

# Mother of God Church

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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  
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## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

## PARISH SCHOOL

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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

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**THE SECOND 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.



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church focuses its attention on John the Baptist, who is one of the great symbols of Advent. This season of preparing for the coming of Christ, it is he who proclaims the Advent message: "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight His paths."

John's message comes before Jesus shows up on the stage of salvation history. He is speaking at a time when there was a great deal of corruption in the court of King Herod, and, sadly, in those who were the leaders of religion, especially those who were the leaders in the Temple. Because of this corruption among the leaders, the faith of the people had become somewhat lukewarm. John came to prophecy against the leaders and to stir up the faith of the people.

John prophesied, "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I....He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In the midst of John's ministry, Jesus Himself will arrive and undergo the baptism of John, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We ask, "If Jesus is sinless, whose sins is He confessing and repenting of?" He is confessing and repenting of our sins, as He will do again on the Cross.

Advent is a penitential season, in which we examine our consciences to recognize what in us is blocking our way to God, repent of our sins, and confess those sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is perhaps the most important way in which we prepare the way of the Lord.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tomorrow, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All feasts of Mary are really about Jesus, and this is certainly true in regard to the Immaculate Conception. God the Father gave special blessings to Mary, so that she might be a pure vessel for His son to enter into the world. The graces of salvation, won by the Death and Resurrection of her Son

Jesus, were given to Mary in advance of Jesus' birth, so that she would be free from all sin, personal and Original.

When we look at Mary, the Immaculate Conception, we see the Original Plan of God for all of us. He created Adam and Eve without Original Sin, but they chose to follow the serpent, and they, and we, fell from grace. So, she shows us who we were all intended to be.

Mary also shows us who we will be. In heaven, we will be purified of all sin, and we will be Immaculate ourselves. It is too late for us to be immaculately conceived, but we will be free of all sins when we are in the Kingdom.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 12:05 pm and 6:30 pm.

**RECOVERY FROM ELECTRIC STRIKE**

On Tuesday, November 18, we had a serious lightning strike that severely impacted all of our electronics at Mother of God. Our sound system was knocked out, our streaming services were knocked out, we lost internet, and other electronic problems impacted us. We have slowly but surely been restoring all of these.

We still do not have our sound system working. I met with the sound people last Tuesday afternoon, and they will let us know more about what is going on, and what will be required to fix the system. I will keep you informed as we receive updates.

Thankfully, we have been able to rent a temporary sound system that is working for us. I do not know yet what will happen with our streaming system. I should learn more over the next few days. I will let you know what I have learned. Thank you for your patience.

**SAINT JUAN DIEGO**

Continuing our Blessed Mother theme for this week, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Juan Diego on Tuesday, December 9. I will write about Juan Diego in my next item on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

On December 9, 1532, just forty years after Columbus came to the Americas, a man named Juan Diego was walking past the Hill of Tepeyac, just outside of Mexico City. After Columbus arrived in the Americas, Franciscan missionaries from Spain came to the New Land, but had little success in winning converts. Juan Diego was one of their successes. As he walked by the hill, he saw a beautiful woman, who told him to go the local bishop, and tell him that he was to build a church there, dedicated to Mary.

Juan went to the bishop and delivered his message, but the bishop and his advisors were understandably skeptical. He told Juan that he was to tell the woman, if she was in fact the Mother of Jesus, that she should give him a sign so that he could know it was she, and that her request was legitimate. Juan told her this. The next day, as he walked by the hill, he saw her again, and she told him to gather the roses that were nearby. This was surprising, even though it was in a warm climate, roses do not grow in Mexico in winter.

He gathered the roses in his cactus fiber poncho, called a tilma, and carried them to the house of the bishop. Juan was admitted to the bishop's house, and as he was led into the office of the bishop, he let the tilma drop, and the roses fell to the floor. But what astounded the bishop and his priests was that there was an image on the tilma, of the beautiful woman who Juan had met.

The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe was built. The cactus fiber tilma, with the image of Our Lady, still exists and hangs in the Basilica. It should have deteriorated within 25 or 30 years. Another miracle. The word about Mary's visit to Mexico spread and large numbers of converts were won for Christ. Within ten years, nine to ten million indigenous people became Catholic, the most successful missionary triumph in the history of the Church.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this Friday, December 12.



