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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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
TWENTY-SIXTH 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 PHILIPPIAN HYMN



The Second Reading for today is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. It is called the Philippian Hymn. Scholars believe that Paul actually borrowed the hymn from an outside source. It contrasts the humility of Christ and the pride of our own attitude.

He writes, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Each of us is called to embrace the same humility as did Jesus. We are to empty ourselves and serve God and our neighbor. In our willingness to empty ourselves, Christ then fills us with His love, His grace, and His many blessings.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

One of the issues that is most prominent today is that of Migrants and Refugees. On Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 pm, we will hold the 112th Edition of the World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

This is not a new event, and it is not tied to the present political situation. It is intended to be a recognition of some of our most struggling brothers and sisters.

**SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL,
 ARCHANGELS**

This week, we have some heavy hitters when we come to Saints Days. The first is the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Michael drove Lucifer out of Heaven and is one of the primary saints we turn to when faced with evil. He is a very powerful agent of support and assistance when forces of darkness are attacking us.

The second is the Archangel Gabriel, who appeared to Mary in Nazareth, announcing to her that she would be the mother of the Messiah. Gabriel is the angel we seek when we are in need of guidance and instruction.

The Archangel Raphael appears only in the Book of Tobit and represents the Healing Power of God. We seek him when we or someone else is in need of healing.

The feast day of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels is this Tuesday, September 29.

SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Saint Jerome is the Patron Saint of Scripture Scholars. His feast day is this Wednesday, September 30. If you look at the large window on the east side of church, at the lower right hand corner, you will see the picture of Saint Jerome. It says Hieronymus, which is the Greek term for the Latin name Jerome. His most famous quote is, "Ignorance of Scripture, is Ignorance of Christ."

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese was born in 1873 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. She entered a cloistered convent when she was only 15. She was recognized as truly a saint. Her sister, who was her mother superior, asked her to write her spiritual biography. After her death, *Story of a Soul, the Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux*, became a best seller and has been widely published and read ever since.

She was a saint who prayed for many people and became known for her intercessions. Before she died, she said that she would do even more after her death. Since then, she has been someone who many turn to in their need. She has shown that she hears our prayers, and intercedes with God on our behalf.

This Thursday, October 1, is her feast day.

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

On Friday, October 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels. God has appointed angels for each of us, who watch over us and are there for us. We acknowledge them and are also encouraged to pray to them to seek their support and assistance.



Coffee and donuts are available for you downstairs in the Undercroft, today, Sunday, Sept. 27, after both Masses.



Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Hunter and Jenna (Woods) Brown



**Congratulations on his recent Baptism
to the Family of**

Matthew Brannen Hemberger, Jr.

Son of Matthew and Allison (Mecca) Hemberger, Sr.

Beginning Today, Sunday, Sept 27, at 11:30 am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children ages 3 (who are potty trained) through 2nd grade, are invited to participate. As we begin the Liturgy of the Word, Father Comer will invite the children forward. They go to the Undercroft with two Virtus-trained and compliant adult volunteers, assisted by high-school volunteers. The children will hear the Sunday readings and Gospel in an age-appropriate, engaging way through discussion, prayer, and activities. Children will return upstairs after the readings and homily to rejoin their families for the remainder of Mass.

Today, Sept. 27, 2:00-3:00 pm –

**Diocesan Celebration 112th Edition of the
World Day of Migrants and Refugees
here at Mother of God Church**

The hour of reflection will include –
Father 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.

Following the prayer service, please join us downstairs in the Undercroft for a **social gathering** including the televised Bengals/Steelers game.

Next Sunday, Oct. 4, 10:30-11:30 am

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale between the Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR *BLINK*

Thursday-Sunday Evenings, Oct. 8-11

BLINK returns to Mother of God Church. We use this event to offer a tour of the church interior and **need volunteers to hand out information sheets and direct guests**. Volunteers also help with the **gift shop and parking lot management**. Free parking will be provided on the evenings that you are scheduled.

