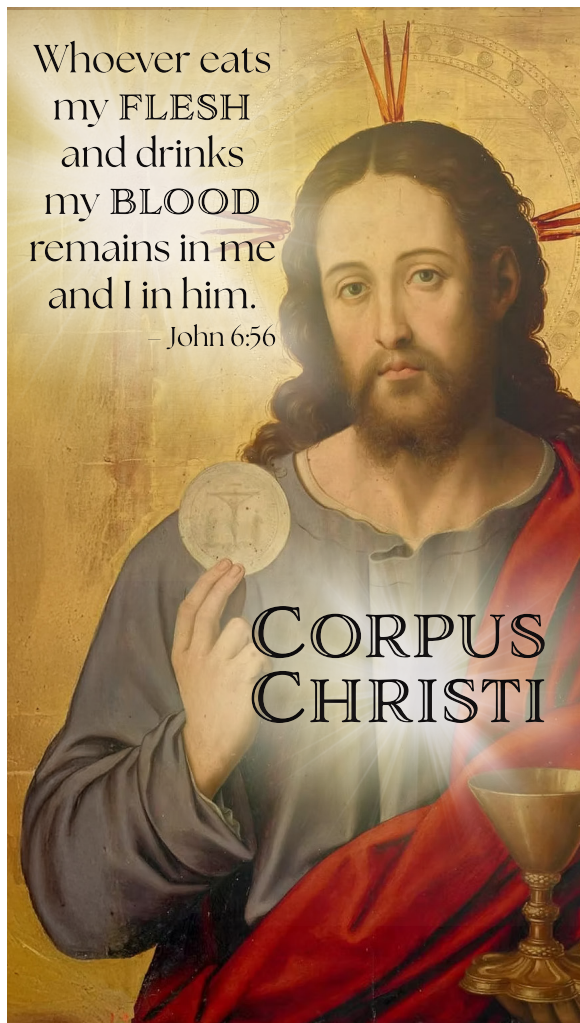


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Whoever eats
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 and drinks
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 remains in me
 and I in him.

– John 6:56

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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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 7, 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Holy Trinity, the doctrine that identifies us as Christian. This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the doctrine which most identifies us as Catholic.

In the Mass, bread and wine are brought forward and are offered by the priest. At that time, the bread and the wine represent us - our lives, our family life, our work, our joys, our struggles and pain, etc. So, what we do is offer our lives to God, imperfect as they are. God then sends His Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine to sanctify them. He then changes them so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke clearly on what happens in these moments. In the Bread of Life Discourse, in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread from Heaven, and that we must eat His Body and drink His Blood, or we will not have life within us. He tells us that His Flesh is real Food and His Blood is real Drink. In all three of the Institution Accounts, He takes the bread, and says, "This is my Body." And He takes the cup and says, "This is the cup of my Blood." And finally, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that those who eat and drink the Eucharist unworthily eat and drink condemnation on themselves, and that is why some are getting sick, and even dying.

The word "communion" combines two Latin words - com (which means "with") and "union" (which means to be one). So, communion means to be one with. In the Sacrament we are made one with Christ, as He makes Himself one with us as we eat and drink His Body and Blood. And we become one with each other in Christ as we "commune" together (eat and drink) Jesus Himself.

Over the past few years, the Church (led by the American bishops) has become alarmed by surveys that indicate that a large percentage of Catholics do not believe the ancient faith of the Catholic Church which states that bread and wine are changed by the power of the Holy

Spirit into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. I actually do not believe that these surveys are accurate for a number of reasons. Primarily, they make no distinctions between practicing Catholics and non-practicing Catholics. When that distinction is made, the vast percentage of practicing Catholics do believe what the Church teaches. It is primarily those who do not practice who deny the faith of the Church. If I did not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, why would I regularly attend Mass?

I encourage all of you to ask Christ to deepen your faith in the Eucharist.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

On Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30 pm, we will have a cookout for those who are 20 to 35 years old (we are deeply flexible on those numbers), as we seek to form a new Young Adult Group for Mother of God Church. Attending the cookout is not a commitment to join the group but will allow us to learn how we can best minister to that age group.

The group will focus on fellowship, prayer, study, and service. See you there.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

At the end of August, we will begin the 2026-2027 classes for those who wish to become Catholic. If you are interested, please call me at 859-816-3198, or call Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

The Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Saturday after is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These two days are very dear to me, for I am the only priest of our Diocese who has been the pastor of Sacred Heart in Bellevue, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burlington.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a feast designated to express the tender and passionate love of Jesus. At times, people have imagined Christ as the angry judge of the world. In that image, Jesus is very hard to feel close to. He is seen as having come to die for us, but also to be quick to condemn us when we fail Him.

