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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 26, 2026
SEVENTEENTH 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

WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR?

In this week's Gospel, God invites King Solomon to ask for absolutely anything. His response pleased the Lord very much. Rather than seeking wealth or power, he asked for a wise heart that would allow him to justly and effectively lead the people of Israel.

What would you ask for if you were given this same promise? Don't just say what you know that you should ask for. Look within yourself and ask yourself what you would really want above and beyond anything else. Let this exercise reveal yourself to yourself.

Would God approve of your request? If granted, how would this gift impact your relationship with God? With your family and friends? With the world around you?

This little meditation exercise could really reveal you to yourself. Self-knowledge (what Saint Teresa of Avila called humility) is the beginning of holiness.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Our Catholic Convert Classes (known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, or OCIA) will begin on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 pm in the Undercroft. If you are interested, then you are invited. If possible, we would love to speak with you before the class begins to discern what we can do for you, and if there are any special needs that we can help you with.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In 2021, Pope Francis declared the fourth Sunday of July to be the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. I am sure that his decision to establish this day of prayer flowed, at least in part, from his own experience of being elderly. He was already suffering mobility issues, frequently using a wheelchair to get around. He had begun a regular series of hospitalizations that would lead to his death in 2025.

As our Holy Father looked around the world, he saw the large number of senior citizens among us. The Baby Boomer Generation has moved into old age. It is the largest single group of seniors born into a particular time frame, and because of advances in medical care, they are living longer. We now have the largest group of senior citizens that the world has ever seen.

In addition to noting the number of elderly, he noticed how many are forgotten, lonely and afraid. In terms of grandparents, our mobile populations means that more and more grandparents are living apart from their children and grandchildren. Previously, most grandparents lived relatively close to them and would receive frequent visits and personal family care in times of need.

We want to honor grandparents and all of the elderly, for the foundations they have left us, in terms of our country and states, and especially as they have handed down our faith. We also honor them for the love and care that they provided us as we were growing up. Many of them now are taking care of our children and providing assistance to parents.

On this day, call them, visit them, pray for them, love them, and assure them of your love for them. Some of our elderly carry guilt because of their failures (real or imagined), so also forgive them.

SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS



Jesus had disciples who did not travel around with Him. They made up what is today called the "Domestic Church." They remained in their homes, living out His teachings, and being local witnesses to Him. Among these were Martha, Mary and Lazarus, whose home seems to have been a refuge for Jesus, where He experienced joy and peace and love. Seeing Martha's commitment to hospitality, I am sure that He also enjoyed a good meal, and easy-going friendship.

This family experienced conflict (Martha and Mary in the kitchen), terrible loss at the death of Lazarus, and glorious blessing, as they saw their brother, four days dead, walk out of the tomb. They also became a target of Jesus' enemies, who wanted to kill Lazarus, as he was proof of the power of Jesus.

May each of our homes be a domestic church, consecrated to Jesus Christ, in which He is welcomed, celebrated, and loved.

**SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

Saint Ignatius, along with six other priests, was the founder of the Jesuit Order, also known as the Society of Jesus. They have served the Church for centuries as missionaries and as teachers.

His Feast Day is Friday, July 31.

**PARISH NEWS**

Today, Sunday, July 26, Coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

Next Sunday, Aug. 2, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Congratulations to Recently Married!

Adam and Rorie (Smith) Deitsch

**Congratulations on their recent Baptisms to the Family of**

Mia Rose Lusk and
Maverick William Lusk

**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 church Undercroft from 6:30 to 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.

PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!!

Hey everybody, this year, everybody who enters the Photo Contest has a chance to be a BIG WINNER!!! We've been working extra hard this year collecting the prizes for our **Photo Contest. How hard? How about \$1,200.00 worth of prizes so far!**

We have lots of prizes, including from Silverlake Family Fun Place (value over \$250.00), \$250.00 Cash from Performance Lexus of NKY, \$100.00 in certificates from Skyline Chili, \$75.00 from Riverfront Pizza in gift cards, 2/\$50.00 gift certificates from Anchor Grill, \$128.00 Family admission to the Cincinnati Zoo, \$150.00 gift card and wine from Governor's House in Covington, **and more prizes on the way!!!**

So, get to work on your contest entries today. Grab your phone or your camera and head to a park. Shoot some flowers and sunsets. Look through your vacation photos, too. Heck, take photos of the kids and grandkids (those are always popular!). Then head to Walgreens and get your 11x14 photo entries printed up; mount them to a stiff piece of 11x14 board; fill out the entry form and you are good to go!!!

Do all that and you will be a winner, too!!!

Good Luck, everybody!

IMPORTANT VIRTUS UPDATE

If you are a VIRTUS-trained parish volunteer, you may recall that you filled out paperwork at the outset. The Diocese of Covington is no longer requiring this paperwork. Instead, the new policy requires **ALL VOLUNTEERS** to indicate that they have read the Policies and Procedures information.

