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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

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE THIRTY-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
ALL THINGS MUST PASS

Many of us, at least the adults, remember September 11, 2001. We watched the unfolding of a great tragedy in our country, and as is often stated, everything changed. We saw the Twin Towers collapse, killing thousands, including many fire fighters and police officers. I imagine people standing beneath the Towers on September 10, looking up and admiring its height and power. And I imagine someone standing there, saying, "By this time tomorrow both of these towers will be nothing more than rubble." And those who hear him think he is insane – this is an impossibility to them.

Jesus and the Apostles were in Jerusalem, looking up at the Temple, which was the most remarkable structure they had ever seen. They saw the giant stones and all that was going on. The crowd was mesmerized by the Temple. And Jesus said, "All these things you see here, a day will come when there will not be one stone on top of another." His listeners would have been shocked by these words and would not have believed such a thing could happen. But just as the Twin Towers were destroyed, so was the Temple.

We may remember George Harrison's solo album, *All Things Must Pass*. Drawing from Eastern religious instruction, he is telling us the same thing as Jesus. Look around Mother of God Church. It is one of the most beautiful churches in America. Over one hundred and fifty years old, it is still incredibly strong, for it was well built, and well cared for (*thank you, Vic*). And yet, a day will come when it will not be standing. Destroyed by earthquake, or storm, or age, or any other cause that we cannot even imagine, it will be gone. The United States at some point will be gone, or radically diminished. And we will be gone.

All things must pass.

A JOURNEY WITH SAINT PETER

I have begun a new series of talks, made up of four weeks of reflections on Saint Peter. We are touching on a number

of scenes about Peter in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Peter is the most human and most relatable of all of the characters in the New Testament, and the events of his life give us an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and our own relationship with Christ.

This week, we will look at Peter's Confession of Faith, Jesus' Declaration of Peter as the leader of the Church and the giving of the Keys to the Kingdom, Jesus' Prediction of the Passion, and Peter's rebuke ("Get behind me Satan, you are trying to make me trip and fall.")

We will meet at 10:30 am and at 6:30 pm in church.

THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL YEAR

On November 30, the Church begins a new Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Liturgical Year is made up of four special seasons, and what is called Ordinary Time. The special seasons are: 1) Advent 2) Christmas, 3) Lent and 4) Easter. Most of the year is Ordinary Time, which is about 33 Sundays when we will be reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

The purpose of a regular calendar is to mark time in general. The Liturgical Calendar is a meditation on the life and ministry of Jesus. The Church uses a three-year calendar, based on the three so called Synoptic Gospels. The Synoptic Gospels are Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Mark was the first Gospel written, and Matthew and Luke had a copy of Mark in front of them as they wrote their own Gospels. It seems that they also had another document that scholars call "Q" or Quelle (German for Source), that contained many quotes from Jesus, that are not included in Mark. Each of them seem also to have another source of their own.

If you are present for the three years of Sunday readings, you will hear 89.9 percent of the Gospels, 54.0 percent of the non-Gospel New Testament readings (Acts, Epistles, Book of Revelation), which comes to 71.5 percent of the New Testament. There is also 13.5 percent of the Old Testament, not including the Psalms.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Scripture does not tell us of the Presentation of Mary, but early non-Biblical writings do give us the story. When Mary was still a young girl (stories differ at what age), Joachim and Anne, her mother and father, brought her to the Temple, and she was presented to the High Priest, consecrating her life to God. One of the windows on the Eastern side of Mother of God Church shows her going up the steps of the Temple to the High Priest. Her parents are there with her.

Mary, of course, lived out this consecration throughout her life, symbolized by her words at the Annunciation, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Her Presentation also pre-figures our baptisms, when we, too, were consecrated to Christ.

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is on Friday, November 21.

SAINT CECILIA

Saint Cecilia was a young woman who lived in Rome during the 2nd Century. She is considered the patron saint of music and of musicians. She was martyred during one of the early persecutions of the Church. We have a window of Saint Cecilia, playing the organ (even though the organ was not invented until long after her death). The problem is that it is in my bedroom, so it is not visible to anyone except for me and my facility manager, and the person who cleans the rectory.

Saturday, November 22, is the Feast of Saint Cecilia.



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

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Save the date for our **Parish Christmas Party!** It will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 7** immediately following the 11:30 am Mass in the undercroft. Details will be forthcoming. We hope to see you there!

