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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

OCTOBER 12, 2025
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

GRATITUDE

The Gospel for today is that of the ten lepers who asked to be healed by Jesus. He sent them to the priests, who would rule on whether they could return to the community or not. Along their way, they were all healed. One of them, a Samaritan, returned to thank Jesus. Jesus was amazed that only the one returned.

What was different from the Samaritan leper and the other nine? They all saw their healing, and were amazed, and felt that they were lucky. The Samaritan saw his healing, and knew that he was blessed, so he returned to Christ.

Are you and I lucky or blessed? Do we give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives? How fervently we may pray for some blessing – of health, or any other blessing – but only give a quick expression of gratitude, if that, for the blessings we have received.

What do we possess that is not a gift from God? Even if we believe we have earned what we have, it was God who gave us the talents and opportunities to earn those things. We should give thanks every day. We are loved, and God is watching out for each of us. Without His love, we would not exist, and we could not do anything to bring His blessings into our lives.

The very word gratitude tells us that it is not just an act of politeness but is an attitude that should fill our hearts at all times. Grateful people are happy people. They see the universe as a positive, loving place. It is psychologically impossible to be truly grateful and miserable at the same time.

OUR SAVIOR PARISH HOMECOMING

Next Sunday is a very important weekend for Our Savior Parish. There are many people who have been part of the Our Savior Community, but who have moved on to live in other places. Some may still live locally but have a deep love and affection for Our Savior Church and the time they were there but are not practicing their faith any longer.

October 19 is Homecoming Weekend for all who have been part of Our Savior throughout the years. They are invited back to join in Mass and celebrations.

Let us keep Our Savior Parish in our prayers, and may many who come for the Homecoming, remain with them.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY/COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 13, is Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day holiday. Columbus Day has been celebrated as a national holiday since 1971. Catholics celebrated that day for many years before that because of Christopher Columbus being a Catholic celebrity. It honored his coming to shore on October 12, in 1492 AD.

As time went on, we learned that this landing was not good news for the indigenous peoples who were already living in the Americas. Many of them died because of illnesses that they had never experienced and therefore, had no built-up immunity to them. Others were murdered, exploited as slaves, and pillaged by those who came from Spain and other countries. Later, they would be uprooted from their homes and put into concentration camps (reservations) and would experience terrible poverty, wars and oppression.

Because of these things, the day on which we celebrate Columbus Day is also Indigenous Peoples' Day, so that we honor both the European discovery of this new continent but also honor the sufferings and struggles of the people already living here.

History is always both good and bad news, depending on who you might be.

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

October is Pro-life month, and the Church focuses much of its Pro-life activities in October. This Tuesday, October 14, Bishop Iffert will celebrate the Diocesan Pro-life Mass at the Cathedral at 7:00 pm. All are invited.

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (OF AVILA)

One of the Church's greatest mystics and teachers of prayer is Saint Teresa of Avila, also known as Teresa of Jesus. Teresa was a Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th Century. She led a renewal of the Carmelite Order along with Saint John of the Cross. She wrote a number of spiritual classics, including *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*.

Her feast day is this Wednesday, October 15.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Saint Ignatius was born in the First Century AD and was converted to Christianity by the Apostle John. He became a close follower of John and became a priest and a bishop. He was sent to be the Bishop of Antioch. Eventually, he would be arrested and condemned to death because of his faith. Ten soldiers accompanied him to Rome where he was to be executed. Along the way, he wrote a number of epistles (letters) that still exist today. In one of these, he spoke of his

approaching execution by being thrown to lions. He wrote that his body is wheat that belongs to Christ, and his death would lead to many conversions.

Saint Ignatius' feast day is Friday, October 17.

SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

Saturday, October 18, is the feast of Saint Luke, the Evangelist, who wrote the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke was not one of the Apostles, and he never met Jesus. He was converted sometime after the Ascension and became a friend of both Saint Paul and Saint Peter. He learned the faith from them and joined Paul on one of his missionary journeys.



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

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Moe and Allie (Trenkamp) Mitchell



The parish office will be **Closed** this Monday, Oct. 13, due to the Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 9:00 am.

Sacramental Preparation for Children

Parents, if you have a school-age child who is seeking First Reconciliation and / or First Communion, we would love to hear from you! You must be a registered parishioner for your child to participate.

To register your child / children for the classes, please call the Parish Office at 859-291-2288 or email mkelly@mogcov.org. Preparation will begin in January.

