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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am-4:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

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(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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH 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
NECESSITY OF FORGIVENESS

The most destructive emotion that any of us carry is that of anger, unforgiveness, or resentment. Jesus warns us about it over and over. He tells us that holding on to anger is the one thing that will block us from God's forgiveness and mercy. These emotions not only lead to the various wars, forms of abuse and violence, but also are destructive of the health of the person holding on to them. They are at the root of cancers, heart disease and other ailments. And most seriously, because they block God's forgiveness, they are the sins that are most likely to send us to hell.

For these reasons, we need to do all that we can to get rid of these emotions. They are cancers destroying our bodies, our minds and our souls. So, what do we do?

Forgiveness is not a declaration that we have not been wronged, wounded or injured by someone. If we have, we acknowledge that. We ask ourselves, what has this person done that injured us? What harm did their actions or decisions or words cause? Be specific. Did they hurt us physically? Did they wound our ego or our feelings? Was it our reputation? What did they do, and how did they impact us?

How have we injured them? Did we do or say anything to cause the situation or to aggravate it? What was our part in the problem? Did they wound us intentionally, or do they even know the hurt they have caused? If we want them to forgive us, we have to be willing to forgive them.

Pray for them. Tell God that you are trying to let go of any resentment and bitterness, or revenge against that person. Ask Him to forgive their faults and ask Him for the graces that you need in order to forgive. Pray that He will bless them with the same happiness, joy and peace that you want in your own life.

Often it requires repeated prayers of forgiveness. Even when we think we have let go of all resentment, we find it rising up in us again and again. At that point we just pray again, asking God to set us free and to bless them. If we are faithful, God will take our resentments from us.

The goal is to work through all of our resentments and be completely free. We will also find that if we forgive others, it will be easier to forgive ourselves for our own sins.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Constantine became the Emperor of the Roman Empire in the Fourth Century. At the same time, he became a Christian, along with his mother, Helena, whom he sent to Jerusalem. While there, she discovered the True Cross of Christ, which she brought back to Rome. On Monday, September 14, we celebrate this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, honoring that accomplishment, and the Cross itself.

The Cross is the instrument of our salvation. It is the means by which God defeated the powers of sin and death and gave us Eternal Life.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we celebrate the Feast of the Sorrowful Mother. Mary suffered throughout her life as she shared in the salvific ministry of her Son. This culminated in her greatest suffering as she stood beneath the Cross of her beloved Son, watching Him die. Then He was taken down from the Cross and placed in her arms.

Mary understands our sorrows, for she went through them herself. We can turn to her in our sorrow, asking her to strengthen us and to comfort us.

PARISH NEWS
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.

Today, Sunday, Sept. 13

Coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses in the Undercroft.

10:30-11:30 am –

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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.



Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Samuel and Josie (Miller) Connett



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 – Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,

please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention for September

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

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Forming Catholics For Life!

MOG Catholic Social Teaching in Action Committee

The Diocesan celebration of this year's **112th edition of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be held at Mother of God Church on Sunday, Sept. 27, from **2:00-3:00 pm**.

This year's theme is, *"Even just one of these children."*

The hour of reflection will include –

- Fr. Michael Comer, Pastor of Mother of God Church and Our Savior Church;
- Meg Booker, Bachelor of Music in Performance, Master's Candidate in Vocal Performance, and Organist / Vocalist at here at Mother of God Church since September 2024; and
- Mini Masih, Volunteer Specialist at Kentucky Refugee Ministry.

You are cordially invited to attend the prayer service, which will be followed by a **social gathering** in the church Undercroft including the televised Bengals/ Steelers game.

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.



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Use the QR code to download the app.

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.

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	September 6, 2026
Church Collection	\$7,749.00
Mailed In	\$2,241.00
Online Giving	\$2,748.47
Total Collection	\$12,738.47

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.

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

Kentucky Refugee Ministry

In need of sturdy boxes for moving!

The Kentucky Refugee Ministry will be relocating to a smaller space on Scott Street at the end of September. They are in need of some sturdy boxes to pack up the Center. Boxes can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm at the KRM Center located in the alley behind the Mother of God Church West parking lot.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

Join Bishop John Iffert for the Annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass on **Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 pm** at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption**.

- The Rosary will be prayed at **6:30 pm**, prior to Mass.
- Fr. Michael Hennigen will be the homilist.

Please invite your family and friends as we join together in **our greatest defense of life –**

Celebrating the Eucharist!

Support Group for Separated and Divorced Begins on Thursday, Oct. 8, and runs through Dec. 3.

New Beginnings is an eight-week support program designed to help separated and divorced individuals heal and move forward with hope. This program will be held at Catholic Charities in Covington, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

