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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 30, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

WAS JESUS WOKE?

A very controversial word that is used in our public discourse these days is “Woke.” Those who think of themselves as Woke believe that the term indicates that they are politically awake in dealing with issues of race, of differences in culture, in awareness of injustice. Those who oppose the term see it as being politically liberal, or even radical, in those matters, and of being anti-police, anti-white, anti-male, and anti-heterosexual. Both use the term in very vague, but inflammatory, ways.

As we begin the season of Advent, we will hear John the Baptist and Jesus calling for the people of that time to “Wake Up!” They accuse the Jewish people of that time of being spiritually asleep. Their religious practice had fallen into much lukewarmness, and many had ceased to actively prepare for and expect the coming of the Messiah.

This First Sunday of Advent puts us before the time of the coming of Christ, so that we can share with the Jewish people the anticipation of the coming of a Savior who would liberate them from their enemies and would restore the full nation of Israel. Their experience of waiting and preparing informs our own waiting and preparing for the Second Coming of Christ.

Are we awake, and ready to meet Christ when He comes? There are actually Three Comings of Christ. The first of these Comings was when He came to us two thousand years ago in Israel. The third is the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. Between these two is a third, when we die and He comes to take us home to the Father.

The question for us is, are we ready, for His coming at the end of time, to meet and welcome Him. If that does not happen during our lifetime, are we ready to meet and welcome Him at our death. And what do we need to do to be ready?

Advent is a time of deep prayerful reflection on these matters. It is a penitential season, when we are called to

look at ourselves carefully, and to go to Confession. All of us sin and are in need of some degree of reconciliation with God. Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, on that first Easter Sunday night, when He breathed on the Apostles and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit! Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them.” This authority to forgive sins has been handed down through the ministry of bishops and priests. There is no backup plan in the Scriptures for those who don’t like this option.

Like Lent, Advent is also a time to work on growing in our compassion and love. How can we show deeper love of neighbor, whoever that neighbor might be? Can we visit or call someone who is homebound or is in nursing care? Is there a neighbor or friend or family member who is ill, and could use a good meal dropped off? There are limitless opportunities to serve.

Have we forgiven those who have injured us in any way? Are we willing to let go of resentments and anger? And have we asked for forgiveness of those who we have wounded in some way?

Have a great Advent!!! May you come to the Christmas season with your heart awake, and open, and ready to meet Christ.

FOUR WEEKS WITH PETER

A couple of weeks ago, we suffered a lightning strike that did quite a bit of damage. Our sound system, our streaming services, and our internet were all seriously damaged. We have been doing all that we can to get everything working again.

Because this happened, I had to cancel the talks on November 20. To compensate for that, we will add a session on December 18.

SAINT NICHOLAS

This Saturday, December 6, is The Feast of Saint Nicholas. I hope you have your Christmas Stockings ready.

Nicholas was born in the latter part of the third century. He was a Greek bishop, known for his generosity and kindness. The most famous story about him tells of a very poor family. The father had no money to give as a dowry for his three daughters, without which, in that culture, they could not marry. Nicholas dropped bags of gold at their house for three nights in a row, guaranteeing that they could marry. A woman of that time who was not married had only one option for survival – prostitution.

He was the Bishop of Myra, and attended the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Church was debating a bishop whose name was Arius, who denied that Jesus was coeternal with the Father, but was a creature who the Father had adopted into the Godhead. A legend that many people like to believe is, that as part of the debate, Nicholas slapped Arius. He was then temporarily defrocked and imprisoned because of this act. He was later martyred.

Saint Nicholas, of course, became the model for present day Santa Claus. His bag of gifts, and even his red outfit, which is modeled after a bishop's robes, lend themselves to this fictional presentation.



PARISH NEWS

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

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is in the back of the church. Please select a tag from the Tree and **return your unwrapped donation with the tag attached to the church by next 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 email the envelope to the agency in need.

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS PARTY! Next Sunday, Dec. 7

Mark your calendar for our **Parish Christmas Party** to be held next **Sunday, Dec. 7, immediately following the 11:30 am Mass.** Please join us downstairs in the undercroft for dinner, fellowship, and Christmas festivity!

If you are interested in contributing cookies or brownies, please contact Cindy Hassan (chassan@fuse.net).

We hope to see you there!

