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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

JUNE 14, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Never have these words of Jesus been more relevant to the Church. We see the shortage of priests and religious women and deacons at such a critical point. We look across the river where parishes have been grouped into “families” of three or four or five churches, with a centralized parish office, with one pastor, and perhaps one other assistant priest. At the same time, we are seeing larger classes of OCIA candidates who are entering into the Church through adult conversions.

One of the main reasons that the cost of sending one’s children to a Catholic school has gone up is the shortage of sisters and priests to teach and operate the schools. Tuition has skyrocketed, making it out of reach for many, many families.

Please pray for vocations to these essential ministries. I know that because of the sexual abuse crisis and the shortage of priests, many families are very hesitant to recommend to their sons to consider the priesthood. I get that. But I also realize that when the Church starts having to close parishes and merge parishes, that it becomes incredibly painful for everyone involved.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church, or in learning more about it? We will be starting our classes for that purpose on Tuesday, August 25. These classes will also be helpful for those who were baptized as a Catholic but have not made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Call me at 859-816-3198 or Mary Ann Kelly at the Parish Office at 859-291-2288.

YOUNG ADULT COOKOUT

We will hold a Young Adult Cookout, for people ages 20 to 35, on Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30 pm. We plan to meet in the courtyard, unless we have bad weather, in which case we will meet in the Undercroft.

We hope to see many of you that evening.

OUR SOUND SYSTEM

The sound system that replaces the system that was destroyed by the lightning strike in November is now in. The company that has installed the system needs to train those of us who need to know how to use it and they will conduct training classes. For that reason, it will be two more weeks before we can use it.

I assure you that we are doing all that we can to conclude this process.

JUNETEENTH

Friday, June 19 is Juneteenth, commemorating the official ending of slavery in the United States. Texas was the farthest west of the states in the United States. It wasn’t until June 19, 1865 that word of the passing of the Thirteenth Amendment, freeing all slaves, reached Texas, and the slaves there were made free.

This celebration began the following year and has spread throughout the nation ever since. In 2021, it was declared a federal holiday.

As a nation, we have made great progress in healing the wounds of slavery and racial division. We still have a long way to go.

PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, June 14, Coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.



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

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.

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.



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

Congratulations on his recent Baptism!

Roman Joseph Autry

He is the son of Hannah Autry



The preliminary work for the construction of the companion bridge for I-71/75 has begun. To help you travel to church on Sundays, enter the following website address into your browser:

<https://brentspencerbridgecorridor.com>



Welcome to New Parishioners!

Tony Krumpelman and Jennifer Heitker

Michael and Emily Lusk

Max Maisel Margaret Merse Lenny Rowekamp

April Schoenfeld Gabrielle Schulte Brian Baxter

Spencer and Emily Tingley

Tom and Suzy Wartmann

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
for the Holy Father's Charities**

On Sunday, June 28, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works.

These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. *Please be generous.*

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.

For your spiritual growth, Mother of God Parish offers the FORMED online service. We hope that you will take advantage of it!

FORMED guides Catholics and those they evangelize to a fully Catholic life through faith-informed content. As a faithful authority and helpful guide, which draws people closer to Christ, the Formed platform provides a captivating experience that is comprehensive, customizable, educates, and moves with you wherever you are in your Faith journey. Formed empowers and satisfies curiosity by *forming Catholics for life.*

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Go to formed.org/signup; Search for your parish by Zip Code/ Postal Code. Click on your parish. Register with your name and email address. Then check that email account for a link to begin using **FORMED.**

**Start exploring today and
discover the faith anywhere, anytime!**

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	May 31, 2026
Church Collection	\$8,528.00
Online Giving	\$ 710.70
Total Collection	\$9,238.70

Sunday Collection	June 7, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 8,952.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,953.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,185.47
Total Collection	\$14,090.47

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 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.

F3NKY – The Fellowship-Driven

Fitness Program For Men *Fitness. Fellowship. Faith.*

F3NKY meets 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. **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.