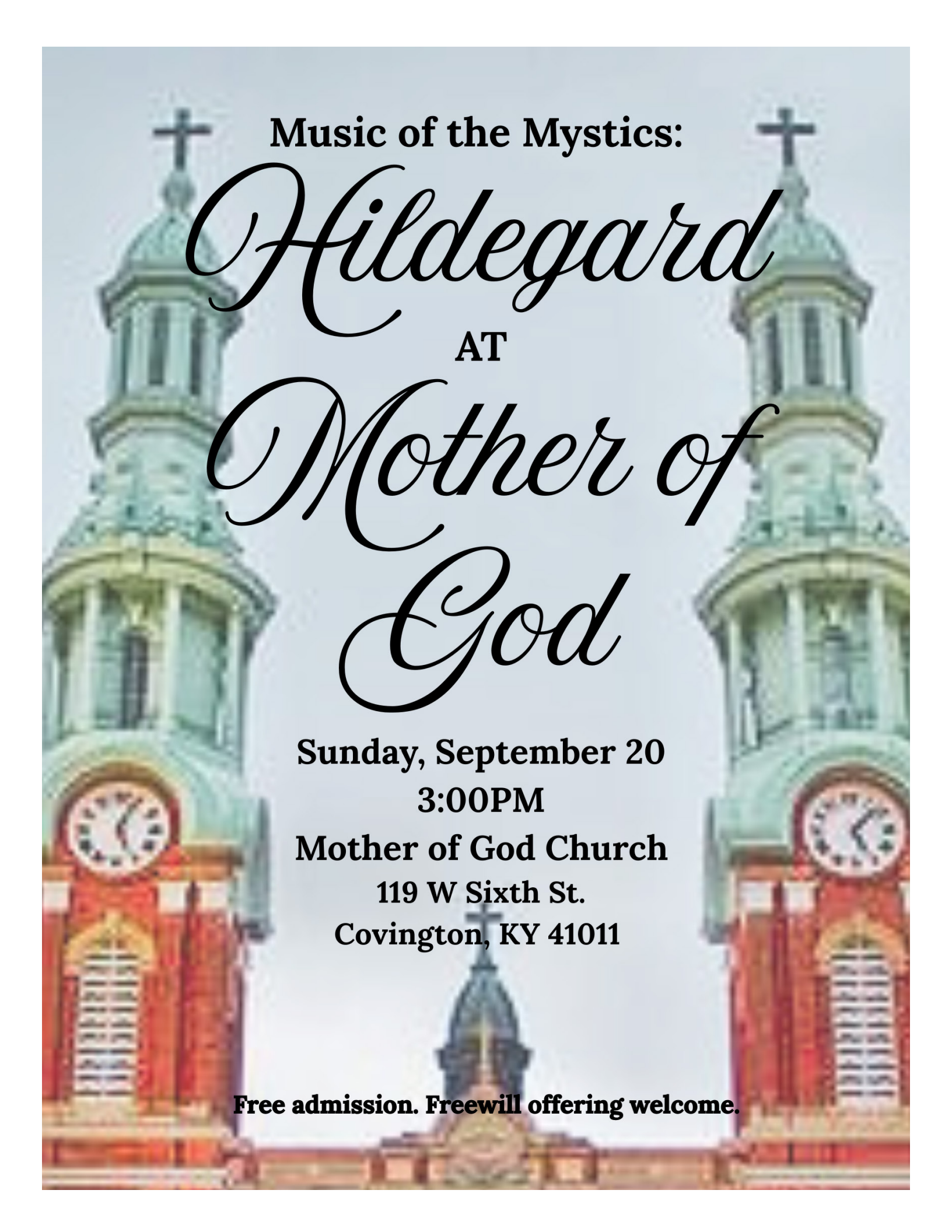
Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit <https://forms.gle/PRcoSuf3Jttuuz1p7>, or call 859-392-1529.

2026 SEMINARY BALL, Friday, Oct. 16, Receptions Event Center in Erlanger

Please join Bishop John Iffert and the Diocese of Covington Seminarians for the 2026 Seminarian Ball.

For more details on attending or sponsoring the event, please go to www.covdio.org/seminaryball or scan the QR Code.





Music of the Mystics:

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Sunday, September 20

3:00PM

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Mother of God CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Growing in God's Word Together! ♥



During the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word gives children ages **3 through 2nd grade** the opportunity to hear and understand the Sunday Gospel in an age-appropriate and engaging way.

Begins mid-September through the Sunday before Easter! ♥



WHEN

During the Liturgy of the Word (readings and homily) at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.



WHO

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade. Children must be independently potty trained.



WHAT

Children hear the Sunday readings in a way they can understand, discuss the Gospel, pray, and enjoy activities and coloring pages.



WHO LEADS

Two Virtus-trained and compliant adult volunteers lead each session, with the help of high-school volunteers.



OUR GOAL

To help children grow in their love for Jesus and feel a special place in our parish family!



We're excited to bring this special ministry back to Mother of God Church! ♥

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Scan to register to help!



Questions?

Contact
Stacey Moorhead
staceyscully4@aol.com



This information will not be shared. It is only used for communication by the leads of this ministry.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Scan for more information!



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a

Daily Mass readings are available for you at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>.



Mass Intentions

Sept. 13	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Devin McGovern
Sept. 14	12:05 pm	Gerry Dreiling
Sept. 15	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Sept. 16		No Mass
Sept. 17	12:05 pm	Greg Hunkemoeller
Sept. 18	12:05 pm	Pat Flannery
Sept. 19	12:05 pm	Bob Schaar
Sept. 20	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Chad Wagner

Reminder: On **Tuesday** of this week, due to the Priest Study day, there will be a **Communion Service** instead of Mass. **Eucharistic Adoration** will be available as usual from 11:00-11:45 am. However, **Confession** will **Not** be available that day.

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 ♦ Peter G. ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Brad Lark ♦ N.R. ♦ G.S. ♦ Mrs. Ralph Stephenson ♦ Braylon Thornberry ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Hannah Donoghue ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Dorothy Shroat ♦ Michael Wolfe ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Laurel Greis ♦ Lori Siemer ♦ Haley Wright ♦ David O'Brien ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Tyler Runge

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

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