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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

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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 28, 2026
THIRTEENTH 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

250 YEARS

On Saturday, July 4, we celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America. This is an important date as we reflect on the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. America became a separate nation the day on which we declared ourselves independent and free. We would have to fight a war with Britain to make the world understand that we were our own country, and we did.

When we think about the United States, the first thing that come to mind is, I think, freedom. Our freedoms are what we are most proud of. That freedom was not universal. Native Americans and Blacks were excluded from that freedom, and women and white non-property owners were also denied the right to vote, and other rights. They had to fight to gain the freedom that landowning whites were guaranteed.

In our own time, the unborn are also denied the right to be born, so that they can claim the full set of rights guaranteed to us all. As has often been stated, "Freedom is not free." We must all continue to fight for the rights of all whose rights are denied or are limited.

We celebrate in this beautiful land the ways in which we have led the world to see justice, religious liberty, freedom of speech, and all of those rights in the Bill of Rights that are a part of our Constitution. We remember the cost of our freedoms and rights, and the many men and women who have sacrificed themselves for the sake of their country and its people.

Our nation is in one of its more challenging times in our history. I hear people repeatedly saying that we are more divided than at any other time in that history. Remembering the Civil War, and having grown up in the '60s, with the War in Vietnam, and the Civil Rights Struggle, I would personally disagree. But it is a difficult time.

I hope that in this year of honoring the birth of the United States, that we do some very simple things. First of all, read the Declaration of Independence.

Then, read the Constitution of the United States, especially the Bill of Rights. Read the Gettysburg Address and President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. And finally, read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from the Birmingham Jail.

And pray, pray, pray for the USA, that it will live up to its highest ideals, guaranteeing every one of us the unalienable rights of equality, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Happy birthday, America!!!

JESUS' ABSOLUTE DEMAND ON OUR LOVE

There are two important things that Jesus did during His life and ministry. He would Comfort the Afflicted, and He would Afflict the Comfortable. He would insist that His followers love Him more than we love our parents, our partners, and even our children. This is not easy. In fact, it is incredibly difficult and can be excruciatingly painful. Knowing that, Jesus added, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me, is not worthy of Me."

Anyone or anything that we love more than God, and therefore Christ, is our god. He goes on to add that whatever we may lose because of our faithfulness to Him, we will be rewarded.

How do I love Jesus more than parents, spouse, and children? Choose to make Christ your Lord and Savior. Invite Him into your life and commit to living according to His Words. Read the Scriptures so that you know what He is asking of you. Pray every day. Consecrate every day to serving Him. Treat those in need as if they were Jesus Himself. When we love the poor, we are loving Jesus Himself.



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This Monday, June 29, is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles who Jesus left in charge of His Church. He appointed Peter to be the first Pope, the head of the Church. In particular, He set Peter as leader of the Jewish Christians. Peter also represents, as the first Pope, the administrative side of the Church. Paul is the Apostle to the Gentiles and is the great missionary. So, he represents the missionary side of the Church. He is also, along with Jesus, the greatest teacher of the early Church.

SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

Wednesday, July 1, is the Feast of Saint Junipero Serra. He lived in the mid-1700s, and was a Spanish Franciscan missionary, sent to California, where he worked with the Native Americans. He started several parishes in California, including San Juan Capistrano. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015.

A statue of Saint Junipero Serra is in the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC.

**PARISH NEWS**

Today, Sunday, June 28, Coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

Reminder: Due to the July 4 holiday next weekend, **coffee and donuts will Not be available after the Masses next Sunday, July 5.**

Today, Sunday, June 28**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

At the Masses today, 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.

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!

Mass on Saturday, July 4, will begin at 10:00 am.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass.

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, July 1, 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

To help you travel to church, look for updates on the construction of the companion bridge for I-71/75 at
<https://brentspencerbridgecorridor.com>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOME

Are you looking for ways to share your faith with your children? Starting next Sunday, July 5, you can pick up a bag in the back of church that will help you pass on your faith in your own home. The bag will contain Bible stories from either the Old or New Testament, along with an activity to complete for each one.

So, don't forget to look for these next Sunday to help share your love of Jesus with your little ones.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

Technicians from Ovation Audio will be at both Masses today (June 28) to fine-tune the sound system. We appreciate your patience as we work things out over the next few weeks.

The new system, like the one before, was designed specifically for our space to achieve the maximum coverage and intelligibility. Because Mother of God Church was built before sound systems were invented, we must balance the need for clear amplification and the integrity of the art and architecture. The new system accomplishes this very well.

Still, there is an echo in the transept of the church where sound from the speakers bounces off the large, stained-glass windows and walls above the confessionals. Acoustic treatment in these areas would be very expensive and detract from the artwork.

If you have difficulty hearing, we suggest that you will have the best listening experience sitting about four pews back from the front (or further). If you wear Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, you can also download the "Listen Everywhere" app from Google Play or Apple's App Store onto your smartphone and select "MOG Listen."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Mother of God Parish is considering offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass for children in preschool through 2nd grade.

Children would be invited to leave Mass before the First Reading and gather in the Undercroft for an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word experience. They would return to the church after the homily to continue participating in Mass with their families.

To help us determine whether this ministry would be beneficial to our parish community, we invite you to share your feedback.

If you have children or grandchildren in preschool through 2nd grade, or know families who may be interested, **please complete our brief interest survey by Sunday, July 26. The survey can be found at:**

The committee will review the results and determine whether this program would be a good fit for our parish community.
Thank you for your participation and support.



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!

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	June 21, 2026
Total Collection	TBD

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.



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

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 details**, please visit **F3NKY.com**.

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.

Remember in Prayer List Update begins next Sunday, July 5

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 (next Sunday's bulletin, July 5)**, 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 nonparishioner 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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Holy Cross High School Needs Tutors & Mentors

Holy Cross High School is seeking VIRTUS trained volunteers for our **River Cities Scholars Program**, which supports students from Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, and Ludlow through academic success, leadership development, and college/career readiness.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Math Tutors** – Help freshmen build confidence in Algebra and foundational math skills.
- **English Tutors** – Support reading, writing, grammar, and study skills.
- **Career Mentors** – Share your career journey and help students explore future opportunities.

Volunteer schedules are flexible and can be tailored to your availability.

If you're interested, please **contact** Hannah Knox for more information at hannah.knox@hchscov.com.

Make a lasting impact on a student's future!

Prayer for the Poor

God of Justice, open our eyes to see You in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear You in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend You in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm:

**I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30



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

June 28	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller
June 29	12:05 pm	Thomas Poland, Sr.
June 30	12:05 pm	Steve O'Connor
July 1		No Mass
July 2	12:05 pm	Bonnie Silva
July 3	12:05 pm	Ruth Krebs
		Independence Day
July 4	10:00 am	Paul Middendorf
July 5	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Al Duell

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Ruthie ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ G.S. ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Anna F. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Renee Seward ♦ Meg Anne O'Brien ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Meg H. ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ N.R. ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ K. T. ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ Nikki ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ David Wise ♦ Jamie ♦ 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 ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Dues Benning ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S.M. ♦ Linda ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Peter G. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry

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