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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 30, 2026
Twenty-Second 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

You Duped Me, O Lord, And I Let Myself be Duped

In our second reading today, we meet Jeremiah, who is known as the Reluctant Prophet. God has given Jeremiah an impossible task. He said that I am going to send to you a stiff-necked people. They will not listen to you. They will mock you and abuse you, and you will experience much suffering and sorrow. After spending some time prophesying in this way, and experiencing great pain and failure, he complains to God.

"You have duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." God's word is like a great fire in his belly, and he cannot not speak out about the sins of Israel. "I say to myself, I will not mention Him. I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like a fire in my heart. I cannot endure it."

Sometimes obeying God is very difficult. It will isolate us from the people around us, including family and friends. We may face opposition and isolation. And yet we are called to faithfulness, even in these difficulties.

Reflections on the Mass – Week Two

Last week, I began a series of sermons on the Mass. The first session asked the question, "Where did the Mass come from?" The answer was that the Mass as we know it is a combination of the Jewish Synagogue Service and the early Christian celebration of the Lord's Supper. We also noted the four ways in which Christ is present in every Mass. He is present in the Assembly, the Priest, the Word, and in the Eucharist.

This week, we will take a look at the beginning of the Mass, including the Entrance Procession, the Sign of the Cross, the Greeting, and the Penitential Rite.

The Mass from last week, including the Sermon on the beginning of the Mass, are on the Parish Website. We will add the material from this week as soon as possible.

Convert Instruction Class

We have begun our Convert Instruction Classes, but if you are interested in joining us and have not yet attended or signed up, that is OK. We meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays, but if that does not work for you, we will find an alternative date for you.

Call Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

World Day of Prayer For the Care of Creation

This Tuesday, September 1, is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This feast of the Church was established a few years ago by Pope Francis.

When God created our first parents, Adam and Eve, He made them stewards or caretakers of this new world He had created. In the Book of Genesis, we see God place Adam in charge of the animals by giving him authority to name these creatures. Our first parents were to care for creation not only for their own sake, but also for the plants and animals God had created.

By any standard, we humans have not done a great job of this. The Church calls us to recall this command of God to the human race, and to work to establish policies that protect the environment and all creation for our own sake and that of future generations.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

On Saturday, September 5, the Church honors Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910. At 18 years old she moved to Ireland (good girl!!!) to join the Sisters of Loretto and later moved to India. While there she received what she called her "call within her call," to leave the Sisters of Loretto and move to Calcutta and form a new religious community. She did so and was working alone for quite a while. Some of the young women whom Mother had taught in high school when she was with the Sisters of Loretto, came and joined her in Calcutta. In 1950, she established the Missionaries of Charity, a new religious order dedicated to the care of the "Poorest of the Poor."

Word about Mother Teresa and her communities of sisters working in Calcutta spread. A book and then a movie entitled "*Something Beautiful for God,*" written by Malcolm Muggeidge, was published in 1971, and she became something of a worldwide celebrity. Mother remained centered in Calcutta, India, but also opened centers and convents at various places throughout the world.

Mother even opened a convent and mission in Jenkens, Kentucky and came to Kentucky herself. Some will remember a large gathering and presentation at Covington Catholic High School, at which she spoke to the crowd. Father Raymond Hartman, a former Pastor here at Mother of God Parish, accompanied Mother Teresa during her historic visit. (Jenkins is now part of the Diocese of Lexington, but at that time it was part of the Diocese of Covington.)

Mother was recognized by people around the world, and of all religions. In 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize. She died on September 5, 1997, and was canonized a saint in 2016 by Pope Francis. At her death, Mother Teresa received a state funeral from the nation of India. She lay in state for a week before the actual funeral.

PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Aug. 30, coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses in the Undercroft.

Today, Sunday, Aug. 30

Domestic Needs Collection

Thank you to members of our parish who donated today to support the ministries of six Catholic organizations that are combined into one Diocesan Domestic Needs Collection. You helped to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, The Catholic University of America, The National Black and Indian Mission Collection, and our own Thomas More University.

If you have not made your gift, please do so today or next weekend. May God bless you for your generosity.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Ryan and Josie (Godfrey) Huberty

MOG Catholic Social Teachings in Action Committee

Matthew 25:35-36 "For I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me." A refugee is a person who has been forced to flee their home country due to war, violence, conflict, or persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular group.

Mother of God Parish will host the Diocesan World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2:00 pm. We invite all parishioners to take part in this service.

