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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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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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
TWENTY-THIRD 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

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED

For the past two weeks, I have been talking about the four forms of the Presence of Christ in each Mass. The first form of Presence which I have spoken of is His Presence in the Assembly. This is based on the Gospel for today's Mass, in which we hear Jesus tell us, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

As I have noted, this is any gathering of Christians, as small as two people around the table for lunch or dinner, or to a great gathering of Catholics in a sports stadium. When we pray, "Let us call to mind the presence of God," He is already there. We need to call to mind His Presence among us.

Jesus also indicates that there is some extraordinary power when we join our hearts in prayer. That is another reason to pray together before meals, before meetings, or at any time.

LABOR DAY

This Monday is Labor Day, one of the official holidays celebrated by our country. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Labor Movement was growing in numbers and in its impact on our country. Labor unions

were fighting for just and safe working conditions, and for better wages. The landscape of our nation's factories and other workplaces were changing dramatically. It was felt that there was a need to have a special day to celebrate this progress.

Some other countries celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday of September as well, but in Europe most celebrate it on May 1, or May Day.

As we enjoy this day off, take a moment to remember the blessings that unions have brought to so many.

SERMONS ON THE MASS

Today, I will offer the third sermon on the Mass. The first was a reflection on how the Mass evolved, and also the idea of Jesus' four ways of being present in each Mass – the Assembly, the Priest, the Word, and the Sacrament.

The second week, we looked at the Entrance or Gathering Rites.

This week, we move into the Liturgy of the Word. Jesus is the Word made flesh who dwelt among us. We encounter Christ in the Word whenever we read it prayerfully, but especially when it is proclaimed in the Liturgy.

What I am trying to demonstrate is that we do encounter the living Lord Jesus Christ under these four forms at every Mass. Meeting Him, encountering Him in the Word is one of the most profound ways in which we encounter Him.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

When you walk into Mother of God Church, there is a series of windows on both sides of the church. Each window tells some part of the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the main entrance, if you look at the left (east) side of Church, the fifth window from the back tells the story of Mary's birth. We see Saint Anne, Mary's mother, lying in bed. At the foot of the bed, there is a young girl holding the infant Mary.

On Tuesday, September 8, the Church celebrates the Nativity, or birth, of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although this story is not in the Scriptures, we do have non-Scriptural information from the Early Church that tells us that she was born to Joachim and Anne in Nazareth, where she was living when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her.

Our own mother's birthdays are important moments in our lives, when we remember and celebrate these women and the role that they have played in our lives and in our growing up. So, we remember Mary and celebrate her, and remind ourselves that she is our constant advocate and source of our comfort.



THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Children always had a special celebration a few days after birth, when they officially received their name. On Saturday, September 12, we honor the Most Holy Name of Mary. There is solace and healing in Mary's name.

In times of stress or distress, simply call on Mary by saying her name.

PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Sept. 6, coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses in the Undercroft.



Tomorrow, Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 7
Mass will begin at 10:00 am.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 7, the **Parish Office will be closed** and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9:00 am.

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.



Congratulations on his recent Baptism to the Family of Maxwell Cole Ralenkotter

Son of
Cole and Katelyn (Sevier) Ralenkotter

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Colson and Olivia (Hollman) Holland



Congratulations on their recent Baptisms to the Family of Madelyn Nicole Warmouth and Adam James Warmouth

Children of Joshua and Katelyn (Creps) Warmouth

Music of the Mystics: Hildegard von Bingen **CONCERT here at Mother of God Church** **Sunday, Sept. 20, 3:00 pm**

You are invited to join us here for a beautiful afternoon of music at Mother of God Church on Sunday, Sept. 20. The concert is called "Music of the Mystics: Hildegard von Bingen," and will feature the works of Hildegard von Bingen, a remarkable medieval composer.

The concert will begin at 3:00 pm and is free to attend. Freewill offerings welcomed. Invite your family and friends to join you. *We'd love to see you there!*

Next Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Tea and Chocolate

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, the monthly Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Tea and Chocolate sale will be held next Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:30-11:30 am between the Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.

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 on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2:00-3:00 pm here at Mother of God Church.**

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 service, which will be followed with a social gathering in the church Undercroft including the televised Bengals/Steelers game.

KRM 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 from 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.



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

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.



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.

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 30, 2026
Church Collection	\$7,389.00
Mailed In	\$1,125.00
Online Giving	\$1,865.63
Total Collection	\$10,379.63

Domestic Needs \$2,694.00



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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.

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

High School Preview Event at 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.

MASS OF BELONGING, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 pm Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Bishop John Iffert will preside over the Mass of Belonging, a special Mass intended to create a sense of belonging in our Diocese, parishes, and Catholic schools for those with learning differences and disabilities. Representatives from FIRE Foundation of Northern Kentucky will be in attendance.

Email **Questions** about the Mass or about the mission of FIRE Foundation to info@FIREFoundationNKY.org.

Mark your calendar for these Pro-Life Events!

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** –

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A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON END-OF-LIFE CARE

Please join us for a presentation on a Catholic perspective on End-of-Life Care on **Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:00 am-2:00 pm** in **Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium at the Diocesan Curia**.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Joe Zalot, Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, will present information to include ordinary and extraordinary end-of-life care; advance directives; power of attorney and living wills; Catholic teaching on euthanasia and assisted suicide; ethical challenges with palliative care; and hospice. **Registration is encouraged. To register**, please go to <https://forms.gle/dQvscd9YEoJvvetH9>.

For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500. Thank you!

**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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Responsorial Psalm:

**The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**
Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35



Mass Intentions

Sept. 6	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Justin Duell
Labor Day Holiday – Mass at 10:00 am		
Sept. 7	10:00 am	Kathy Pharo
Sept. 8	12:05 pm	Jonathan LaVelle
Sept. 9		No Mass
Sept. 10	12:05 pm	Jean Byrley
Sept. 11	12:05 pm	Krista Wilmlink
Sept. 12	12:05 pm	Crew Moore
Sept. 13	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Devin McGovern



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 ♦ 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 ♦ Laurel Greis ♦
Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Lori Siemer ♦ Anthony Habermehl ♦ Haley Wright ♦ David O'Brien

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

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