The image of the Sacred Heart portrays Jesus standing, facing us. His right hand is held up, blessing us, while His left hand points toward His visible heart. Fire comes from His passionate heart, and the heart is surrounded by a crown of thorns. The fire and the crown and the Cross above the heart, represent the fact that Jesus loves us so much that He suffers for us.

The love that Jesus has for us is not just a warm and gentle love. It is passionate and it burns in its desire for us. We reflect on the Sacred Heart to try to understand how deeply and powerfully He loves us.

The image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is very similar in appearance but has a very different meaning. Her heart is surrounded not with thorns, but with a crown of roses. Fire emerges from her heart, showing the depth of her love for Christ. Often, it is also portrayed pierced with seven swords, representing the seven sorrows (or dolors) of Mary.

Jesus' Heart is about the immense love that Jesus has for us, and Mary's Heart is about the love that we are called to have for Christ. The great love exchanged between Jesus' Heart and our own visualizes the entire spiritual life, the passionate love between Jesus and ourselves.



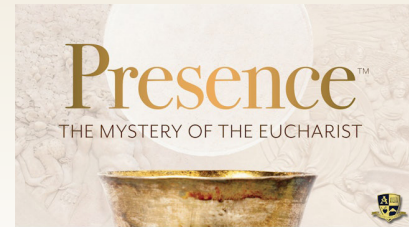
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Forming Catholics For Life!

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.

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>.

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

PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, June 7

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

From 10:30-11:30 am

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

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!



**Congratulations on his
First Holy Communion and
Confirmation!
Maxwell Maisel**



**Congratulations on
their recent Baptism:**

Emma Caroline Greenwood

Daughter of Nicholas and Sally (Tibbs) Greenwood
and

Gwendolyn Rose Landree

Daughter of Luke and McKenzie (Marshall) Landree



Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Marshall and Maria (Mentzel) Hornsby



Dear Friends,

As Pastor of Mother of God Church, I have witnessed our Young Adult community growing in number. We have been blessed with an active Young Adult group over the past five years, but now this close-knit group is moving into a new phase of faith life and ministry. As they move into a new chapter, we want to keep the momentum of our Young Adult ministry going. I am reaching out to you today with an invitation to be part of this.

The growth of the Young Adults (ages 20-35) in our parish is very exciting to us. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at Mass or at your wedding and would like for you to meet one another!

I want to invite you to a Young Adult Cookout on Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:30 pm here at Mother of God. Come and enjoy good food and conversation with one another, our Seminarian Michael Schulte, Deacon Brian Cox and me. It is my hope that a new young adult community will spring forth that all of you might find fellowship and know a deepening relationship with Christ.

Please see the attached flyer. RSVPs are helpful, but not necessary.

I look forward to being with you, and I encourage you to invite other Young Adults, who are seeking community, to join us.

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Mike Comer



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

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.

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.

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 24, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 5,640.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,270.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,295.30
Total Collection	\$10,205.30

One-time Donation: \$250.00

Sunday Collection	May 31, 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.

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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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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

**DEDICATION RECITAL FOR THE
RUDOLF VON BECKERATH HAMBURG ORGAN**

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, OH

Guest Organist is Professor Michael Unger

Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

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June 12 and 13 from 5:00-11:00 pm

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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,
August 18-October 6, 7:00-8:30 pm**
at Catholic Charities, Covington.

Prayer for Solidarity

Almighty and ever-living God, empower Your one human family to join hands on our journey of faith.

Send us Your spirit of hope, so that we may work to alleviate human suffering and foster charity and justice in our world. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Responsorial Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Messages of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to Tom and Connie Krebs and Family on the passing of Tom's Mother, Ruth Ann Krebs. You will be held in our prayers. May Ruth Ann rest in peace.

We extend our sincere sympathies and condolences to the Family and Friends of Wilma Brown. You are remembered in our prayers. May Wilma rest in peace.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Angie and Jim Kiger and Family on the passing of Angie's brother, Judge Charles Brannen. You will be held in our prayers. May Charles rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

June 7	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Jim Schilling
June 8	12:05 pm	Louie Hentz and Family
June 9	12:05 pm	Dan Mayer
June 10		No Mass
June 11		No Mass / See note below.
June 12	12:05 pm	Mike and Rae Maier 50th Wedding Anniversary
June 13	12:05 pm	Myers Family
June 14	9:30 am	Rick Hampton
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

Note: Due to the tuning of the sound system speakers, there will be No Mass on Thursday, June 11.

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochermann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ D.B. ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ G.S. ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ Ruthie ♦ Anna F. ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ 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 ♦ N.R. ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Jamie ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Teresa Bowman ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Nikki ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ David Wise ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick and Pam Bronner ♦ Jessica ♦ 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 Dues Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ Fred ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth

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