If your child / children have not been baptized, we can help with that, too. Please call or send us an email!



CARE NET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN *Continues!*

We will continue our Annual Baby Bottle Campaign this month to support Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky. If you still want to get a baby bottle, they are available by the Pieta statue in the back of church.

Please return the bottles with coins, bills or checks made payable to Care Net by Sunday, Nov. 2.

Thank you so much for your support.

Next Sunday, Oct. 19 –

Care Net Representative, Lee Ann Ernst, will speak at both Masses about their ministry.

THE CHOSEN – Season 5

Thursday, Oct. 16, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Join us this Thursday as we continue to watch *The Chosen*, Season 5. The morning showing is at 10:00 am and the evening showing is at 6:30 pm.

This week's episode – **Upper Room, Part 1.**

You are invited to stay for a short discussion after each episode. **Come and bring a friend!**

It's Time to Order! 2026 ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

We are taking orders for St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2026. The cost per missal is \$4.00. These books have the readings for each Sunday of the year and also contain the Stations of the Cross, the Mysteries of the Rosary, and a treasury of other prayers.

To place your order – Sheets are available in the back of the church by the Pieta statue for you to fill out.

We will be placing the order very soon.

Questions? Call Andrea Lonneman 859-835-7087.



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.

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	October 5, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 8,385.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,456.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,051.17
Total Collection	\$11,892.17

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

2025 Annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm,

Prior to Mass, the Rosary begins at 6:30 pm

Cathedral Basilica, Covington, KY

Pregnancy Care Network Community Baby Shower

Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:00-7:00 pm

Holy Spirit Parish, Newport, KY

The Northern Kentucky Pregnancy Care Network will host a Community Baby Shower at Holy Spirit Parish, Newport, on Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:00-7:00 pm. Over the last two years, we estimated that we have served almost 700 new moms and families by providing resources to help them become successful parents. Items provided include the following: Free items such as diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing, and the opportunity to win raffle items such as strollers, car seats, stroller wagons, and more.

Without the generosity of our community – both time and treasure – we would not be able to assist these moms and families. **For those who are interested in becoming involved with Community Baby Showers,**

contact the **Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500,**

or visit the Amazon Wish List at

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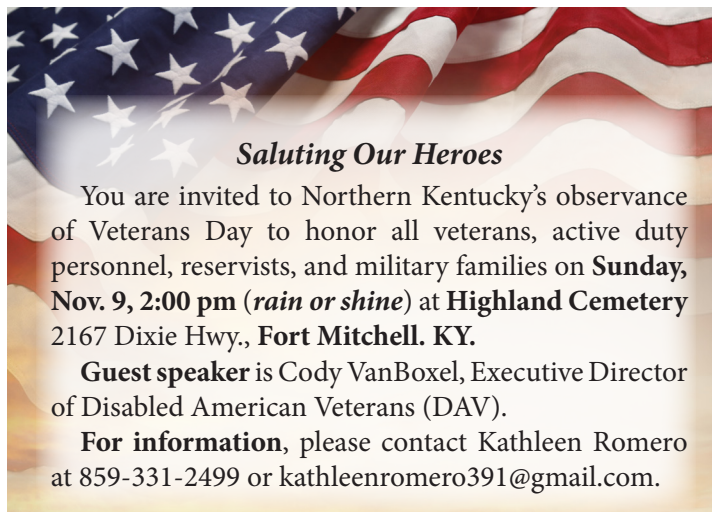
Thank you!

Holy Cross High School Open House

Sunday, Oct. 26, 1:00 pm in the Gym

3617 Church Street, Covington, KY

Meet teachers, explore athletic and extra-curricular opportunities and enjoy student-led tours. See what makes Holy Cross ***the BEST fit*** for your high school experience. **For more information,** visit our website at www.hchscov.com or call 859-431-1335.



Saluting Our Heroes

You are invited to Northern Kentucky's observance of Veterans Day to honor all veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and military families on **Sunday, Nov. 9, 2:00 pm (rain or shine)** at **Highland Cemetery** 2167 Dixie Hwy., **Fort Mitchell, KY.**

Guest speaker is Cody VanBoxel, Executive Director of Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

For information, please contact Kathleen Romero at 859-331-2499 or kathleenromero391@gmail.com.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

This training is for everyone using the CI Website for learning the Catholic faith.