Please scan the QR code, complete the form and click SUBMIT.

This form is also available at <https://mother-of-god.org>.



Contact Bob Stevie at RobertWStevie@hotmail.com or 513-236- 3333 with any questions.

In honor of World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the cruelty of Herod's violence and the tragedy of exile in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15)."

May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel.” *From the Vatican, 11 August 2026, Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi, LEO PP. XIV*

Mark your calendars!

MOG ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2026

Sunday, Oct. 18 after the 11:30 am Mass

Come one and all to our Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 18, following the 11:30 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners in celebrating the German history of our parish, while enjoying delicious food and festive music. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person / \$20.00 per family.

No RSVP required. We will see you there – **Prost!**

Our OCIA Sessions are off to a great start!

Mother of God Parish been blessed with over 20 inquirers. OCIA is the work of the entire parish as we welcome, give witness to, and accompany our participants. We are asking for help from all of you in this work. Would you consider supporting our inquirers by praying for one (or more) of them over the next several months as an OCIA Prayer Partner? If you are interested, please call or email Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288, ext. 16 or mkelly@mogcov.org.

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.

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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to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

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 20, 2026
Church Collection	\$6,548.00
Mailed In	\$1,655.00
Online Giving	\$3,748.34
Total Collection	\$11,951.34

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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

RETURN IS RETURNING!

It is exciting to hear recent reports of increasing conversions and reversions of loved ones to our Catholic faith! You are invited to be a part of this growing movement! Join your fellow Mother of God parishioners who are hosting an **action-oriented, six-session workshop** guided by the book **Return**, by Brandon Vogt.

The workshop will be held at **St. Thomas Parish**, 26 East Villa Place, Ft. Thomas, KY, beginning **Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 pm**. Attend as many sessions as you are able.

Register for free using the **QR code** below or by **emailing** your name, phone number, and email address to gerryotto.pmd@gmail.com.



October Candlelight Mass & Angelico Pub Night

Friday, Oct. 2, at St. Therese Parish, Southgate, KY

Come experience the beauty of the Mass by candlelight. **Confessions 6:00 pm, followed by a Candlelight Mass at 7:00 pm.** Following Mass, **stay for an Angelico Pub Night featuring Bellevue Bluegrass Revival.** Enjoy live bluegrass music, food, drink, and fellowship as we extend the First Friday experience into a joyful evening together.

RSVP to let us know you are attending Mass
and/or Pub at

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/candlelightmasses/event/october2026/>. No charge, but freewill offering is accepted.

In October, our **Parish Prayer Team** will celebrate **three years of our ministry of prayer**. This is, to our knowledge, the first Prayer Team that Mother of God Church has had. It is our honor and privilege to pray for you and your intentions each week.

If you would like to submit a prayer intention to our team, please go to our parish website, <https://www.mother-of-god.org>, click the tab "Connect," then click "Prayer Request." Follow the same instructions on our parish app. Friends and family from outside the parish can submit prayer requests, too, so spread the word!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Team, email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org for more information. We welcome new members! There are no meetings involved. You are simply asked to pray for our intentions each week from wherever you are.

We will celebrate our anniversary at each Mass on Sunday, Oct. 11, with a blessing from Father Comer, and a light reception in the Undercroft afterwards, along with Coffee and Donuts. All are welcome!



Mass Intentions

Sept. 27	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Anita Trenkamp Vickers
Sept. 28	12:05 pm	Nicholas Ferrara
Sept. 29	12:05 pm	Lois Lambers
Sept. 30		No Mass
Oct. 1	12:05 pm	Mae Huber
Oct. 2	12:05 pm	Deacon David Flynn and Family
Oct. 3	12:05 pm	Riellander Family
Oct. 4	9:30 am	Sue Hodge
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43



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 ♦ 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 ♦ Laurel Greis ♦ Lori Siemer ♦ Haley Wright ♦ David O'Brien ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Tyler Runge ♦ R. Roberts

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

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