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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

**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
**THE 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****THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES**

Last week our Gospel was the scene in which John is speaking with two of his disciples, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The two were John and Andrew, the brother of Peter. He will bring his brother Simon (Peter) to meet Jesus. They lived in the fishing village of Capernaum, where Jesus moved when He left Nazareth. One day as Jesus walked along the shore, He called out to them, "Come and follow me." They left their nets and followed Him.

When He called them, they already knew Him, from the day after His Baptism. Living in the small village, they had met Him many times and listened to Him teach and preach in the synagogue and in the streets. So, when He called them, He had already prepared them for this call.

Each of them, and each of us, will receive a number of calls to follow Jesus. It is not a one-off matter, when He calls and we follow. Certainly, at our Baptism we receive a call. If we grow up Catholic and are part of a Catholic school or Parish School of Religion, we will hear that call reinforced many times. At Mass, especially at the Easter Sunday Masses, we hear that call again and we will renew our commitment to Christ.

There are other calls, as well. Maybe we will attend a Cursillo, or Christian Awakening Retreat, Life in the Spirit Seminar, or Christ Renews His Parish, or some other adult faith renewal program, or a friend will lead us into a deeper relationship with Christ. Whatever it is, Christ calls us deeper and deeper into His heart.

As the first disciples said "Yes" to Christ, so may we.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Each year in January, the Church takes time to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools have proven to be one of the most effective ways of handing on the Catholic faith to young people. Of course, the essential factor in handing the faith on to children is the family.

Catholic schools and other programs such as Parish Schools of Religion can also be very effective, when there is strong faith coming from the home, (I did not go to Catholic schools, yet I learned my faith very effectively), but no method has shown the strength of Catholic schools.

In a Catholic school, religion is not just a matter for one hour per week. It is a class taken every day, having the same importance as math or science, etc. The entire atmosphere of a Catholic school includes the Catholic faith. Students attend Mass once a week, or more.

Although I did not attend Catholic school myself, I have been involved in Catholic schools throughout my priesthood. Being involved in them has been one of the great blessings of my life.

**SAINT TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

Saint Paul writes epistles to both Timothy and Titus. Each was a Christian leader, chosen and trained by Paul, who he then left in charge of Churches that he had founded. The Church thinks of them as young bishops, who Paul is addressing about various issues and problems that they are facing.

The feast of Saints Timothy and Titus is this Monday, January 26.

**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

The feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas is Wednesday, January 28. He is the most consequential writer and thinker in the history of the Church. Only Saint Augustine comes close.

For years the writings of Aristotle, the greatest of all philosophers, had been lost. They were rediscovered in the fourteenth century, and Aquinas developed his theology on Aristotle's writings. Up until then, most theologians used the philosophy of Plato in order to do their work.

Aquinas' most famous work is his *Summa Theologica* (Summary of Theology) which he did not complete but is the most influential work of theology in the Church's canon.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Today, Sunday, Jan. 25, coffee and donuts** are available for you after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 1, Fair Trade / Equal Exchange Coffee, Chocolate, and Tea** will be available for sale from 10:30-11:30 am (between the Mass) downstairs in the undercroft.

**Save the Date: Sunday, Feb. 15**

You are invited to join us for a **Mardi Gras Party** after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 15 in the undercroft.

**More details coming soon!**

**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PARISH APP**

Introducing our new parish app that will keep you connected to all the great happenings at Mother of God Church. **It's available for free in the Apple and Google Play Stores.** Just search for "Mother of God Parish" and download it to your phone, tablet or desktop.

**Use the QR code to download the app now.**

**Thank-you Message from Diane Donathan**

Thank you to everyone for celebrating my 40 years of interpreting for the Deaf at Mother of God. The MOG Community has been a blessing to me through all these years, and this special day was grace upon grace (Jn 1:16).

I appreciate all of you! Very special thanks and love to the Deaf Community and the Interpreters, who put together the wonderful lunch 🙌🙌🙌.

