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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

AUGUST 23, 2026
TWENTY-FIRST 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

SERMONS ON THE MASS

Today, I will begin a series of sermons on the Mass. We will discuss the development of the Mass from the Jewish Synagogue and the Christian Agape Meal, the Four Forms of Presence, through the Entrance Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Dismissal Rites. Each talk will be recorded, and then they will all be presented in a single video on the parish website.

I think you will find them informative.

OCIA (CONVERT INSTRUCTION CLASSES) BEGINS

Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes begin this Tuesday night at 6:30 pm in the Church Undercroft. These sessions are for those who wish to enter into the Catholic Church, and for those who wish to learn more about their faith.

If you have not already signed up for the classes, come anyway. We are looking forward to meeting you and assisting you in your journey of faith.

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

FAREWELL TO SEMINARIAN MICHAEL SCHULTE

Seminarian Michael Schulte will be leaving us this week to return to the seminary. I am sure that he would enjoy hearing from you throughout the school year. His address at school is: Mr. Michael Schulte, Saint Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA, 15650.

This was the second summer that he has been here, and he has been a great delight and joy to have with us. Michael is going to be a fantastic priest. I wish him well!!!

PARISH PICNIC

I want to thank everyone who was involved in making our Parish Picnic a success. Thank you to our organizers, our volunteers, and those who cleaned up, those who organized our photo contest, those who submitted photos, those who donated prizes, and all who attended and made the whole event so wonderful.

For my part, I became ill that afternoon and was not able to attend. Please forgive me.

AMERICAN MARTYR

The American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story is a movie coming to the theaters next week. Father Stanley Rother was a priest from Oklahoma, who was ordained in 1963. In 1968 Rother requested to be sent to the missions in Guatemala, which his bishop allowed. He was very active and dearly beloved. In the 1970s, there were many repressions by the local armies against the Church. Father Rother was threatened, and he returned to the US to consult with his bishop about what he should do.

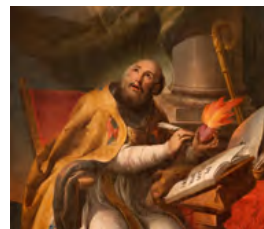
Eventually, he decided to return to Guatemala, presuming that at some point he would be killed. The death threats continued, and in July, 1981, three men broke into his home, and he was murdered. Father Rother is the only American priest who has been martyred.

On September 23, 2017, Rother was beatified in Oklahoma City.

Because the movie about Father Rother is a religious film, it may not stay in the theaters for very long. Check times and theaters, and try to make it.

My personal connection to Fr. Rother is that he attended Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He is several years older than me, so I never met him. He graduated and was ordained in 1963, and I graduated and was ordained in 1980.

SAINT AUGUSTINE / SAINT MONICA



Saint Augustine is one of the most significant of the Saints in the Church's history. He is one of the greatest theologians that the Church has produced, only surpassed by Saint Thomas Aquinas. Augustine was not baptized as a child, as his father and his father's family were pagan, and would not allow his Christian mother to have him baptized. He became a teacher, and a bit of a libertine. If you read his autobiography, it becomes clear that he was what today we would call a sex addict.

Eventually, due to his mother's prayers, Augustine would become a Catholic. Very quickly he became a priest, and then the Bishop of Hippo, a Northern African diocese, where Augustine was from.

Saint Monica, his mother, prayed constantly for her son, and he attributed her prayers for his conversion.

This Thursday and Friday are the Feasts of Saint Monica and Saint Augustine.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Aug. 23, coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses in the Undercroft.



DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION – Sunday, Aug. 30,

Next weekend, the Domestic Needs Collection, one of our Diocesan Special Combined Collections, will be conducted in every parish and mission throughout our 14 counties. Gifts to this one Collection fund the ministries of six Catholic Appeals as they work to strengthen the Church and Her people here in the United States.

- The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States by giving a hand up, rather than a handout.
- The Catholic Home Mission Appeal grants money to dioceses in the United States who struggle to meet basic pastoral needs.
- Catholic Communication Campaign provides grants to Catholic organizations that help spread the *Good News* through social networking sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media.
- The Black and Indian Mission Appeal helps to maintain a Catholic presence within the African American, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut faith communities in the United States.
- The Catholic University of America and our local institution, Thomas More University, help to bring success and experience while educating students in the spirit of faith.

Please give to support these very important collections and help to ***Strengthen Your Church at Home.***



Congratulations to the Hogan Family on their Children's recent Baptisms!



Alexander Michael Hogan, Zion Daniel Hogan,
Gabriel Elias Hogan, Josiah David Hogan, and
Eva Rose Hogan
Children of Michael and Anna (Brunner) Hogan
And
Benjamin Thomas Hogan,
Son of Patrick and Nicole (DeBusman) Hogan

SING FOR ST. HILDEGARD – CONCERT

Mother of God Church Sunday, Sept. 20, 3:00 pm

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 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.

