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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 26, 2025
THIRTIETH 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 LORD IS A GOD OF JUSTICE

The first reading for this Sunday begins, “The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.” In our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34) we hear, “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” And in our Gospel, Jesus says of the tax collector who confessed his sins and asked for mercy, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” When God looks at someone, He recognizes not only those who are materially poor, but also those who are spiritually poor. Remember the first of The Beatitudes, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of God is theirs.”

The Lord is a God of justice. For many today, justice is a bad word. Their argument, whether they recognize it or not, is with God. If God is God of justice, then you and I must be people of justice ourselves. As God hears the cry of the poor, so must we. We may be very limited in how we can respond to the cry of the poor, but we must listen and hear their cry, and we must CARE. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus makes it clear that the question is not, “Who is my neighbor?” but, “To whom am I neighbor?”

As always, whenever we try to limit Christ’s call for us to love and care, He is having none of that. There are no limits. There are no boundaries.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

November is the final month of the Church year. As such, the Church turns its reflections to the so-called Last Things – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

This Saturday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, when we honor all of those who have been officially declared to be saints, and those anonymous saints, who have run the race, and now wear the crown of victory. They reveal to us the glory that we will experience when we are with them in the Kingdom of God.

Sunday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls, when we pray for all who have died, especially those who have not yet completed their final period of purification and have not yet

entered into the perfect happiness of being face to face with God in heaven. Those we have traditionally called the Poor Souls, have died, forgiven for their sins, but whose souls have not been purified of attachment to sin. That final purification, which we call Purgatory, is a state of spiritual healing, when they are set free from all attachment to sin.

The Mass on Saturday at 12:05 pm will be for the Solemnity of All Saints. Because the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, it is celebrated as a Holy Day, but the obligation to attend Mass is dropped.

The Masses on Sunday, November 2, will be for the Feast of All Souls.

OKTOBERFEST

Our Annual Oktoberfest is one of the highlights of our year here at Mother of God Church. Our parish was founded by German immigrants, with German-speaking people making up the congregation, with German-speaking priests serving the people, and German-speaking nuns running our school, teaching German-speaking kids, in German. This went on up until World War I, when the American bishops asked all German-speaking parishes to stop doing so, because the German Americans were being looked at with suspicion and with concern that they were loyal to Germany rather than America.

We honor our German roots (even I, your Irish pastor, am one-eighth German), with this annual celebration. Even if you are not German, all are invited to join us this afternoon after the 11:30 am Mass for good German food and music and fellowship.

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

This Tuesday, October 28, is the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude. The Scriptures give us very little information about Saints Simon and Jude, though Church tradition gives us much to reflect upon.

Simon is not Simon Peter, but is Simon the Zealot. The Zealots were a Fourth Philosophy within Judaism. The first three were the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes. The Zealots were not a religious movement within the Jewish people, but were a violent political group whose goal was to drive the Romans from their homeland. They did this by assassinations and guerilla activity.

At some point, Simon, who was a member of this group, encountered Jesus. We are not told when or where or how this encounter took place, but he became a member of Jesus’ company of apostles, renouncing the violence that he embraced as a Zealot. He is often identified as Simon the Zealot, to distinguish him from Simon Peter. There are many conflicting traditions about when and where and how Simon died. Some traditions state that Saints Simon and Jude served together as a missionary duo.

Saint Jude shared his name with Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Because the name Judas had become so toxic in early Christian life, he became known as Saint Jude. There are a few different Judes listed in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. There is also the Epistle of Saint Jude. There have been strong disagreements among scholars about who each of these Judes might be, and if there is more than one Jude involved here.

In Matthew and Mark, the name of Jude is not included in the list of The Apostles, but they include the name Thaddeus, not listed in the other Gospels. Most scholars believe that Jude and Thaddeus are the same person. Most Jews of that time had a Jewish name and a Greek name. Christian tradition tells us the Jude was the son of Clopas and Mary of Clopas, who was the sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition tells us that Jude was martyred either in Beirut or Armenia.

After his death, pilgrims would travel to the site of Jude's burial and experienced the powerful intercession of the saint. Because of this, he became known as "The Saint for the Hopeless and Despaired." Saint Bridget of Sweden and Saint Bernard both had visions from God declaring Jude to be the Saint of the Impossible. He is mostly known as the Saint of Hopeless Causes.



PARISH NEWS

Today, coffee and donuts will **Not** be available after the Masses due to our Annual Oktoberfest Celebration.

TODAY, OCT. 26 – ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2025

After the 11:30 am Mass in the Undercroft

Come one and all to our Annual Oktoberfest today, Sunday, Oct. 26, 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!**

Today, Sunday, Oct. 26

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION

A vocation to the priesthood is an answer to Jesus' call to participate in His work. Christ is the One who calls. The Diocese of Covington has been blessed to have men who have responded to Christ's call. These men will need the love and support of the community to complete their journey. The estimated Diocesan cost for providing our seminarians with tuition, books, room and board, health insurance, living allowances, and retreats for the coming year will amount to more than \$58,000.00 per seminarian.