My heart and soul are full. What a fun, amazing day!

🙏❤️🙌 **Diane Donathan**

**VIRTUS**

A big Thank-You to all of the Mother of God Volunteers who stay current on their Virtus training bulletins. If you would like to volunteer and need to become VIRTUS-trained, please email Mary Ann Kelly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, call or email Mary Ann at any time. She can be reached by phone at 859-291-2288, ext. 16, or send an email to her at [mkelly@mogcov.org](mailto: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.

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

Last month, we began a Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group here at Mother of God for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives.

Group meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month in the St. Aloysius Conference Room at the parish office.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

For additional information, please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

**HOME COMMUNION VISITS**

Do you know a parishioner who is confined to home or a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist? We can make a visit!

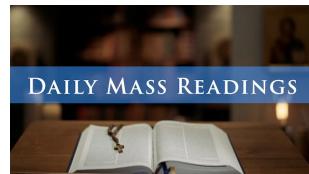
**For more information:** Call or email Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288 / [mkelly@mogcov.org](mailto:mkelly@mogcov.org)

**Mother of God announces its new online giving platform with Subsplash.** The link to Subsplash giving is on the Mother of God website and in the new parish app, which you can download for free from the Google or Apple Play Store by searching for "Mother of God Parish." It's easy to set up a one-time or recurring gift, linked to a credit card or bank account.

**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](mailto:communications@mogcov.org).

**Available on FORMED! Daily Mass Readings**

As we begin a new year, **Sign up at Formed Daily** to receive the daily and Sunday Mass readings alongside insightful reflections directly to your inbox.

**It's easy to sign up for FORMED.**

Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup); Search for your parish by Zip Code/ Postal Code. Click on your parish. Register with your name and email address. Then check that email account for a link to begin using **FORMED**.

**Get FORMED! Get Watching!**

**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.

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>January 18, 2026</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>TBD</b>

### 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!



### DIOCESAN NEWS

**Super Bowl Party – Sunday, Feb. 8, 5:00 pm**  
**St. Philip Parish, Melbourne, KY**

To purchase tickets and for more information,  
visit [Stphilipky.org](http://Stphilipky.org).

### Pre-Lent Parish Mission Feb. 9-12, 7:00 pm

You are invited to join the parishioners of **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Alexandria** in a Pre-Lent Parish Mission, Feb. 9-12 at 7:00 pm.

#### The topic of the Mission:

Sin, Conversion and the Call to Holiness: Message of Divine Mercy. Fr. Wade Menezes, a member of the Fathers of Mercy, will give the retreat.

**Study is a work of prayer.** Visit **Saint Meinrad** for the Graduate Theology Program Open House,

**Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 - 15.**

Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings.

**Register** at [www.saintmeinrad.edu/open house](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/open house) or  
scan the QR Code.



### 2026 KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE

The 3rd Kentucky March for Life will be held in Frankfort, KY on **Wednesday, March 11**. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together and support the sanctity of life in the State of Kentucky.

- Adult / family bus will leave from a location to be determined on Wednesday morning to arrive at Good Shepherd Parish in Frankfort for Mass at 9:30 am.
- Following Mass, there will be a rally at the State Capitol, after which attendees will be invited to “march” to the Historic Frankfort Cemetery to the Memorial of the Unborn. For those unable to walk, a bus will be available to drop attendees off at the cemetery. Buses will be returning to the Northern Kentucky area by 4:30 pm.

More information will soon be available.



### 2026 Workshops on the Old Testament Book of Job with Father Timothy P. Schehr

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is offering workshops on the Old Testament presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. **Workshop topic: Job.** Workshops will be held on **Saturday mornings, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Apr. 11 and Apr. 18.**

Sessions will be held from **10:00 to 11:30 am,**

#### Location for workshops:

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

### Holy Cross District High School Launches RIVER CITIES SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The River Cities Scholars Program is a new educational initiative supported by a \$2 million challenge grant from the Butler Foundation. The program is designed to expand access to Catholic education for students from Northern Kentucky's river cities while strengthening enrollment and community impact.

