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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

AUGUST 16, 2026

TWENTIETH 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

O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

The Gospel today presents a very problematic image of Jesus. He is travelling with His disciples and encounters a Canaanite woman. Naming her as Canaanite means that she is a pagan. Before the Hebrews had conquered the nation, and renamed it as Israel, it was known as the Land of Canaan. The Canaanites were an African people originally from Ethiopia. She came to Jesus because her daughter was possessed by a demon.

Jesus' initial response to her is shocking. He said that He had come only for the lost sheep of Israel, and that it was not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. A popular racist term for the Canaanites was to call them dogs. She responded that even the dogs receive the scraps from the children's table. Jesus saw her great faith and healed her daughter. He acknowledged that her faith was why her daughter was healed.

We often miss the relationship between the different groups in Jesus time. The Hebrews were a conquered people and were oppressed by the Romans. And the foreigners in their midst were often treated better than they. The Hebrews resented this deeply and thought of these pagan neighbors as unclean. In the early Church, there was a mix of Jews and Gentiles, and this often caused problems. By this story, we are being shown that Jesus welcomed both Jews and Gentiles. The Jews were welcomed because of the Law of Moses that they followed. The Gentiles were welcomed because of their faith.

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

In 1111 AD, Bernard left home to enter into a nearby monastery. Between the time that he was accepted into the monastery, and when he actually showed up to join, he had convinced his five brothers, two uncles, and 30 of his friends to join with him. This is the kind of leadership he will demonstrate throughout his life.

In his time, he would become an advisor to Popes, Kings, and others. He would found several monasteries and was considered by many to be the Man of the Century.

Bernard was a very spiritual man and wrote a number of books on prayer and spirituality. Because of his writings and leadership, Bernard has been named as one of the Doctors of the Church.

This Thursday, August 20, is the Feast of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

SAINT PIUS X, POPE

In 1903, Giuseppe Sarto was elected Pope Pius X. He was a reformer, doing battle with a number of heresies, grouped together as Modernism. He moved the reception of First Communion from mid-teens to the age of seven. Pius also declared that the philosophy and theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas should be the basis of the study in seminaries.

His motto was, "To renew all things in Christ."

Friday, August 21, is the Feast of Saint Pius X.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The final mystery of the Rosary is the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This confuses many people, because we tend to think of a queen as a ruler. But there is another kind of queen, known as the queen

mother. Queen Elizabeth's mother, who had been married to her father, King George, became known as Queen Mother once her husband had died. That remained her title until her death.

The Queen Mother has no power of her own. All of her power and her standing come from her son or daughter on the throne. The same is true for Mary. As Queen Mother, all of her power and glory come from her Son Jesus. She possesses none for herself.

That relationship has been described by comparing them to the sun and moon. Jesus is the sun, and Mary is the moon. The moon would be a cold, dark stone except for the glory of the sun that shines on it. Mary's glory is reflective glory, as the moon's light is reflective light.

Saturday, August 22, is the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Aug. 16, coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses in the Undercroft.



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

MOG 2026 Photo Contest Was a Big Hit Again!

This year, we had almost 50 folks who entered nearly 140 photos, filling the four large print racks. Wow, it looked impressive and the Mother of God picnickers loved it! Next week, I'll have a complete write-up of the Photo Contest along with photos, prize winners, Thank You's to our all our Prize sponsors, and all the volunteers who worked together to make this year's Photo Contest one of the BEST EVER!

If you missed the picnic or just want to see the entries and winners again, all the photos along with the winning entries with their award ribbons, are being displayed in the church Undercroft for the next two weeks. So, go check them out.

Also, remember you can pick up your entries on Sunday, Aug. 30, after the 9:30 am or 11:30 am Masses.

See you next week, David.

Congratulations on his Baptism to the Family of Raymond Michael Tingley

He is the son of
Spencer and Emily (Lewinski) Tingley



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.

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 and 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.

Mother of God Parish Action Committee Catholic Social Teachings 2026 Diocese of Covington

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service Mother of God Church – Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:00 pm

Saint Pope John Paul II was the first pontiff to issue, each year since 1985, a message drawing attention to some of the specific realities and difficulties of people on the move, calling the Church to action. In 2004, the day was extended to include refugees. It is now called The World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme is, ***"Even just one of these children."***

The 2026 Diocese of Covington's Prayer Service for The World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be here at Mother of God Church on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2:00 pm.