You can help by making an immediate gift to the Seminarian Education Fund. Please pray daily for our seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Next Sunday, Nov. 2 – Fair Trade / Equal Exchange Coffee, Chocolate, and Tea will be available for sale **from 10:30-11:15 am** (between the Masses) downstairs in the undercroft. **A greater variety of teas are now available.**

CARE NET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause. **Remember to return the Bottles by Sunday, Nov. 2.** You can give them to one of the ushers or put them on the table by the Pieta statue.

2026 ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

Our order has been placed and should be arriving in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please call Andrea Lonneman at 859-835-7087.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Dante and Danielle (Diersing) Bucci



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

Handcrafted Olive Wood Items from the Holy Land!

On Sunday, Nov. 9, Mike and Maha Kassis will be here with religious handcrafted olive wood items for sale before and after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft. Cash or check accepted only.

Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree-making Activity Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30-3:00 pm

We will host an Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree-making Activity on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:00 pm downstairs in the undercroft. This is a family project from one person to ??? members! All are invited to join us in making a wreath to bring this beautiful Advent tradition to your home.

All materials will be provided for the project. Prayers for use each week will also be provided. To cover material cost we ask for a \$10.00 donation for the Advent Wreath project and \$5.00 for the Jesse Tree project.

Registration to participate in one or both of these activities is requested, so that we have enough materials for everyone. **Please register** as soon as possible. **Register by email to eat2407@fuse.net.**

Please join us on **Tuesdays at 11:00-11:45 am**, for **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available during this time.

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.

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.

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 12, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,372.00
Mailed In (2 weeks)	\$ 3,205.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,286.45
Total Collection	\$ 12,863.45

One Time Donation \$2,000.00

Sunday Collection	October 19, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 5,103.00
Mailed In	\$ 905.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,284.99
Total Collection	\$ 7,292.99

One Time Donations \$2,250.00



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Hail Mary (In German)

Gegrüßet seist du, Maria, voll der Gnade, der Herr ist mit dir. Du bist gebenedeit unter den Frauen, und gebenedeit ist die Frucht deines Leibes, Jesus.

Heilige Maria, Mutter Gottes, bitte für uns Sünder jetzt und in der Stunde unseres Todes. Amen



DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Joseph PTO Craft Show

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

St. Joseph Memorial Hall and Gymnasium

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

Admission \$3.00, Kids free.

Young Adults – Plan to Attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea – July 30 to August 10, 2027!

The Diocese of Covington is coordinating a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, for young adults ages 18 to 35. Experience the universality of the Catholic Church in the presence of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, alongside millions of young adult Catholics from around the world. The pilgrimage includes a trip to a sacred landscape marked by the sacrifices of early Catholic martyrs. Sites like *Danggogae*, *Saenamteo*, *Seosomun*, and *Jeoldusan Martyrs' Shrine*. Bishop John C. Iffert hopes to join the pilgrims along with a few priests and deacons from the diocese.

The estimated cost is \$5,500.00 per person and includes round-trip airfare, transportation, lodging, meals (from WYD), and tours. **To reserve your spot, the initial payment of \$350.00 is due by Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025.** The full amount must be paid by Monday, March 15, 2027. **If you are interested in attending, leading a group, or making donations** to help the young adults of our diocese attend this grace-filled experience, contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529 or email him at iisaak@covdio.org. Payments should be made to the Diocese of Covington Office of Catechesis and Evangelization WYD.

Job Opportunity! Executive Assistant to the Bishop

The Diocese of Covington invites motivated administrative professionals to consider a ministry of service supporting the Bishop of Covington in carrying out his multifaceted duties and responsibilities. The Executive Assistant is a skilled organizer and problem-solver charged with supporting the Bishop by managing his calendar, communications, expenses, and information needs; arranging travel and associated logistical considerations; document preparation; and many other duties, some requiring the strictest confidence and discretion. The demands of this position require a practicing Roman Catholic with a solid understanding of the Church, its hierarchy, and protocols.

Interested individuals should send a letter of introduction along with a comprehensive resume, including compensation history and references with contact email addresses, to Stephen Kopyay, SPHR at skopyay@covdio.org.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

All Souls Day

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

~Matthew 25:34

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Bill Weier. He is the Uncle of our Seminarian, Michael Schulte. You will be held in our prayers. May Bill rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

Oct. 26	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	The Lueke Family
Oct. 27	12:05 pm	Bob Cetrulo
Oct. 28	12:05 pm	Theresa Hicks
Oct. 29		No Mass
Oct. 30	12:05 pm	Phillip and Mary Landwehr 60th Wedding Anniversary
Oct. 31	12:05 pm	The Clark Family
Nov. 1	12:05 pm	George E. Silva
Nov. 2	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Angela Trenkamp

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 Bate ♦ 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 Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Anna F. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ 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 ♦ 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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