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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

MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH 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 MONTH OF MARY



We have moved into the month of May, which the Church celebrates as the Month of Mary. October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary, so both months are focused on her.

The Catholic Church's beliefs about Mary are distilled into the four Marian Dogmas. These are 1) Mary is the Mother of God, 2) Her Perpetual Virginity, 3) She

was Immaculately Conceived, and 4) She was Assumed body and soul into Heaven. Each of these, in their own way, tell us far more about Jesus than about her.

The doctrine that states that Mary is the Mother of God is the Church's affirmation that Jesus is truly God and truly man, and that the child she bore in her womb was, in fact, God. Her perpetual virginity makes sure we know that God is the Father of Jesus, and that He did not have a human father in terms of His conception. Mary was conceived in her mother's womb without Original Sin, so that she could be a pure vessel to bring forth the child of God. And because she had borne the child of God in her womb, she is the Ark of the New Covenant, and God preserved her body from the decay of death for that reason.

In the Miracle at Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine, we see Mary coming to Jesus to inform Him of the problem that the family was facing. This reveals Mary as one who intercedes for us with her Son. We should bring all of our needs to her, as well as to Jesus, and ask her to pray with and for us to Jesus.

In the very dangerous time in which we live, let us ask her to pray with us for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East. As always, I encourage the daily Rosary.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that He is going away and will prepare a place for them and then return to take them with Him. He tells them that they know the way to where He is going. Thomas, on behalf of all of them, says, "Master, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus' response to this is, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

This is a truly powerful statement. In the Gospel for today, Jesus refers to Himself as the "sheep gate," the gate to the area where shepherds would keep the sheep when they were not out on the mountainside. It is an image of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is the gate. The way into the Kingdom is through Jesus.

Because of that, Jesus wants the entire world to know about Him, and to come to Him so that He can lead them into the heart of the Father.

USA NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On Thursday, May 7, we celebrate the USA National Day of Prayer. Of course, every day should be a National Day of Prayer, but we have this day to prime the pump, so to speak. There is a National Prayer related to this day, which I want to make available to you to pray that day, and any other time.

"Almighty God, King of Glory, we confess our sins and repent of our pride that sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts, homes, culture and country. Please forgive us.

"Now with this declaration of rededication, we humble ourselves, pray and seek Your face, turning from our wicked ways, that You would heal our lives and our land. Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes and actions - to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We give You glory as we repent and rededicate our lives and our nation to You. For 250 years, You have guarded and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy and love. We praise and thank You for our Founding Fathers, for all who sought in fervent prayer throughout history and answered our call to defend justice and freedom, to protect and serve, preach and teach, innovate, communicate, learn, work, worship and establish our laws.

May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our lives, our families, the Church, education, business, military, government, arts, entertainment and media, as it is in Heaven. We prayerfully commit to 'Glorify God Among the Nations, seeking Him in all Generations.'"



PARISH NEWS

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

Today, **Sunday, May 3 10:30-11:30 am**

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in the Undercroft.

“Go to the poor: you will find God.”

St. Vincent de Paul, May 14, 1647

Next Sunday, May 10

MOG St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Collection

Following each Mass next Sunday, MOG Vincentians will be taking up a collection at each church exit at the end of Mass. The continued generosity of parishioners has allowed us to bring much needed help to our neighbors, by helping them to remain housed, some with needed utility help, with food and with vouchers to SVDP stores for clothing, household items and furniture.

Your donations to the SVDP stores make these vouchers possible. Sale of items from the stores to bargain hunters also raises money for the bed, fan and air condition programs that benefit our neighbors too. We partner with other local agencies that might have funds for rent and utilities and then help folks set up payment plans. Many of our neighbors are just one adverse event away from a dire outcome for themselves and families.

Envelopes are available in the pews and boxes at the church entrances. **Any checks should be made to MOG SVDP.** We also have a QR code on each donation bucket for folks who prefer this mode of transferring money.

We thank you for your generosity and we let our neighbors know that it is your generosity and love that make this help possible. Thank you for making it possible for us to help our neighbors.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Benjamin and Calisse (Burand) Jones



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.

A CHILDREN’S ROSARY

May is a month when we honor our mothers. Let’s honor our Heavenly Mother, Mary, by teaching your little ones how to pray one decade of the Rosary!

In the back of church, on a table by the Pieta statue, you will find a baggie, which has been blessed by Father Comer. It contains all the instructions needed!

Included is an illustrated guide that identifies which prayer to recite for each bead, the words for each prayer, and all five mysteries of the Rosary.

A craft is provided to enrich the experience. Pick one up and enjoy honoring Mary through prayer!



SONGS FOR A SPRING AFTERNOON

Mother of God Church

Sunday, May 17, 3:00 pm

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!

In support of Young Artist development

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Sunday, May 17

3:00 PM

Mother of God Church

119 W Sixth St.

Covington, KY 41011

Meg Booker, soprano

Dr. Christina Seal, piano

Pope Leo XIV’s Monthly Prayer Intention for the month of May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.



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

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 26, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 7,600.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,010.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,816.30
Total Collection	\$10,426.30

One-time Donations \$3,450.00

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.



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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE

After 20 meaningful years, **Cross the Bridge for Life comes to a close**. We thank every walker, volunteer, sponsor, organizer, and prayer partner who made this journey possible.

Though the event ends, its mission endures. We invite all who participated to continue uplifting the dignity, joy, and sanctity of every human life, carrying forward the relationships, hope, and inspiration formed while crossing the bridge together, with gratitude, faith, and renewed commitment for future generations everywhere.

Thank you for being a part of this journey and for crossing the bridge with us.

SACRED ART AT THE CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

Cincinnati Art Museum, Fath Auditorium

Join The Angelico Project for a special evening at the Cincinnati Art Museum! Beloved local art historian Dr. Ceil Dorger will lead us on an in-depth, multimedia exploration of the Cincinnati Art Museum's exceptional Sacred Art Collection through lecture and video. After her presentation and live Q&A, attendees will be treated to an after-hours walk-through of the exhibit accompanied by Live Sacred Music.

Tickets: General Admission is \$25.00.

Learn more and reserve your seat at angelicoproject.org.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced

begins Tuesday, August 18

NEW BEGINNINGS is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses.

Registration is required.

Visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/>
or call 859-392-1529.

The next session will be held on **consecutive Tuesdays, Aug. 18-Oct. 6, 7:00-8:30 pm**
at Catholic Charities, Covington.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs, KY

The Flea Market will be in the school gym.

- To get to the gym, enter the church property from Buttermilk Pike, go up a slight hill and the gym will be on the right.
- Free admission and parking.
- For more information, call 859-341-6609.

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R sponsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Daily Mass readings are available for you at
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery and to the Family and Friends of Sister Kathleen Ryan, O.S.B. You will be held in our prayers. May Sister Kathleen rest in peace.



Mass Intentions



May 3	9:30 am	Holly Thyme Blanton
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
May 4	12:05 pm	Mary Ann Poland
May 5	12:05 pm	Eric Hetteberg
May 6		No Mass
May 7	12:05 pm	Schuerman, Baker & Neltner Families
May 8	12:05 pm	Lori Erpenbeck
May 9	12:05 pm	Tom Klopp
May 10	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Lill and Paul Kohrs



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 Knochermann ♦ 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 ♦ D.B. ♦ 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 ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Meg H. ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Nikki ♦ 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 ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Wilma Brown ♦ Colleen Bill and Family ♦ Michelle Berning

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



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