More information will follow in future bulletins and the Connector email. You are invited and encouraged to mark your calendar for this date.

Mark your Calendars! Sunday, Sept. 20, 3:00 pm

SING FOR ST. HILDEGARD – CONCERT

Here at Mother of God Church

Join us as we explore the music of St. Hildegard of Bingen, one of history's most remarkable female composers.

Community members of Mother of God Church are invited to form a schola to learn and perform selections from Hildegard's inspiring chants in concert here at Mother of God Church on Sunday, Sept. 20, 3:00 pm.

If you are *interested in singing with us* and for more information, please **contact**

Meg Booker at megbooker1@gmail.com, or
Krista Cornish Scott at kcornishscott@gmail.com.

Rehearsal Schedule

- Sunday, Aug. 23, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 30, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 13, 1:30-3:00 pm

The ability to read music is required!



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.

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	August 9, 2026
Church Collection	\$6,907.00
Mailed In	\$3,210.00
Online Giving	\$3,380.86
Total Collection	\$13,497.86

One-time Donations \$7,000.00

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.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity – Bereavement Ministry

1. Meet with families to assist in preparing the funeral liturgy and assist with preparing Mass programs.
2. Be at Church on the day of the funeral to greet family, answer questions, direct lectors and gift bearers, and pass out Mass programs. After the Mass, pick up any programs that have been left behind.

If you are interested in assisting in any part of this process, please contact Carol Fausz at 859-409-3730.

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 anniversaries on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2:00 pm. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026 are invited to a Vespers celebration.

Anniversary couples, please RSVP by Monday, Aug. 17, at covdio.org/wedding-vespers/, or register by phone with Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529.

Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

SECOND ANNUAL DATE WITH FR. NATE

Saturday, Sept. 12, St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring!

Married and engaged couples are invited to Date Night with Fr. Nate on Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, KY. With his signature blend of humor, honesty, and practical wisdom, Father Nathan Cromly speaks directly to the realities of marriage, offering couples a renewed vision for their relationship and simple, meaningful ways to strengthen it. **The evening includes** heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and fellowship with couples from throughout the Diocese of Covington.

Last year's event sold out! Reserve your tickets today.

Questions: Call Tom & Caroline at 859-630-3217.

For tickets and event information – go to

<https://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/631403> or scan the QR Code.

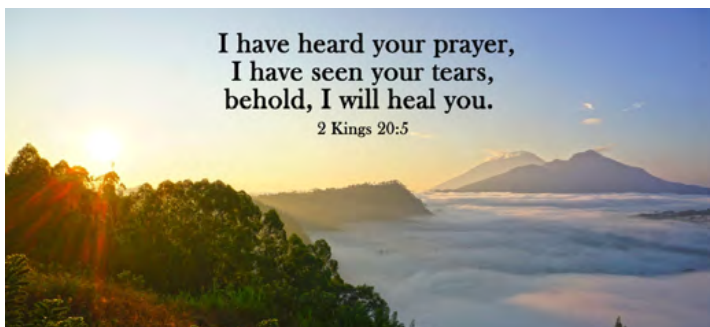


CASSBA 2026

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

The Drees Pavilion, Covington, KY!

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



I have heard your prayer,
I have seen your tears,
behold, I will heal you.

2 Kings 20:5

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Responsorial Psalm:

**Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**
Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20



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

Aug. 16	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Lenny Duell
Aug. 17	12:05 pm	Mark Poland
Aug. 18	12:05 pm	Carol Imbus
Aug. 19		No Mass
Aug. 20	12:05 pm	Wolfe-Bertling Family
Aug. 21	12:05 pm	Gary and Wilma Brown
Aug. 22	12:05 pm	Bob Schaar
Aug. 23	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Virginia Dunteman

Messages of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Lisa Mason, and to the Family and Friends of Lois Lambers. You will be held in our prayers. May Lois rest in peace.

We also extend our deepest condolences to Father John Sterling and his Family on the passing of his Sister, Mary Katherine Sterling. You will be held in our prayers. May Mary Katherine 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.

Thank you to all who have given me updates for our Remember in Prayer list. ~Ellen

Remember in Prayer

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 ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Plymessenger Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Bennings ♦ 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 ♦ Hannah Donoghue ♦ Dorothy Shroat ♦ Michael Wolfe ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst

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



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