## PARISH NEWS

Due to the Parish Christmas Party **Today**, Sunday, Dec. 7, **coffee and donuts** will **NOT** be available after both Masses. Coffee and donuts will resume next Sunday in the undercroft after both Masses.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:30-11:30 am**  
**Fair Trade Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate** will be available for sale between both Masses downstairs in the undercroft.



### CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY!

Our **Parish Christmas Party** will be held **today, Sunday, Dec 7, immediately following the 11:30 am Mass**. Please join us downstairs in the undercroft for dinner, fellowship, and Christmas festivity!

Freewill offerings will be welcome as the cost to the parish is approximately \$10.00 per person. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *Hope to see you there!*

Due to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the **parish office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 8**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 9:00 am.

**Mass times on Monday, Dec. 8**  
**12:05 pm and 6:30 pm**

### CHRISTMAS CLEANING

Do you have an hour or two to give this busy season? Volunteers are needed to help clean and prepare the church for Christmas! **Join us on Monday, Dec. 15 and Friday Dec. 19 to clean, clean, clean!**

Please email Mary Ann to confirm that you will be coming at [mkelly@mogcov.org](mailto:mkelly@mogcov.org).

Cleaning times will be from 9:00-11:00 am both days.

*Coffee and treats await you!*

### Reminder – Next Sunday, Dec. 14 – COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Our Parish will have a Special Collection next Sunday, Dec. 14 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This Fund provides the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades.

*Please give generously. Thank you.*

### THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who donated gifts through our Giving Tree. **Today, Sunday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 28, pre-addressed envelopes will be available** on the Giving Tree to help make financial donations to one of the several service organizations in our community. They include the following: BE Concerned, Parish Kitchen, Rose Garden Mission, SVDP, Emergency Shelter of Northern KY, Faith Community Pharmacy, Hosea House and the ION Center for Violence.

**Please mail envelopes directly to the agency.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### LESSONS & CAROLS CONCERT

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 3:00 pm – Mother of God Church**

Please join us for a beautiful Lessons and Carols Concert at Mother of God Church on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 3:00 pm. Experience the wonder of the season through scripture and song, with our organist, Meg Booker, and special performances by violin, piano, and trumpet!



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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	November 16, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,893.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,828.25
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 9,721.25</b>

Sunday Collection	November 23, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 6,512.00
Mailed In (2 weeks)	\$ 2,280.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,036.82
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10,828.82</b>

**One Time Donations \$15,530.00**

Sunday Collection	November 30, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 9,831.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,925.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,689.47
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 13,445.47</b>

#### 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.

#### 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 at the parish office 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.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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, Diocesan Curia**

**Calling All Cursillo Alumni!** Take time to renew your spirit at the **Restoration Retreat**. This is a one-day retreat designed especially for those who have already made a Cursillo. Reconnect with your Cursillo community. **"Piety, Study, and Action into Harmony."**

- **Men's Retreat:** Saturday, January 31
- **Women's Retreat:** Saturday, February 7
- **Location:** St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill
- **Schedule:** Arrive at 8:00 am; breakfast and lunch provided; concludes with the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass.
- **Cost:** \$65.00

**For details,** contact T.J. Wells at 859-635-2384  
or email [tjwells@fuse.net](mailto:tjwells@fuse.net).

**Register** at [covingtoncursillo.org/restoration-retreats](http://covingtoncursillo.org/restoration-retreats)  
**Come Spread God's Joy!**

### Couples, Here's a Christmas gift idea!

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is **March 13-15 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH**. This weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling.

**Apply today** at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

**For details contact:** Andy and Melanie Reinersman  
at 859-653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org)  
or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org)

#### 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

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

*To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –  
The Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come and save us.**

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday, Dec. 24 4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 25 9:30 am and 11:30 am

*Invite a friend to come with you to Christmas Mass!*

## Mass Intentions

Dec. 7 9:30 am Parishioners and Benefactors  
11:30 am Greg Hunkemoeller

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Dec. 8 12:05 pm** Recorded Memorials  
**6:30 pm** Mike Corcoran

Dec. 9 12:05 pm Marie Braun

Dec. 10 No Mass

Dec. 11 12:05 pm Jacob Geiman

Dec. 12 12:05 pm Charles and Margaet Dery

Dec. 13 12:05 pm Mary Von Bokern

Dec. 14 9:30 am Parishioners and Benefactors

11:30 am Goodhew Family

## 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 ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke

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