THE FREEDOM CENTERS' JUNETEENTH JUBILEE
Friday, June 19

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Admission – Free and open to the public.

For more details, visit:

<https://freedomcenter.org/voice/event/juneteenth-jubilee-2026/>

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND BLACK EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Saturday, June 20, Noon-7:00 pm

Known as the "Gateway to Freedom," **Covington Landing, located at 100 Madison Avenue**, will serve as the centerpiece of this year's celebration, from Noon to 7:00 pm. The event will feature the Black Excellence Awards, live entertainment, community speakers along with vendors and food trucks, youth activities and giveaways and more.

The Northern Kentucky Juneteenth Committee will also recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community through leadership, education, service, entrepreneurship, and advocacy.

NEW BEGINNINGS Support Group for Separated and Divorced begins Tuesday, August 18.

This eight-week program provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. It is 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.

**WE ARE HIS PEOPLE:
 THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.**

– PSALM 100:3



June 14, 2026

Dear Friends,

Mother of God parish recently completed a retake of the Disciple Makers Index (DMI) survey as part of the diocesan-wide With One Heart initiative. We originally took the DMI in the first quarter of 2023 to get a baseline of how well we were meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners and empowering you to share your faith with others.

On May 18, our mentor and coach, Stephanie Bosse, from the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), shared the results of our 2026 survey with members of Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the With One Heart Implementation Team.

The 2026 DMI survey contained the exact same questions as the original one, separated into categories that define the four characteristics of a Next Generation Parish:

- Spiritual maturity
- Shared leadership
- Sunday experience
- Missionary impulse

In all but one metric, we saw important growth. For example, under “Sunday experience,” we measured the number of people who agree or strongly agree that Mother of God makes them feel welcomed and accepted. Our score went from 91% to 93%.

Questions related to missionary impulse went up significantly. The response to “teaching me how to share my personal witness story” rose from 49% to 57%, and “teaching me how to share the story of Jesus” increased from 72% to 86%.

Perhaps the most impressive area of growth is under “Sacramental Trends.” Specifically, our average weekly Mass attendance for both Sunday Masses went from 460 to 560. The number of Baptisms increased from 16 to 27, and the number of converts (adult Baptisms and Confirmations) grew from just 1 to 8.

In the coming months, we will continue to analyze our DMI results and benchmark them against the more than 1.5 million responses in CLI’s database. We will use our own results to set priorities for the next few years.

I am also working with parish leadership to restructure Parish Pastoral Council to maintain the momentum of the Implementation Team and incorporate some of the lessons we’ve learned. Watch the bulletin and *The Connector* for updates.

Thanks to everyone who has worked on the With One Heart initiative for the past three years and to all who took the DMI survey. Keeping the momentum for formulating new priorities and fulfilling our mission is a high priority, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Mike Comer, Pastor



Cookout in the Courtyard for Young Adults

(ages 20-35)

WHERE: Mother of God Church Courtyard

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24th 6:30 pm

Join Fr. Mike Comer, Deacon Brian,
Seminarian Michael Schulte
and fellow young adults for an evening of
food and conversation.



RSVP helpful but not required to Mary Ann Kelly
859-240-1395

Help Us Build Communities in God's Vision of Justice
Holy Spirit, we praise and thank You!

You anoint us to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, recover sight for the blind, free the oppressed, and build communities in keeping with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be light of the world, salt of the earth, seeds that sprout love, and leaven that infuses humanity with the desire to promote human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that those in poverty can lead our efforts to proclaim a more hopeful vision, liberate captives from injustice, heal the blindness of the powerful, free us all from self-centeredness, and build community to overcome poverty. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time


Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

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



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

June 14	9:30 am	Rick Hampton
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
June 15	12:05 pm	John Kinnemeyer
June 16	12:05 pm	Paula Koenigs
June 17		No Mass
June 18	12:05 pm	Mike Schneider
June 19	12:05 pm	Don Valentine
June 20	12:05 pm	Richard Kallmeyer
June 21	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton



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

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