

# Mother of God Church

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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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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 5, 2026**  
**FOURTEENTH 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**

**COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED**



Some of Jesus' words are challenging, to say the least. But most of them are comforting and healing. That is true in today's Gospel. It contains some of the kindest and most inviting anywhere in the Gospels.

"Come to Me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Who is not burdened in some way, whether by health concerns

for ourselves or others, who labor to make a living, to handle kid problems or parent problems, etc.? I do not have to remind you what your burdens and labors are. Jesus is letting us know how much He cares about what we are going through. He wants to be our strength, our comforter, and our healer. "I will give you rest."

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." In those times, a yoke was made from wood, and would yoke multiple animals of burden to one another, so that they could pull a plow, or some other instrument. This helped the driver to guide them in the same direction. Often the yoke would become heavy and a burden for the animals. It would also rub on their shoulders, making them sore and raw.

Jesus is assuring us that His yoke, His teaching, His laws would not be a burden and load, but would give us peace, and strength, and healing. He tells us, "My yoke is easy, and My burden light."

Jesus always wants to bless us, not to burden us. That is not to say that following Jesus will always be easy. It is not. Elsewhere He warns us that if we are not willing to take up our crosses, and follow Him, then we cannot be His disciples. But He will help us carry our crosses and help us learn and grow from our struggles.

**GREAT NEWS**

On Wednesday, June 24, we held a cookout and meeting to form a new Young Adult Group for Mother of God. As you are aware, we have been really promoting that for a few weeks now. Well, it paid off. Sixty people responded to the invitation. We gathered in the parish courtyard for a meet and greet and then went to the Undercroft for food. After that, Michael Schulte, our seminarian, gave a brief witness talk on his journey into his relationship with Christ, and his call to the priesthood.

We also took a few minutes to talk about future structure and organization.

We plan, for now, to meet every two weeks for prayer, faith sharing and food and fellowship. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 8. If you are interested, but could not meet this past week, please know that you are welcome to attend at that time.

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI**

This Monday, July 6, is the Feast of Saint Maria Goretti. Maria was a young girl in Italy, age 12, who was sitting on her front porch when a young man named Allesandro saw her. He went up onto the porch, and grabbed her, dragged her into the house, and tried to rape her. She resisted, so he stabbed her, and left. When she was found, she was still alive but was dying from her wounds.

Maria received the Sacraments and prayed for Allesandro's salvation. After she died, her love and holiness became well known, and the cause of her canonization was taken up.

Allesandro was sent to prison for 30 years. At first he was unrepentant. But eventually he was converted, and after he was released, he went to Maria's mother to express his sorrow. She and the rest of her family took him to themselves as one of their own. He became a lay member of the Capuchin Order and worked as a receptionist and gardener for them. He prayed to Maria every day and referred to her as his "little saint."

Maria's canonization was one of the largest gatherings for a canonization in history. Over 500,000 people gathered in Saint Peter's Square for the ceremony. In the gathering was Allesandro, with Maria's brothers.

Saint Maria is one of the patron saints of young people.





**SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT**

Saint Benedict is one of the greatest figures in the history of the Church. As a young man he felt called to a life of deep prayer, silence and solitary life. He went to Mount Subiaco, about an hour south of Rome, and lived in a cave on the mountain. Sometime later, his presence became known, and other men seeking the same kind of life came to him. They began living in other caves, under his guidance, and formed one of the first monasteries on Mount Subiaco. The monastery is known as Monte Casino.

Benedict founded 12 monasteries, which became the beginnings of the Order of Saint Benedict. The Rule of Saint Benedict, that he wrote, is the foundation of most of the religious rules in the world.

Sometime later, his younger sister, Scholastica, embraced the Benedictine life, and was the first of the female branch of the Benedictine Order, which we know from the Sisters of Saint Benedict of Saint Walburg Monastery, here in the Diocese of Covington. The Benedictines also founded Saint Benedict Church, our neighbor here in Covington. Until almost ten years ago, Sisters of Saint Benedict were serving here at Mother of God, including Sister Kathleen Ryan, OSB, who died just a few weeks ago.

