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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

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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

JULY 12, 2026
FIFTEENTH 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

THE POWER OF THE WORD



In today's First Reading, God says, "Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down, and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to one who sows and bread to one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

God's Word is effective and powerful. He created the universe by saying, "Let there be light," and there was light. All the days of creation operate the same way. God speaks, and it happens. The prophets would say, "Thus says the Lord..." and what they prophesied would come about.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares His teaching with a Sower sowing seed. He teaches that if His Word (the seed) does not bear fruit, it is not a problem with the seed (word) but with the quality of the soil (us).

There are four kinds of soil that receive the seed very differently. There is the hard path, that does not receive the seed at all, and the birds eat the seed. There is the rocky ground, and the seed began to grow, but it did not have roots, so it was scorched by the sun. Some seed fell among thorns, and the seed began to grow, but the thorns choked it. There is the good soil, which welcomed the seed, and produced much fruit.

You and I must ask what kind of soil we are. Do we listen to the Word of God? Is the soil of our hearts and minds filled with rocks and thorns that prevent God's Word from bearing fruit? Have we tilled the soil, cleared the rocks, and weeded out the thorns?

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X



I am sure that most of us have been hearing about the conflict with the Society of Saint Pius X. Shortly after the Second Vatican Council, a French Archbishop from France, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, was very upset by some of the changes adopted by the Council. These were primarily, but not exclusively, the changes to the liturgy. These changes included the use of the vernacular, the use of a freestanding altar, and the priest saying Mass facing the people.

In 1970, Bishop Lefebvre began the Society of Saint Pius X, which rejected these changes, after being ordered not to do so by Pope Paul VI. As a bishop he had the power to ordain priests on his own, which he did. As he was aging there was a need for more bishops who could continue the ordinations, if Lefebvre should pass away. He decided to ordain four priests as bishops. It was necessary to have permission from the Pope to do so, which he did not have. When he ordained these men, he and the four new bishops were automatically excommunicated, which meant that they were no longer part of the Catholic Church. All marriages and confessions done by any one of them would be illicit. The same would be true for all priests of the SSPX. Later, Pope Francis lifted the excommunication during the Year of Mercy.

Recently the Society noted that the four men who had been ordained as bishops were getting older, and there was a need to ordain more bishops. They requested to be able to do so, but that request was denied. For many months Pope Leo XIV worked to try to resolve this issue, telling the current bishops that they did not have permission to do so. The four bishops who participated in this new ordination would be automatically excommunicated, as well as those being ordained. Any priests who joined with them would also be excommunicated. And all marriages and confessions would be invalid. Pope Leo has not excommunicated these men. According to Canon Law they have excommunicated themselves.

Our Holy Father has held the door open for reconciliation, but there seems no real interest on the part of the SSPX to reconcile.

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American saint. She became known as the Lilly of the Mohawks. She was baptized at 19. She lived a devout life giving herself completely to Christ.

When she was a child there was a smallpox epidemic. It took the lives of her parents and two brothers and left her seriously scarred and mostly blind. When she died, her smallpox scars faded away within minutes.

July 14, Tuesday of this week, is the Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

SAINT BONAVENTURE

Bonaventure (Good Journey) was an early Franciscan priest. He was a brilliant theologian. In the large eastern window in Mother of God Church (our Immaculate Conception Window), Bonaventure is the Bishop on the lower left. He is one of the Church leaders who promoted the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Feast Day of Saint Bonaventure is this Wednesday, July 15.



Today, Sunday, July 12, Coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.



Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Products are available for sale in the Undercroft **from 10:30 am to 11:30 am**.

**Today, Sunday, July 12 – ACUE COLLECTION
for Diocesan Inner-city Schools**

The Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) is a group of **five urban elementary schools** within the Diocese of Covington:

**Holy Cross, Holy Trinity, Prince of Peace,
St. Anthony, and St. Augustine.**

The Diocese Mission Collection will benefit these ACUE schools to keep them affordable for all.

There are many families within our ACUE school system who need your help. ***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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
SURVEY**

There is still time to share your thoughts about a potential Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mother of God Parish. We encourage all interested families to

Complete the survey by Sunday, July 26.

