welcome to New Parishioners!**

Steven and Julie Alsip
JoAnn Goodhew Robert Kress
Abbie Loebker Christine Wright
Joshua and Katelyn Warmouth

Today – Sunday, May 17, 3:00 pm

SONGS FOR A SPRING AFTERNOON

Mother of God Church

Please join our organist, Meg Booker, for an afternoon recital featuring some of her favorite songs from Broadway to Mozart! She will be joined by Dr. Christina Seal on piano and is excited to share this eclectic and joyful program. Meg can't wait to sing these selections for you and we hope you'll come and enjoy an afternoon of music together!

Reminder: Due to Villa Madonna Graduation here at Mother of God Church on **Friday, May 22,** there will be **No Mass at 12:05 pm** that day.

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 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.

If you are interested in joining our OCIA program, or if you are thinking of asking someone to join, visit our **OCIA information table** in the back of church near the Pieta statue. We will gladly answer any questions!

Praying for the sick is an important act of mercy, and one of great support. Thank you for keeping those on our Remember in Prayer list in your constant prayer. Over time, our list becomes robust, and we need to reduce it if possible.

At the beginning of July, we will be moving most of the names from our **Remember in Prayer** list 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.

Available on FORMED SENT BY THE SPIRIT



About this series – In three brief, but compelling sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre unlocks the truth and power of Confirmation by exploring our relationship with the person of the Holy Spirit, the biblical history of Pentecost, and the significance of the rite of Confirmation in the life of the Church, and every believer.

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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	May 10, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 6,952.00
Mailed In	\$ 4,113.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,540.15
Total Collection	\$14,605.15

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.



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to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

F3NKY – The Fellowship-Driven FITNESS PROGRAM FOR MEN *Fitness. Fellowship. Faith.*

F3NKY recently began meeting 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. Don't miss out!

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 information, please visit F3NKY.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Graduating High School Seniors

We're here to help you find a faith community as you head into what's next after high school.

Newman Connection / Faith Forward –
<https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/>

2026 Mornings of Reflection New Schedule

The Mornings of Reflection will have a **new schedule this year**. Instead of once a month, they will be held on three successive Saturdays during the summer break. All Mornings of Reflection will continue to be at **Sts. Boniface and James Parish**, 304 Oak Street, Ludlow, KY, **beginning at 9:00 am**.

The dates and topics are below:

Examen / Lectio Divina	Saturday, July 18
Discernment / 7 Things	Saturday, July 25
7 More Things / Call to Holiness	Saturday, August 1

The dates for May / June have been cancelled!!

FREE In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops June 8-11, at Thomas More University

The Diocese of Covington is offering Free In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops, June 8-11, at Thomas More University. All Workshops are broken into two parts and scheduled for two consecutive days, 1.5 hours per day.

Instructors will provide topical information, video content, and open discussion time. The 63 Workshops are open to everyone in our Diocese.

Visit <https://covdio.org/register> or contact Isaak A. Isaak at 859-392-1529 or iisaak@covdio.org.

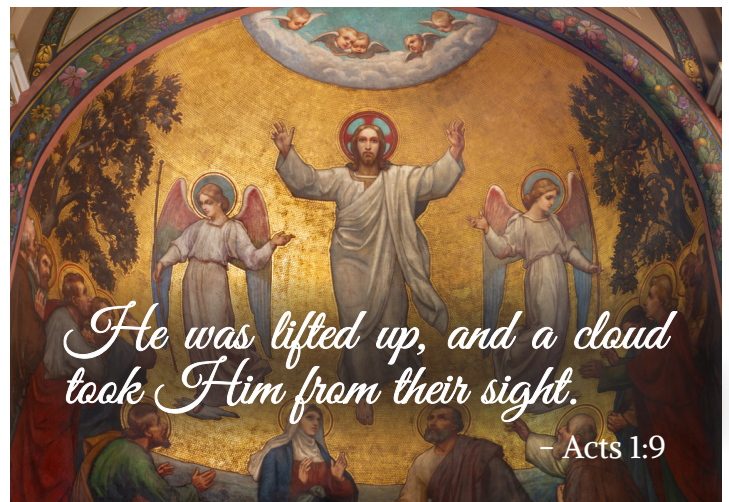
You must register to attend the workshops.
Deadline to register is Monday, May 25.

St. Catherine of Siena Summerfest 2026!

Friday and Saturday, June 5 & 6

St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Fort Thomas

- June 5, Friday night from 6:00-11:00 pm
Adult-only music night, with an Italian dinner prepared by chef Vincenzo Mazzocco from Vincenzo's restaurant, drinks, dancing and live music by Rue the Day.
- June 6, Saturday night – **main event** 5:30-11:00 pm,
Food, drinks, games, and fun for the whole family!



He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.

– Acts 1:9

Prayer for Pentecost

Open your hearts to the breath of God,
 His life is grafted to the souls that He touches;
 May a new people rise from the waters
 Over which hovers the spirit of your baptism!
 Let us open our hearts to the breath of God
 For He breathes in our mouths more than we do ourselves!

-Days of the Lord

*To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass***Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit,
 and renew the face of the earth.**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Sequence:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus / Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

John 20:19-23

*Mass Intentions*

May 17	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Don Trenkamp
May 18	12:05 pm	Krista Wilmink
May 19	12:05 pm	Tom McGovern
May 20		No Mass
May 21	12:05 pm	Mary Ellen Ditzel
No Mass – Friday, May 22 – Villa Madonna Graduation		
May 23	12:05 pm	Nicholas Ditzel
May 24	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Chad Wagner



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

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 ♦ Freda Legner ♦
 Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Anna F. ♦
 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 ♦
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 Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Fred B. ♦
 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 ♦ K. T. ♦
 Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick and Pam Bronner ♦ Susan ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Trudy ♦
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 Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Dues Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S.M. ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦
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