The feast day of Saint Benedict, Abbot, is Saturday, July 11.

**PARISH NEWS**

Due to the July 4 holiday, coffee and donuts will **Not** be available after both Masses today, Sunday, July 5.

*Thank you to Cindy Hassan and all the Volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry on Sundays.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOME**

**Are you looking for ways to share your faith with your children?** We can help! In the back of church by the Pieta statue, there are **"At Home Summer Vacation Bible School" packets**. Each baggie contains Bible stories from either the Old or New Testament, along with an activity to complete for each one. It has everything you need, plus a few other fun things to do at home! So, look for it, take it home, and enjoy passing on your faith!

**Congratulations on his recent Baptism!**

**Patrick Eugene Francis Guilfoyle, Jr.**

Son of

Patrick and Kayla (Moulton) Guilfoyle

**Congratulations on their recent Wedding!**

David and Angelique (Phillips) Nartker

**Next 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.

Please consider the impact your support will have. There are many families within our ACUE school system who need your help.

**Next Sunday, July 12, 10:30-11:30 am**

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

**Visit our OCIA Information Table**

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!

**AN INVITATION****TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS AT MOTHER OF GOD**

We had a very successful cookout on Wednesday, June 24! Almost 60 Young Adults came and feasted on food, fellowship and conversation!

We will meet again on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm, and you are invited to come as our new group takes off. Come and bring a friend! We'll meet in the Undercroft.

Our Young Adult leadership team will be happy to answer any questions ahead of time, or that evening. Join the group in GroupMe by using the QR code.



**Mother of God  
Young Adults**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Reminder:** Mother of God Parish is currently gathering feedback regarding a possible Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you have not yet completed the interest survey, please do so by Sunday, July 26.

Your feedback will help the committee determine whether there is sufficient interest to move forward with this program. **The survey can be found at:**

*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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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      |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Church Collection       | \$ 7,288.00        |
| Online Giving           | \$ 2,455.20        |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$ 9,743.20</b> |

| Sunday Collection       | June 28, 2026 |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>TBD</b>    |

### 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](mailto:communications@mogcov.org).



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

**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

#### TUTORS & MENTORS NEEDED

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#### BISHOP'S VOCATIONS BBQ

Has anyone ever said you would make a great priest? On **Sunday, August 9**, Bishop Iffert will host a Vocations BBQ on the Immaculate Heart of Mary campus for any man who thinks he might be called to the priesthood, along with his family.

We will begin at **5:00 pm** in Acree Hall, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington. Come and ask questions, voice concerns, talk to those already in Seminary and to Bishop himself. Let's find out what God has in mind for you. **Please RSVP** with how many will attend to [sbarnes@covdio.org](mailto:sbarnes@covdio.org) by **Saturday, August 8**.



**Help Us Build Communities in God's Vision of Justice**  
*Holy Spirit, we praise and thank You!*

You anoint us to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, recover sight for the blind, free the oppressed, and build communities in keeping with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be light of the world, salt of the earth, seeds that sprout love, and leaven that infuses humanity with the desire to promote human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that those in poverty can lead our efforts to proclaim a more hopeful vision, liberate captives from injustice, heal the blindness of the powerful, free us all from self-centeredness, and build community to overcome poverty. **Amen.**

*To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The seed that falls on good ground  
 will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23 or Matthew 13:1-9



## Mass Intentions

|         |          |                                    |
|---------|----------|------------------------------------|
| July 5  | 9:30 am  | Parishioners and Benefactors       |
|         | 11:30 am | Al Duell                           |
| July 6  | 12:05 pm | Don Schneider Family               |
| July 7  | 12:05 pm | Nathan W. Butler                   |
| July 8  |          | No Mass                            |
| July 9  | 12:05 pm | Jean Byrley                        |
| July 10 | 12:05 pm | Joe Retherford                     |
| July 11 | 12:05 pm | William Bugg                       |
| July 12 | 9:30 am  | Parishioners and Benefactors       |
|         | 11:30 am | Rose Mary O'Brien<br>98th Birthday |



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

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 ♦  
 Marilyn Schleyer ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Peter G. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry ♦

*To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the parish office.*





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