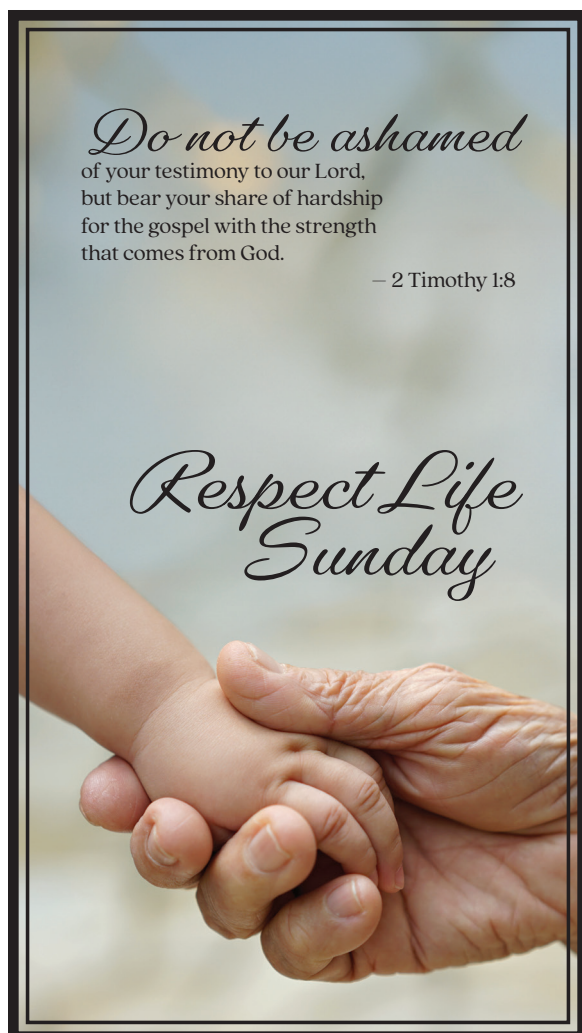


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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am-4:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 12:05 pm

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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 5, 2025
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month, and it celebrates this first Sunday of October as Respect Life Sunday. Unfortunately, since Roe v Wade was overturned, the Pro-Life Movement seems to have lost some of its enthusiasm. The struggle for the unborn has shifted from a national campaign to a state campaign. And we have not been terribly successful in that battle. Even in Kentucky, which has been a relatively Pro-Life state, the amendment to end abortion was defeated.

What can we do? We can pray. Pray for men and women who are facing unplanned or difficult or unwanted pregnancies. Pray that they will seek and receive the support and encouragement that they need in order to choose life for their children, that they will find the inner strength and grace to say Yes to God and to the life of their children.

Support various Pro-Life organizations that provide the support and help that is needed.

Talk about the lives of the unborn to your children and grandchildren. They are receiving the pro-death message from all sides of the culture, and there needs to be a correction. Let young people know that you will obviously be disappointed and hurt if they have a pregnancy outside of marriage, but that you will stand with them as they say Yes to life.

INCREASE OUR FAITH

In today's Gospel, The Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. His response was, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree to uproot itself and cast itself into the sea, and it would do so." This response would have been doubly troubling to them.

First of all, "Jesus, we asked to you increase our faith, we didn't say that we didn't have any. Certainly, we have faith the size of a mustard seed. You don't have to insult us." And secondly, no one in history has ever had the power to say to a mulberry tree, "Uproot yourself and cast yourself into the sea, and it would obey. What you are saying makes no sense to us. How could that happen?"

Jesus is telling them (us) that they have more than enough faith, but they have to try it. They need to step out in faith, and they will see its power. We want faith that will make our lives not be scary. But they are scary, and we need to trust God, and act in faith. We will be shocked by the results.

As to uprooting mulberry seeds and even mountains, that will take some practice. We start small and grow into greater things.

PRIEST RETREAT

The priests of the Diocese of Covington will be on their Annual Retreat at Saint Meinrad Benedictine Monastery from this Monday until Friday. This is an event that we all look forward to each year, as it is the only time that we get to spend real quality time with one another, catching up with each other and praying together. Please keep us in your prayers and know that you will be in mine.

There will be daily Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 am each day.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tuesday, October 7, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church calls all of us to pray the Rosary regularly, daily if possible. Taking time to pray the Rosary gives us fifteen to twenty minutes to spend with Jesus and Mary.

The Rosary is a meditation device that helps us to imagine the Mystery of the Rosary being prayed, For instance, when you come to the First Joyful Mystery, take a few moments before you start saying the prayers, to picture Mary in her home in Nazareth, as the Angel Gabriel appears to her. Perhaps focus on Mary's Fiat, when she says, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Is the Lord asking something of you, and have you said yes to his request? Bring the image into your life, or that of someone else in your life.