The committee will use the survey results to help determine next steps for this ministry.

Survey Link:



**Thank you for your
participation and support!**

OCIA

Our new OCIA season will soon begin! We will meet for an informational first session on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 pm. After this introductory session, we will meet every Tuesday night through mid-April of 2027 in the Undercroft from 6:30-8:00 pm.

We are preparing for this season and are eager to meet everyone who will be participating. If you are interested in joining OCIA this year, please stop by the OCIA table in the back of church so that we can meet you and get your contact information.

You can invite anyone to come with you who is seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church, with no pressure to commit. We are here for you wherever you are in your journey.

Even if you are currently Catholic but have a desire to learn more about our faith and life in the Church, you are welcome to join us!

For more information or any questions,

Call Father Mike Comer at 859-816-3198, or

Call / Email Mary Ann Kelly at the Parish Office at
859-291-2288 / mkelly@mogcov.org.

Catholic Charities needs your help!!

Next Sunday, July 19, parish members and volunteers for Catholic Charities will be in the back of church to promote their upcoming fundraiser by selling raffle tickets after both Masses.

CaSSba Cash tickets are available for \$20 each. Cash or check, please. We are not set up to take credit cards, however, a QR Code will be available.

- Grand Prize: \$10,000
- Second Prize: \$2,500
- Third Prize: \$1,000

You can also purchase tickets online at www.Cassba.org. You do not need to be present to win. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

Travel updates to help you travel to church are available at <https://brentspencerbridgecorridor.com>.

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	June 28, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 6,175.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,035.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,087.05
Total Collection	\$11,297.05

One-time Donations \$12,450.00
Peter's Pence \$4,024.00

Sunday Collection	July 5, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 7,427.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,971.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,052.17
Total Collection	\$12,450.17

One-time Donation \$2,000.00

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.



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

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 details**, please visit F3NKY.com.



DIOCESAN NEWS

2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

VESPERS CELEBRATION Sunday, Sept. 13, 2:00 pm.

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2026. Married couples **celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+** Wedding Anniversary in 2026 are invited to a Vespers celebration on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2:00 pm.

- **Anniversary couples, RSVP by Thursday, Aug. 13, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/.** After Thursday, Aug. 6, phone registrations will be available through Isaak Abraham Isaak by calling at 859-392-1529.
- **Reservations are only required for anniversary couples;** family members and guests are welcome to attend.
- Congratulatory certificates will be made available upon request.

CASSBA 2026

CASSBA is coming! Join us for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating America at 250 and Catholic Charities at 95 years of Love and Action on:

Sunday, Aug. 23, 3:00-7:00 pm

at The Drees Pavilion, Covington, KY!

Tickets and raffles are available now at www.cassba.com.

Thank you!

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

God of all creation, how splendid and majestic is the world You created! It reveals Your glory; it teaches us about You. When You made us in Your image, You gave us this command: care for the world and for all the creatures in it, for this is our common home.

Yet Your holy creation cries out, for our home is "burdened and laid waste," scorched and scarred. Come among us that we might remember our interdependence.

Let us see the face of Your Son in those who suffer from the destruction of our common home. Help us to be stewards who honor You in the world You have made for the good of all creation and for future generations.

May Your justice reign forever! **Amen.**

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43 or Matthew 13:24-30

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



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

July 12	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Rose Mary O'Brien 98th Birthday
July 13	12:05 pm	Funeral for Susan Hodge
July 14	12:05 pm	Mac and Mary Lee McGinnis
July 15		No Mass
July 16	12:05 pm	Teresa Bowman
July 17	12:05 pm	Funeral for Charles Brannen
July 18	12:05 pm	Gary Wolfe
July 19	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Devin Lewis

Messages of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Family and Friends of Susan Hodge. You will be held in our prayers. May Susan rest in peace.

**Remember in Prayer List**

Most of the names from our *Remember in Prayer* list have been moved 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.

Remember in Prayer

Lois Knochelmann ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Peter G. ♦ N.R. ♦ G.S. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry ♦ Joan Miley

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the Parish Office.



Monday-Friday: 8 am-6 pm
No appointment necessary.

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