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 ME

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

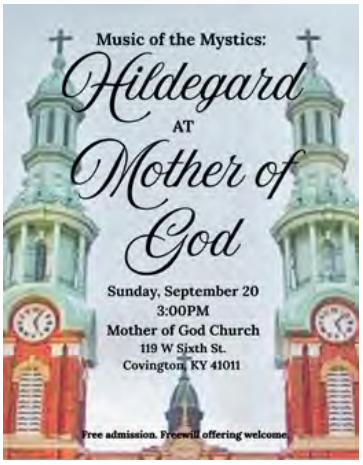
Pick Up Photos – *Final Notice!*

Hi Everybody, Please be sure to pick up your photo contest entries after the 9:30 am or 11:30 am Masses **today.** If you can't pick them up today, they will be on the glass top table near the display cases in the Undercroft.

Thanks again, everyone!

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. Free admission. Freewill offering welcomed.

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! Rehearsals are scheduled here on Sundays, Aug. 30 and Sept. 13 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

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 is Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For more information, call Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

Our New OCIA Has Begun

Our new OCIA year has begun, but it is not too late to join! Have you been considering joining the Catholic Church, or at least learning more about it? We are your companions on the journey. At each session we will learn a little more about the Catholic Church, prayer, and what we can do to become closer to Christ. Participating in the OCIA classes gives you the opportunity to share your curiosity and questions in a small community.

If you are already Catholic, think about someone you might like to bring to learn more about the Catholic Church.

Sessions are held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm in the church Undercroft.

If you have questions, please call Father Mike Comer at 859-816-3198, or Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

Subsplash Online Giving Reminder

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.

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
Church Collection	$7,895.00
Online Giving	$2,227.44
Total Collection	**$10,122.44**

Sunday Collection	August 23, 2026
Church Collection	$6,604.00
Mailed In (2 weeks)	$3,550.00
Online Giving	$3,326.66
Total Collection	**$13,480.66**

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

Volunteer Guides Needed For *Blink*

Thursday – Sunday Evenings, Oct 8-11

Mother of God Church has been selected once again as a **BLINK** site on the evenings of Oct. 8-11. We plan to welcome visitors to tour the inside of church as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce our parish to thousands of visitors from all around the region. Guides will be needed to direct the flow of guests and distribute information.

If you wish to assist, either as a tour guide or a tourism promotor, please scan the QR code and complete the form, then click "Submit." You can also find a link to the form on the Mother of God Church home page: https://mother-of-god.org.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Stevie at RobertWStevie@hotmail.com or 513-236-3333.

DIOCESAN NEWS

High School Preview Event Villa Madonna Academy
Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30-8:00 pm

Parents are invited to a special evening at Villa Madonna Academy to learn about the Academy and making the transition from 8th grade to high school.

RSVP: acarr@villamadonna.net.

More Volunteer Opportunities!

Kentucky Refugee Ministry Volunteer Orientation and Information Session – Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 pm
KRM Office, 632 Russel Street, Covington
To sign up and for details,
email Mini Masih at MMasih@krm.org.

Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) NDUEC is **seeking adult volunteers** to tutor children in grades K-8 **one day a week in the Homework Plus Program**, which runs Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Tutors provide homework assistance, reading and writing support, and help with educational skill-building activities. The program begins **Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, and runs through Thursday, May 13, 2027**. Volunteers must be Virtus-trained and compliant.

For more information, please contact Brandi at 859-630-9475 or blenihan@nduec.org.

Prayer for Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens as they begin their faith journey!

O God, we thank You for planting the gift of faith in human hearts. We thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, as the fullness of Your love. May His life and mission lead us to share in Your divine life.

Today, we ask You to bless in a special way all Inquirers, Catechumens, and Candidates, who have generously responded to the invitation of Jesus: "Come follow Me." Help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties.

Bless those who minister through the OCIA process so that under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, they may lead others to a life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Grant that all parishioners will take an active role in bringing new members into the Church. Call us all to a renewal of our faith and inspire us to be Your light in the world. We ask this through Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions

Aug. 30	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Rosing and Turner Families
Aug. 31	12:05 pm	Sarah Jurgensen
Sept. 1	12:05 pm	Sister Mary Francis Noll
Sept. 2		No Mass
Sept. 3	12:05 pm	Frances Lewis
Sept. 4	12:05 pm	John and Jenny Bent Family
Sept. 5	12:05 pm	Emiley Ferrara
Sept. 6	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Justin Duell

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.

Thank you to all who have recently called with 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 ◆ 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 ◆ N.R. ◆ Edward Weeden ◆ Greg Bennings ◆ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ◆ Jim Kiger ◆ Dolores Donovan ◆ Brad Lark ◆ Michelle Berning ◆ Chip Ritter ◆ Peter G. ◆ G.S. ◆ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ◆ Braylon Thornberry ◆ Joan Miley ◆ Hannah Donoghue ◆ Dorothy Shroat ◆ Michael Wolfe ◆ Mickey Penman ◆ Lori Siemer ◆ Charlotte McDermott ◆ Mary Kohorst ◆ Laurel Greis ◆ Anthony Habermehl

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