I always offer a particular petition for each Mystery as well. I usually pray one Mystery for my family, one for the people of Mother of God, one for Bishop Iffert and the priests of our Diocese, and one or two for various local or national or international situations.

POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII

Saturday, October 11, is the Feast of Pope Saint John XXIII. Many of us still have memories of Saint John, as he was the Vicar of Christ from 1958 to 1963. He was seen as a grandfather figure, known as Good Pope John, full of love and kindness. He is also known as the Pope who called forth the Second Vatican Council. The Council was carried out in four sessions, over four years. Pope John XXIII died after the first session of the Council and was followed by Pope Paul VI.



PARISH NEWS

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

Today, Sunday, Oct. 5, 10:30-11:30 am
Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Sale Coffee, Tea, and
Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in
the undercroft between Masses.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Austin and Celia (Michel) Jameson

Welcome to New Parishioners!
Emily Leach Alexander Glynn
Madison Middendorf Sheldon O'Neal

ATTENTION LECTORS!

We will soon be ordering the Lector Workbooks for 2026. If you would like one, please email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org by **Monday, Oct. 13.**

MOG ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2025 Sunday, Oct. 26 after the 11:30 am Mass

Come one and all to our Annual Oktoberfest on 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!**



Care Net, Baby Bottle Campaign

October is Respect Life Month. During this month, we will have our Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. This is a fun and easy way to promote life and support your local pregnancy help center. **Bottles are available at the exits of church.** You can fill the bottles with coins, bills or checks made payable to Care Net. Please return the bottles by the end of the month.

Your participation in this Campaign makes a vital difference in saving the lives of unborn children and ministering to the women and men who come to Care Net for help. **Your change changes lives!**

A Care Net representative will be speak briefly about their ministry at the Masses on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Help Young Adults Return!

While only about 7-percent of young adults who were raised Catholic actively practice the faith, it is exciting to hear recent reports of increasing conversions and reversions of young adults across the US and the world to our Catholic faith! Your Mother of God Community invites you to be a part of this growing movement in a practical way!

Please participate 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 6:30-8:00 pm on the following dates:**

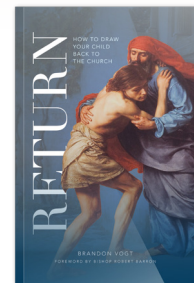
Thursday, Oct. 23	Thursday, Oct. 30
Thursday, Nov. 6	Thursday, Nov. 13
Monday, Nov. 17	Thursday, Dec. 4

Registration is free. Following are 3 Ways to Register:

1. Complete online using the following QR code.



2. Stop by the registration table in the back of church after Masses.
3. Email your name, phone number and email address to gerryotto.pmd@gmail.com.



Participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book online or at a bookstore prior to the workshop. Feel free to attend as many sessions as you are able.

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!

THE CHOSEN – Season 5 continues!

Thursday, Oct. 9, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Join us this Thursday as we continue to watch Season 5. The morning showing is at 10:00 am and the evening showing is at 6:30 pm. This week's episode – *Reunions*. You are invited to stay for a short discussion after each episode. **Come and bring a friend!**

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.



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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 21, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 5,953.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,392.37
Total Collection	\$ 7,345.37

Sunday Collection	September 28, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,682.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,195.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,485.62
Total Collection	\$ 12,362.62

One-Time Donation \$5,000.00

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

Morning of Reflection with Fr. Conor Kunath Confession Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:00 am Sts. Boniface and James Church

Fr. Conor Kunath will answer our questions and concerns and then will welcome us in the Confessional on behalf of the God that loves us!

Mass and Adoration will also be available.

MEN'S RETREAT – Saturday, Nov. 1
WOMEN'S RETREAT – Saturday, Nov. 22
9:00 am-5:00 pm
St. Joseph Church & Memorial Hall, Cold Spring, KY
For more information and to register, go to
2025 Retreats from the top menu bar at the website
www.stjosephcoldspring.com.
Registration Fee \$25.00



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.



Catholic Charities Jail Ministry Volunteer
Open House – Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30-8:00 pm
Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY

Whether you're a longtime volunteer or exploring new ways to serve, come connect, learn, and discover how you can make a difference in the lives of those we serve through Jail Ministry.

For questions or to RSVP, contact David Pike at DPike@covingtoncharities.org.

2025 Annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm – Rosary begins at 6:30 pm
Cathedral Basilica, Covington, KY

**Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention
for the Month of October**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Please join us this **Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 am**, for **Eucharistic Adoration**. Communion Service will follow at 12:05 pm.

Due to the Priests Retreat, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will Not be available this Tuesday.



**The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
*Pilgrims of Hope***



Mass Intentions

Oct. 5	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller
Oct. 6-10	12:05 pm	Communion Services
		No Masses due to the Priests Retreat.
Oct. 12	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to Anita Heidrich on the passing of her Brother, Gerard Dreiling. You will be held in our prayers. May Gerard rest in peace.



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 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.

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