Today, Sunday, Nov. 16

MOG St. Vincent DePaul Quarterly Collection

Following each Mass today, Sunday, Nov. 16, SVDP members or collection containers will be available at each church exit. Envelopes are available in the pews. **Checks should be made to MOG SVDP.** We are grateful for your generosity that continues to support this outreach ministry to our neighbors.

You are cordially invited to attend one of our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month to see if this ministry would be something you might want to be part of or just to learn more about what we do. Monthly meetings take place downstairs in the church undercroft at 7:00 pm.

Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign

Just a reminder: Please return the baby bottles as soon as possible. A representative from Care Net will be picking them up soon. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

Next Sunday, Nov. 23 -

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE IS COMING!

Gift Tags will be available on the Giving Tree at the back of church beginning next **Sunday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Nov. 30.** If you would like to participate, please select a tag from the tree and return your unwrapped donation with the tag attached to the church by Sunday, Dec. 7.

Pre-addressed Envelopes for financial donations to local service organizations will be available on the Giving Tree from **Sunday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 28. Please mail your envelope to the agency in need.**

Questions – Reach out to Bridget Otto at marybridget.otto@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

This year, our **Thanksgiving Day Collection** (food and monies) which will be received at the 10:00 am Mass will be given to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Comer's Talk Series about St. Peter Continues!

Thursday, Nov 20 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm

This week's topics – *Peter's Confession*

The Keys to the Kingdom and The Rebuke

Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree Making Activity

Next Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30-3:00 pm

We will host an Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree making activity next Sunday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:00 pm downstairs in the undercroft. All materials will be provided for the projects.

To cover costs, a \$10.00 donation is requested for the Advent Wreath project and \$5.00 donation for the Jesse Tree project. To be sure we have enough materials, please **register by email to eat2407@fuse.net.**

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Joseph and Adelaide (Middendorf) Hunt



**Congratulations on her recent Baptism
to the Family of**

Remi Victoria Stadtmiller

She is the daughter of
Ryan and Gabrielle (Enzweiler) Stadtmiller

Sacramental Preparation for Children

Parents, if you have a school-aged 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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

Help our neighbors fight the elements this winter with donations of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves. **Blue bins are located in the back of Church to drop off any of these items.**

Distribution to those in need will take place

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:00 am until Noon at John G. Carlisle School and the Life Learning Center, Covington and Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 am until Noon at Newport Intermediate School and Christo Rey in Florence.

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	November 9, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,175.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,740.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,404.37
Total Collection	\$ 12,319.37

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!

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

In January, we will begin 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. This will be a sharing group to help in dealing with common issues and questions surrounding suicide, loss, and grief.

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

The first meeting will be

Wednesday, Jan, 7, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,

please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

Kentucky Refugee Ministry

The Kentucky Refugee Ministry (KRM) is located directly across from Mother of God Church's west parking lot in the alley. They could use MOG volunteers to help vetted refugees who have been settled in Northern Kentucky. Some of the volunteer opportunities include the following: a ride to doctor appointments and job interviews, teaching them how to use TANK, adult mentoring, English practice partners, youth mentoring and a host of other opportunities. Some are one-time and others are on-going.

KRM is the agency that we worked with several years ago when we agreed to "sponsor" an Afghanistan refugee family. If you have **questions about volunteering**, email Mini Masih at MMasih@kyrm.org. If you want to sign up for an orientation, go to kyrm.org/registration. Volunteer orientations are held monthly.



DIOCESAN NEWS

NEW SLEEPING BAG AND BLANKET DRIVE DONATION November 15-30

Parish Kitchen is accepting new blankets and sleeping bags to help our neighbors stay warm this season.

Donations can be dropped off at

Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY

Drop-off times:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 – 11:00 am

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 – 11:00 am



For those who prefer to shop online, items can be sent directly to Parish Kitchen via Amazon.

In Celebration of National Adoption Month!
DCCH Center for Children & Families Open
House This Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 pm
75 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, KY

Anyone interested in learning more about adopting, fostering, mentoring, or volunteering, please attend.

For more details,

Call 859-331-2040 or visit www.dcchcenter.org.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe**

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

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

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.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 16	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Carl Nunner
Nov. 17	12:05 pm	Kelly Stevens
Nov. 18	12:05 pm	Mike Corcoran
Nov. 19		No Mass
Nov. 20	12:05 pm	Krista Wilmink
Nov. 21	12:05 pm	Elmer Feldhues
Nov. 22	12:05 pm	Paul Monsour
Nov. 23	9:30 am	Joseph Foltz
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Devin Lewis. She is the Granddaughter of Barbara Connor and the Mother of Aria Ivey. You will be held in our prayers. May Devin 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 ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda

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


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