The next time you log in to your account or attempt to read a bulletin, you will be directed to check a box and provide your signature stating that you have read the Policies and Procedures. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** must do this, even if you recently completed the paperwork. Please log in and do this today!

If you have any questions, concerns, or want to be trained in the Diocesan VIRTUS Safe Environment program, please call or email Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288, ext. 16 / mkelly@mogcov.org.

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 19, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 5,647.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,230.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,960.50
Total Collection	\$ 8,837.50

One-time Donation: \$5,000.00

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 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.

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.



Scan this QR Code
to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

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

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY'S CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE FREE ONLINE COURSES

Through our partnership with the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute, the Diocese of Covington is offering Free online courses!

To sign up for an account to take courses and workshops through the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute, go to <https://covidio.org/catechetical-institute/>.

On the Diocese of Covington's Landing Page, you will find Recommended Learning Tracks.

Students will get credit for any course they complete. **You can complete courses on your own time. Franciscan keeps track of your time and place, and you can stop and go as needed.**

Feel free to take any workshop available on Franciscan at Home that interests you!

MASS OF BELONGING, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 pm Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Bishop John Iffert will preside over the Mass of Belonging, a special Mass intended to create a sense of belonging in our Diocese, parishes, and Catholic schools for those with learning differences and disabilities. Representatives from FIRE Foundation of Northern Kentucky will be in attendance. Email questions about the Mass or about the mission of FIRE Foundation to info@FIREFoundationNKY.org.

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

THE LAW OF YOUR MOUTH IS TO ME
MORE PRECIOUS THAN THOUSANDS
OF GOLD AND SILVER PIECES.

– PSALM 119:72





Mother of God
Catholic Church

PICNIC

2026 Annual Summer Picnic Please Join Us!

Come enjoy the fun, food and friendship...

WHEN: Sunday, August 9, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**WHERE: Pioneer Park
3952 Madison Pike, Covington, KY 41017**

FOOD: Fried Chicken, Beverages (soft drinks and water) provided

BRING: You & Family

**Side Dish of Choice
(Appetizer, Salad, Vegetable, or Dessert)**

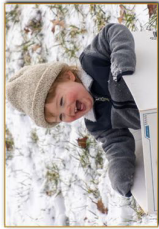
Chairs recommended

Other beverages – BYOB

**To Volunteer Or for more INFO:
Call or Text Andrea at
859-750-7000**

And Please Enter the PHOTO CONTEST





Mother of God Church Picnic

Pioneer Park 3952 Madison Pike, Covington, KY 41017

15th Annual Photo Contest

Join the FUN

Theme: Treasures
In Our Lives!

MORE PRIZES

Deadline to
enter is
August 9, 2026

Drop-off photographs with contact
information on back of mounted prints
during any Sunday Mass
now through August 9



Last Year We Had Over \$1000 in Prizes!!!

Here's a Partial Listing of Anticipated Prizes so far!
Silverlake Family \$249; Gliers Goetta \$200; Performance Lexus of
NKY \$250; Cincinnati Zoo \$128; .Skyline Chili \$100; Riverfront
Pizza \$50; Anchor Grill \$50; Braxton Brewing \$100

Rules and Guidelines

- All entries submitted must be 5x7 print or larger up to 11x14 and mounted on **11x14** mount board. Mat boards, hard cardboard are required to properly display images. Photographer's name, age and print title should appear on back of mount board.
- Limit 6 entries per person.
- Permission granted for Mother of God to display copies of photographs on website, blog, and facebook page.
- All entries will be on display at the Mother of God Annual Church Picnic on **August 9, 2026 at Pioneer Park - 3952 Madison Pike, Covington, KY 41017**
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded in the following age categories: 1. *Adults 16 and older* 2. Children 15 and under
Participants need not be present to win.
- Photographs will be judged on impact, creativity, print presentation, center of interest, story telling, subject matter, technique and style.
- Drop-off prints during any Sunday Mass now thru the end of 11:30 Mass on **August 9, 2026.**
- Prints will be displayed in the undercroft & will be available for pick-up after Mass on **August 30, 2026.**
- For further information contact:
David Ziser at 859.250.8855 david@ziser.com
LaDawn Ziser at 859.250.8833 ladawn@ziser.com

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Print Title: _____

Cut and attach contact information to each print

Prayer for Basic Rights

Lord of Wisdom, awaken us to our duty to care for the basic needs of all people. Strengthen with hope people denied their human rights and freedoms. Provide us all with the voice to cry out for justice for the poor and the oppressed. *Amen.*

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

**The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

Romans 8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

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 26	9:30 am	Sally Glockner
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
July 27	12:05 pm	Communion Service
July 28	12:05 pm	Mike Tierney
July 29		No Mass
July 30	12:05 pm	Mike Corcoran
July 31	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Aug. 1	12:05 pm	Ralph E. Bertling
Aug. 2	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Mary Silva

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 ♦ D.B. ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Plymnesser 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 ♦ Dorothy Shroat

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



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