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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

JULY 19, 2026
SIXTEENTH 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 HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US



In the Second Reading for today, Saint Paul writes to the Romans (and through them, to us) that “the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Those

words are addressed to all of us, from beginners to those who are the greatest mystics of the Church. We are all truly beginners. And we need the Holy Spirit to help us pray.

Call upon the Holy Spirit whenever you pray. Ask Him for His wisdom, for His authenticity, for His truth. Ask Him to show you what you need to pray for and ask Him to guide your prayer.

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

The primary theme of Jesus’ teaching is the Kingdom of Heaven. He has come to initiate the Kingdom. After the Fall, Satan had become the “Prince of this World.” These are Jesus’ own words. He has come to do battle with Satan and restore the Kingdom of God in this world.

Today, in our Gospel, He tells us three parables of the Kingdom. Parables were Jesus’ greatest method of preaching and teaching. He tells us of the Kingdom as a field in which the owner has sowed good seed, but weeds have grown up on it. He also tells of the Kingdom as a mustard seed that begins small, but becomes the largest of the bushes, and as yeast that a woman kneads into the loaf, causing it to rise.

CONVERT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

The Classes for those interested in joining the Catholic Church will begin on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 pm in the Undercroft.

This will be an Informational Meeting and does not involve a commitment to follow through. Learn about the process, and ask your questions, and we will try to help you decide if this is God’s will for you.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Mother of God Parish has begun a new Young Adult Group. It has been a great success so far, and we hope that it will provide great fellowship, encouragement, and a place for young people to meet some wonderful new friends, and a place where they can grow in their relationship with God. We are aiming at those between 20 and 35, but we are not strict about that.

The group meets every two weeks at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Undercroft. We will meet this week, Wednesday, July 22.

NEW USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of more ushers/greeters at both the 9:30 am and the 11:30 am Masses. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 859-291-2288.

Let us know which Mass you regularly attend, and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



On Wednesday, July 22, the Church honors Saint Mary Magdalene, a most misunderstood saint. She is actually Mary of Magdala. When she first met Jesus, she was possessed by seven demons. Jesus cast them out of her and she became a disciple of Jesus. In the Gospel of John, we are told that Mary Magdalene was at the foot of the Cross, with Mary and John, the Beloved Disciple. At some point, after the Resurrection and Ascension, she became a penitent, living in the deserts of Egypt.

Mary has been given the title of the Apostle to the Apostles. She was the first person to encounter the Risen Christ and was sent by Him to go to the Twelve, and to announce to them that He was Risen.

There have been a number of mistaken images of Mary. There are a number of Marys in the New Testament, and a number of other women, who many have thought to be Mary. The woman caught in adultery is often called Mary. There is nothing in the Scriptures that say that she was Mary Magdalene. The woman “known to be a sinner” (a prostitute) who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair has also been said to be Mary Magdalene. She has repeatedly been called a prostitute, with no evidence.

In modern literature, there is “Jesus Christ Superstar,” which portrays her as Jesus’ Lover. We have Dan Brown, the author of *The Di Vinci Code*, who denies that she was a prostitute, but who claims that Jesus did not die and rise again, but lived and took Mary to be His wife, and the mother of His children. That makes all of Christianity a lie, and both of them frauds. All of these demean and degrade her.

SAINT JAMES

Among the Twelve, Jesus had three who were His inner circle: Peter, John, and James. James is the brother of John, and is often called James the Greater, although we are not sure why. Was he physically larger, or was it because of his significance in the Twelve? We do not know. After the Ascension, James became the leader of the Jerusalem community. Later he travelled as a missionary to Spain. When he returned, he became the first of the Twelve to die as a martyr.

His feast day is this Saturday, July 25.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, July 19, Coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.



Celebrate Summer! Next Sunday, July 26!

HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY

Wear your favorite and festive Hawaiian shirt at Mass next Sunday, July 26.

Catholic Charities needs your help!!

Today, 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 \$20.00 each. Cash or check, please. We are not set up to take credit cards, however, a **QR Code will be available.**

- Grand Prize: \$10,000.00
- Second Prize: \$2,500.00
- Third Prize: \$1,000.00

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.

Congratulations to Recently Married!
Jackson and Isabel (Ciampone) Becker



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.

It's Time! MOG 15TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST!

Hey everybody, it's time to start thinking about our **MOG 15th Annual Photo Contest for this year with lots of Prizes again!** Can you believe it's been 15 years running? Last year's Photo Contest was the best and BIGGEST ever! **Let's make 2026 our biggest year ever** with lots more participants! This year's theme will be **“Treasures in Our Lives!”** **Deadline for entries is Sunday, Aug. 9, after 11:30 am Mass.** **Entry forms and contest guidelines** will be available after both Masses on the table at the back of church under the Pieta statue all Sundays from now until the deadline.

David Ziser (859-250-8855) and

LaDawn Ziser (859-250-8833)

will be coordinating the event this year. So, please call them with any questions. **Good Luck!**

Mark your calendars! Sunday, Aug. 9, 4:00 pm

PARISH PICNIC

New Location this year! PIONEER PARK

3952 Madison Pike, Covington, KY

If you would like to assist with setup or cleanup, please call Andrea Menzer at 859-750-7000.



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

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!

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, Aug. 5, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,

please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

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	July 12, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 8,386.00
Mailed In	\$ 4,025.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,998.67
Total Collection	\$16,409.67

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!

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.

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, please RSVP by Thursday, Aug. 13, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/.

Reservations are only required for anniversary couples. Family members and guests are welcome to attend and do not need to RSVP.

Support our Seminarians! SEMINARY BALL
Friday, Oct. 16, Receptions Event Center,
1379 Donaldson Hwy, Erlanger, KY

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

God of all life, help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in Your image, a reflection of Your holiness.

Help us to recognize You in all whom You have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom You have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in Your loving eyes.

Share with us Your holy knowledge that we are all Your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May Your justice reign forever! Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

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



Mass Intentions

July 19	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Devin Lewis
July 20	12:05 pm	Dick and Martha Poland
July 21	12:05 pm	Ebbitt Family
July 22		No Mass
July 23	12:05 pm	Nick Wilde
July 24	12:05 pm	Mike and Pat Cahill Family
July 25	12:05 pm	Loma Marqua
July 26	9:30 am	Sally Glockner
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors



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 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

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 ♦ Micky Penman ♦ Hannah Donoghue

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



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