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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 9, 2026

NINETEENTH 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
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Usually this is a Holy Day of Obligation, but because it falls on Saturday, the Obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

At the end of Mary's life, as she lay dying, word was sent out that the Mother of Jesus, and their mother, was near death. The eleven remaining Apostles began making their way to her bedside. All arrived before her death, except for Saint Thomas, who had the farthest to travel. He was in Egypt and arrived four days after her death. He asked if her tomb could be opened so that he could see her one last time.

When the tomb was opened, her body was not there, and the tomb was full of flowers. They came to believe that Mary had been Assumed body and soul into heaven. Why was she Assumed in this way? The Church believes that Mary's body had been the New Ark of the Covenant. As the Ark of the former Covenant had contained the Ten Commandments, the Staff of Aaron, which had been used to split the Red Sea, and some of the Manna that fed them in the desert, so this new Ark of the Covenant had borne the body of the Christ Child. Rather than allow her body to undergo the decay of death, God had preserved her body and taken it up to heaven, along with her soul.

This solemnity not only honors Mary's admission into heaven, but also celebrates that at our death, we too will enter into the spirit world, but also, at the Resurrection of the Body, our souls and bodies will be reunited.

WALKING ON WATER

The Gospel for this week is the story of Jesus, and then, Peter, walking on water. The Twelve were in their boat, crossing the Sea of Galilee. A strong storm blew up and was tossing the boat, and they feared they were going to drown. Suddenly they saw a man walking on the water, who they believed was a ghost. Soon they recognized that it was the Lord.

Peter shouted out, "Lord, if it is you, call to me and I will come to you." Jesus said, "Come." He got out of the boat and began walking on the water toward Jesus. At first he was doing fine, but then he looked at the raging sea, and panicked. He began to sink, and shouted out the most perfect prayer ever, "Lord, save me." Jesus reached out and took his hand, and the two walked back to the boat. It may seem that Peter failed, but he didn't.

The others may have gotten a kick out of seeing Peter in this crisis, but Peter actually walked on water, and none of them did. Other than Jesus, there is no written record of any other person in history to have done so. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was fine. When he began to focus on his problems, he began to sink. We are the same way. When we focus on our problems, we are lost. When we focus on Jesus, He will take us through.

OCIA

The classes for those who wish to enter into the Catholic Church will begin on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 pm, in the Undercroft. Call us or just come to the church. We are looking forward to meeting you.

A STILL, SMALL, WHISPERING SOUND

Elijah was one of the great Prophets of Israel. He fell out of favor with Jezebel, the evil queen who sent her troops to capture Elijah and kill him. He fled into the desert, went up on the mountain and took shelter in a cave. God told him to go to the mouth of the cave and wait, for He would be passing by. Elijah did so, and he heard a strong driving wind that was crushing the rock, but God was not in the wind. Next, there was a powerful earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a tiny, whispering sound and Elijah covered his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

God does not shout. We need to learn how to listen to His voice. This means that we must sit in silence and wait for Him. He will speak to us when He is ready. But we must become inwardly quiet to hear Him.

SAINT CLARE

On Tuesday, August 11, the Church honors Saint Clare of Assisi. She was the companion of Saint Francis, and was the founder of the Poor Clares, the female dimension of the Franciscan Order. She lived in the convent at the Church of San Damiano, where the Crucifix came to life, and Jesus spoke to Francis, telling him to go and to rebuild His Church which was falling down.

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest, famous for founding a Catholic newspaper that serviced over a million people in Poland. He was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz. When a man who was a husband and father was sentenced to death, Max volunteered to die in his place.

When Max was canonized by Pope John Paul II, this man was there in the crowd. His feast day is August 14 because of his great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Aug. 9, due to the Parish Picnic **coffee and donuts will Not be available** after both Masses in the Undercroft.

***Please join us this afternoon, Sunday, Aug. 9
from 4:00-7:00 pm***

**for our ANNUAL SUMMER PARISH PICNIC
New Location this year! PIONEER PARK
3952 Madison Pike, Covington, KY**

Bring a side dish (appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert) **and chairs.** The parish will provide fried chicken and drinks (soft drinks and water).

Hope to see you there!

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Nolan and Sydney (Huber) Merten



**Today Sunday, Aug. 9, MOG ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
QUARTERLY COLLECTION**

Following each Mass today, SVDP containers will be available at each Church entrance. Envelopes are available in the pews and a QR code is attached to each collection container if that is your preference.

Any checks should be made to MOG SVDP.

We bring God's love and the generosity of Mother of God parishioners to every person we visit along with an invitation to visit with us at church. We are grateful for your prayers and financial help.

You are invited to attend one of our meetings, on the fourth Monday of each month, in the Undercroft. You can meet the Conference members, gain more information and see if you would like to become a part of this ministry.

**Congratulations on his Baptism
to the Family of
Jaxson James Stiens**

He is the son of
Jacob and Lindsey (Watters) Stiens



**DIOCESAN PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Here at Mother of God Church

Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2:00 pm.

More information will be given in
future bulletins and the Connector email.

Please plan to join us for this Prayer Service.

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.

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.



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Use the QR code to download the app.**



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

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.

VIRTUS Training Schedule

Are you looking for a VIRTUS training session?

- Tuesday, Aug. 11, 9:00 am or 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, Aug. 18, 9:00 am or 6:00 pm

Sessions are held at the Diocese of Covington Curia
1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY.

Register at covidio.org/safe-environment

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 2, 2026
Church Collection	\$9,633.00
Mailed In	\$1,363.00
Online Giving	\$2,185.60
Total Collection	\$13,181.60

One-time Donation \$3,000.00

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.

Mother of God Senior Social Group

The Senior Group 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.

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**. 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!

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Kelly at Mother of God Parish Office at 859-291-2288 or email her at mkelly@mogcov.org.



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.

This is an opportunity to refocus on what matters most and invest in your life together. **The evening includes** heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and fellowship with couples from throughout the Diocese of Covington.

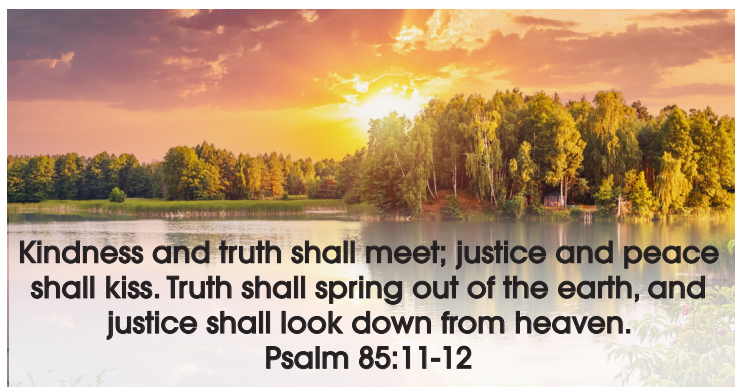
Last year's event sold out! Reserve your tickets today and join us for an evening that will strengthen your marriage, your family, and our Church.

Questions:

Call Tom & Caroline at 859-630-3217.

For tickets and event information:

<https://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/631403>



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28



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. 9	9:30 am	Andrew and Mildred Lonneman
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Aug. 10	12:05 pm	Mark Poland
Aug. 11	12:05 pm	Louie Hentz and Family
Aug. 12		No Mass
Aug. 13	12:05 pm	Jean Byrley
Aug. 14	12:05 pm	Christina Mitts
Aug. 15	12:05 pm	Recorded Memorials
Aug. 16	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Lenny Duell

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 ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Plymessenger Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Bennings ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ 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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