The ability to read music is required!

Rehearsal Schedule Dates / Times

- Dates: Sundays, Aug. 23, Aug. 30, and Sept. 13.
- Rehearsal time: 1:30-3:00 pm

PHOTO CONTEST FINAL WRAP-UP THANK YOU

A Great Big Thank You to our Photo Contest Committee

- Photo Contest Judging Coordinator: Cindy Hassen
- Judges: Doug Kelly, Cindy Hassen, Mary Ann Kelly, Lynn Molitor, and David Ziser
- Picnic Awards Committee: Mike and Gail Jacks, and Betty and Melanie Trenkamp
- Transportation: Luke Cahill and Deacon Brian Cox
- Sound Equipment: Dave Herbe
- Photos of Winners: Aaron Duesing
- Promotion in Bulletins: Ellen
- Promotion in the Connector, MOG Website, and our Facebook page: Cindy Duesing
- Masses Promotion and Announcements: Fr. Mike

A Great Big Thank-You to our Generous Prize Sponsors

Please see the bulletin page with all of their names and addresses. Let's be grateful to them and continue to support them in the future and, maybe share a Thank You or two with them if you get a chance.

And Finally... Our personal thanks to everyone who participated, everyone who voted in People's Choice, and especially to all our generous Sponsors!

All photos and winners are displayed in the church Undercroft until Saturday, Aug. 29. Please pick up your entries after the 9:30 am and/or the 11:30 am Masses on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Can't wait till next year! David and LaDawn Ziser

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!

OUR NEW OCIA SEASON WILL SOON BEGIN!

We will meet for an informational first session this 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.

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 16, 2026
Total Collection	TBD

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.

Kentucky Refugee Ministry "Thank You"

KRM thanks the parishioners of Mother of God Church for their generous donations to their "Back to school hygiene and school supplies donations." **They were able to serve 130 children.**

For anyone interested in learning more or possibly volunteering, there will be a **Volunteer Orientation and Information Session on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7:00 pm at the KRM office**, 632 Russel Street. Parking is available in Innovation Alley directly behind the Mother of God Church West parking lot. To sign up for details, email Mini Masih at MMasih@krm.org.

**2026 Diocese of Covington World Day of
Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service**
Mother of God Church, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:00 pm
Please join us for this Prayer Service.

**Volunteer Opportunity at Mother of God Church -
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.



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

**CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT****Great American Ball Park – Saturday, Sept. 5**

Join Bishop John Iffert and Archbishop Robert Casey for a special night at Great American Ball Park for **Catholic Family Night!** Members of the Diocese of Covington enjoy discount tickets as the Cincinnati Reds take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Bring your family, friends, and fellow parishioners for a fun night of fellowship and fastballs! Bobblehead featuring Elly De La Cruz to fans in attendance, while supplies last.

Participate in the on-field parade at 5:30 pm and greet Bishop Iffert at home plate. The theme "Love in Action" highlights the ministries of Catholic Charities on both sides of the river. **For tickets, scan the QR Code** or visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecovington2>.

**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH FEAST DAY
CONCERT CELEBRATION****This Friday, Aug. 28, 6:30 pm St. Augustine Church**

Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Augustine on Friday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine Church, 1839 Euclid Avenue, Covington with a concert directed by our very own Music Director, Mr. Patrick Mason. Vespers will be followed by a reception in our gym with cookies and refreshments.

Join us in celebration of our great Patron Saint!

MOG 2026 Photo Contest



Winners by Category

Judges' Winners

1st Place: Steve Oberjohn
2nd Place: Barbara Mueller
3rd Place: Mary Jo Schuerman



Judges' Choice

Mary Ann Kelly
Dave Herbe
Dave Boyle
Sheila Gray
Mark Rosing



Children's Winner

Ada Churchman



People's Choice

1st Place: Chuck Jones
2nd Place: Angie Kiger
3rd Place - Tie: Nancy Hiltibrand & Rae Maier



*And several
Honorable Mentions!*

*Thanks to all
who entered.
See ya' next year!*



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Send them friends and mentors who can share Your Wisdom. And inspire them to grow into the beloved individuals You know them to be.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to Amy Yokono on the passing of her husband, Shosuke. Amy is an interpreter at our 11:30 am Masses.

Amy, you and your Family will be held in our prayers. May Shosuke rest in peace.




Mass Intentions

Aug. 23	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Virginia Dunteman
Aug. 24	12:05 pm	Greg Hunkemoeller
Aug. 25	12:05 pm	Robert McGowan
Aug. 26		No Mass
Aug. 27	12:05 pm	Mary Squires
Aug. 28	12:05 pm	Dave Barth Family
Aug. 29	12:05 pm	Richard Kallmeyer
Aug. 30	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Rosing and Turner Families



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

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 ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Bennings ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Peter G. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Hannah Donoghue ♦ N.R. ♦ G.S. ♦ Dorothy Shroat ♦ Michael Wolfe ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst



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