For more information about applications, eligibility or opportunities to support the program, please email or call –

Hannah Knox, Program Director,  
[hannah.knox@hchscov.com](mailto:hannah.knox@hchscov.com) or 859-431-1335;  
or Victoria Gerkin, Director of Development,  
[victoria.gerkin@hchscov.com](mailto:victoria.gerkin@hchscov.com) or 859-815-6027.

The **application form** is now open and available online at River Cities Scholars Application. The deadline to apply is March 13.

**Saint Pope John Paul II's – Prayer for Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

~ Saint Pope John Paul II

**To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass****Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31      Matthew 5:1-12a



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on  
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is  
also available at this time.

# Mass Intentions

Jan. 25	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Carroll Trenkamp
Jan. 26	12:05 pm	Dan Mayer
Jan. 27	12:05 pm	Clarence and Margaret Wiehoff
Jan. 28		No Mass
Jan. 29	12:05 pm	Lenna Elder
Jan. 30	12:05 pm	Schuerman, Baker and Neltner Families
Jan. 31	12:05 pm	Jim Helbling
Feb. 1	9:30 am	Thelma Foltz
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

"Wherever we go from here Lord,  
let us be strong in faith and poor in spirit.  
Make us your disciples With One Heart. Amen."

Bishop John C. Iffert



# Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue • Lois Knochelmann • Chris Haddix • Frank Sutthoff • David Verkamp • Kenneth Schuler • Nancy Correll • Debbie Prior • Lauri Boggs • Joe Legner • Faye Gosney • Rita & Ron Hopper • Kathleen Stevens Cox • Freda Legner • Jan Stahlheber • Joan Miley • Rob Feldman • Gerri Losey • Pat Landrum • Bruce Hummel • D.B. • Amy Stiens • Mary Estelle Roesel • Amy Bates • Joan and Kelse Murphy • Eileen Concannon • Greg Scanlon • Keith Bosshart • Frank Hlebak • Joy Rolfsen • Greg • Mary Beth Ryan • Charles Kania • Justin Reeves • Mary Ann Grimm • Jack Hicks • Ben Wolff • Mickey Penman • Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke • G.S. • Ruthie • Greg Dahlberg • Jennifer T. • Anna F. • Hannah Harri • Renee Seward • Meg Anne O'Brien • The Barrett Family • Debbie Klein • Plymesser Family • Mary Lou Wilson • Katie Tignor • Oliver Derrick • Meg H. • Steve Oberjohn • NR • John Kalker • Charlotte McDermott • Mary Kohorst • Anne Halpin • Mary Kelley • Jerry Turner • Cliff Wagner • Cindy Losey • John Phillip Pugh • Connie Braedon • Teresa Bowman • Jenny Vellon • Jim Skridulis • Beverly Henn • Susan Byrley • Jean Byrley • Bill Hambley • Kathy Thamann • Ben and Natalie Thamann • Suzy Sneary • David Wise • Nikki • Jamie • Joyce Hamberg • Staci Earls • Peggy Bess Kratz • Linda Wesley • Jessica • Damien Herold • Melissa • Karen Jansen • Dorothy Willett • Zadah Edmonds • Bertha Neltner • Karn Fields • Caroline Olberding • Rick Bronner • Susan • Tom Schneider • Caroline Raymond • Jill Bland • Janet Hatter • Olivia Hollihan • Mary Beth Lynch • Theresa Lynch • Trudy • K. T. • Karen • Fred B. • John K. • Jeanne Bitter • Tabitha Frye Family • Greg Benning • Edward Weeden • Elizabeth King • S. M. • Linda • Julia White • Joan Hunkemoeller Racke • Fred • Jon Hickman •

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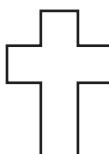
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