Free Workshop on Exploring Franciscan University

Catechetical Institute (CI) Website

Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

TMU's Steigerwald Hall, Saints Center

Mr. Brady Webb, M.A., will present a hands-on workshop exploring Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute's website. Mr. Webb is the webmaster of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University.

Workshop is Free. Register this week by Oct. 15, at covidio.org/register/.

Questions? Contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at iisaak@covidio.org or 859-392-1529.

Catholics Embracing ALL God's Children Meeting

St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, KY

Note: There will be No meeting in October.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 5 – scheduled earlier in the month due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

OCIA/OCIC Workshop on Updates and Resources

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

TMU's Ziegler Auditorium, Academic Center.

An informative workshop on updates and resources on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children (OCIA/OCIC) will be presented by Dr. William Keimig, the Deputy Director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University.

Register for this Free Workshop by Oct. 29 at covidio.org/register/.

Questions? Contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at iisaak@covidio.org or 859-392-1529.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES FAIR

St. Pius X Parish, 348 Dudley Rd., Edgewood, KY.

Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Meet representatives from these local life-affirming organizations: Care Net Pregnancy Services of NKY, Madonna House of Northern KY, New Hope Pregnancy Center, Rose Garden Home Mission, and St. Vincent de Paul.

Learn about all the services and support they provide for expectant mothers and families, as well as discover meaningful ways you can volunteer your time and talents to support the precious gift of life.

Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Questions – Contact Diane at 859-380-6435.



**Join us for our annual
Mutter Gottes
Oktoberfest!**

Sunday, October 26th

Immediately following

11:30 a.m. Mass

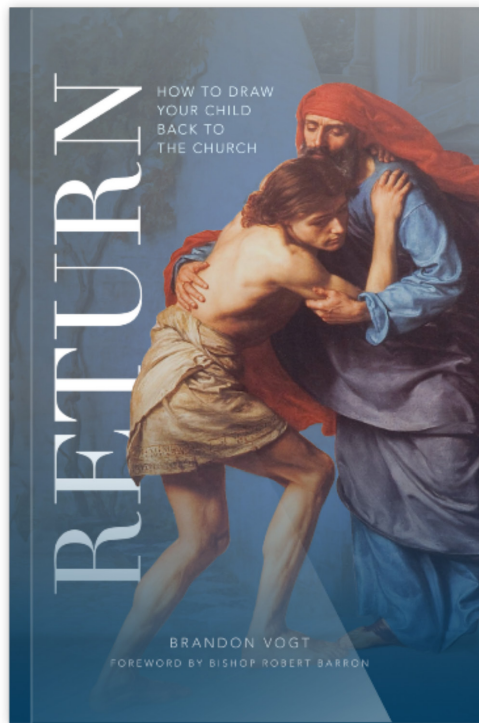
Enjoy German food, beer & music!

Suggested donation of \$10 per person/\$20 per family

Fellowship is free and unlimited!

No RSVP required. See you there!





Help Loved Ones Return!

Increasing conversions and reversions of young adults to our Catholic faith are being reported across the US and the world! Let's be a part of this growing movement!

Come join us in an **action-oriented workshop** guided by the book, ***Return***, by Brandon Vogt. It will be held at **Bishop Howard Memorial Hall** at 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates.

Thursday, October 23rd

Thursday, November 6th

Monday, November 17th

Thursday, October 30th

Thursday, November 13th

Thursday, December 4th

Registration is free. Register by...

1. using your smartphone camera and the following QR code or



2. emailing your name, phone number and email address to gerryotto.pmd@gmail.com or
3. sign-up at the table in the back of church after Sunday Masses.

Participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book.

Feel free to attend as many sessions as you are able.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

2 Timothy 3:14- 4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Please join us this **Tuesday at 11:00-11:45 am**, for
Eucharistic Adoration.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available during this
time.




Mass Intentions

Oct. 12	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton
Oct. 13	12:05 pm	<i>Communion Service</i>
Oct. 14	12:05 pm	Special Intention
Oct. 15		No Mass
Oct. 16	12:05 pm	<i>Communion Service</i>
Oct. 17	12:05 pm	<i>Communion Service</i>
Oct. 18	12:05 pm	Sarah and Jack Gruber
Oct. 19	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Goodhew Family

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

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 ♦
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Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦ Evie Sullivan ♦
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 ♦
Stephen Dery ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Benning ♦
Edward Weeden ♦ Anisha Meyer ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ Richard Jones and Family ♦ S. M.

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the parish office.


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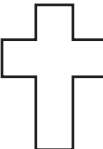

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