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

Thursday, Dec. 4 10:30 am and 6:30 pm

This week's topics – Peter's Confession

The Keys to the Kingdom and The Rebuke

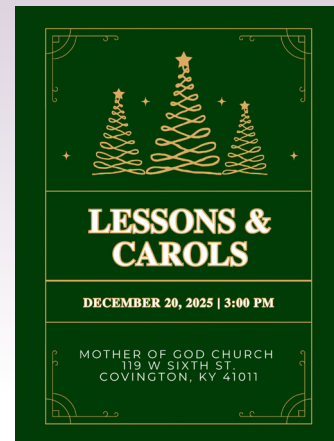
Sacramental Preparation for Children

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

Save the Date! Saturday, Dec. 20, 3:00 pm

Lessons & Carols at Mother of God Church



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. 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.

FORMED offers videos series – HOW TO ADVENT.

In this 4-episode series, enter into the joyful anticipation with purpose and intention during the season of Advent. In *How to Advent*, discover the rich traditions of Advent and how they help us prepare our hearts for the birth of the child, Jesus, at Christmas.

It's easy to sign up for FORMED.

Go to 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.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Bill and Cindy (Tretter) Brennen



Get FORMED! Get Watching!

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 alcoholic s 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	November 16 & 23, 2025
Total Collection	TBD

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.

**Shoe Donation Drive Continues until Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Holy Cross Elementary School, 3615 Church St.

Students at Holy Cross Elementary School, Covington, need your help with their Shoe Drive. **All types of shoes and sizes of new and gently used shoes are welcome. Shoes can be dropped off on Monday and Tuesday of this week from 7:00 am-3:30 pm** at the following locations: Holy Cross Elementary School & High School, HC Learning Academy and Holy Cross Church. **Let's make a difference, one step at a time!**

Catholics Embracing ALL God's Children

St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, KY

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:00 pm – Mass and Reception

A special Mass celebrated for LGBTQ+ individuals, their loved ones and families. After Mass, **a reception** will be held in Kelley Hall. Due to the Christmas holidays, there will be no regular meeting in December.

4th Annual Baminelli and Christmas Tree Blessing

Be a part of a Catholic Advent Tradition!

Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00 pm – St. Mary's Park

Bishop John Iffert invites you and your family and friends to attend the Fourth Annual Baminelli and Christmas Tree Blessing on Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00 pm at St. Mary's Park, Diocesan Curia.

See the blessing and lighting of the Diocesan Christmas Tree, listen to a live school choir, enjoy homemade cookies and hot cocoa, and hear the Baminelli Story. Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Iffert

GIVE CATHOLIC NKY

This Tuesday, Dec. 2

Northern Kentucky's Online Day of Catholic Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2 – A one day celebration of faith and generosity to support our parishes, schools and ministries. Your gift will strengthen our shared mission to build the Kingdom of God in the Diocese of Covington.

One option is to give to the Newman Center NKU to help students attend the SEEK Conference in January.

To donate on Tuesday, Dec. 2, please go to

givecatholicnky.org

Be a part of this united act of love and donate!

**DIOCESAN YOUTH CHOIR**

A Diocesan Youth Choir is being formed with a start date of late summer / early fall 2026. The vision is of a prestigious Youth Choir that represents all the parishes of the Diocese and provides sacred music for select liturgies in the Diocese of Covington “for the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful.”

We are collecting information to finalize the rehearsal details and would appreciate your input! **Please scan the QR code to participate in a survey and to receive more information.** Thank you!



Pope Leo's Monthly Intention For December
For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We, who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We, who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We, who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To You we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

– Henri J.M. Nouwen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17


Responsorial Psalm:

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace forever.**

Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Maria, and to the Family and Friends of Lawton Muncy, Jr. You will be held in our prayers. May Lawton rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 30	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Jim Eckerle
Dec. 1	12:05 pm	Ralph Kunkemoeller
Dec. 2	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Dec. 3		No Mass
Dec. 4	12:05 pm	Special Intention
Dec. 5	12:05 pm	Maury Price
Dec. 6	12:05 pm	Donald Glockner
Dec. 7	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller

On **Tuesday, Dec. 2**, due to **Priest Study Day**, a **Communion Service** will be held at 12:05 pm.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will **Not be available that day**. Eucharistic Adoration will be available from 11:00-11:45 am.

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 ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ 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 ♦ 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 ♦ Anisha Meyer ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ Julia White

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