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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

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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

JULY 20, 2025
SIXTEENTH 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

SAINT PAUL - "I REJOICE IN MY SUFFERINGS..."

The Second Reading for this Sunday comes from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians. We hear Paul say, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I make up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ."

I can recall the first time that I really heard that statement. It shocked me, as I thought, "What could possibly be lacking in the afflictions of Christ?" Was it not His sufferings that won our salvation for us? What more is needed?" Since that day I have been particularly curious about this passage.

We certainly see that the sufferings of Christ are salvific. All of us are saved by the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Nothing can be added to that, and nothing needs to be added to that. But Christ teaches us that not only are His sufferings salvific, but so are ours, if we join our sufferings to His. Paul says that His sufferings are offered for the Church, which is the Body of Christ. We offer our sufferings to Christ as a prayer, for the Church as a whole, or for some part of the Church or some individual. How do we do this?

First of all, whatever the suffering is that we are dealing with, we accept it. That does not mean we do not seek legitimate relief or healing, but that as long as we are going through the suffering we do so with prayer, and with grace. If we are complaining or taking our sufferings out on others, then we are not accepting the suffering.

Having accepted the sufferings we determine what we want to pray for. It may be for a loved one who is going through a difficult time, or for some group of people who are struggling. For instance, we might pray for those who are fleeing persecution, or for Christians who are being martyred, or family or friends who are ill. It can be offered for someone who has died, asking God to complete their final purification so that they can experience the fulness of heaven. Whatever it is, we call it to mind.

And finally, we state in our prayers to God, what it is that we are asking of Him.

Suffering has great power when placed in the hands of Christ. He can do great things through that suffering.

MORE VIOLENCE

The latest mass shooting took place in Lexington last weekend. Two women are dead, and a State Police Officer is wounded. The shooter was also killed by the police.

Let us pray daily for a healing of the soul of America, which is producing people so-filled with hatred, bitterness, and violence. We seek the God of Peace, and His Son, Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace, asking for the graces needed to build a culture of peace.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please give me a call at 859-816-3198.

BISHOP FOYS BIRTHDAY

This Friday, July 25, is the 80th Birthday of Bishop Foys, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Covington. In recognition of this day, the Diocese is sponsoring birthday celebrations in Saint Mary Park, across from the Cathedral and next to the Curia building.

From 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm there will be a concert, followed by words from Bishop Iffert and others who have worked closely with him. There will be cake and more words, and then more music from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend and wish Bishop Foys a Happy Birthday.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene is the most important woman in the New Testament, after the Blessed Mother. There is much misunderstanding about her that I always feel I must address. Mary is from the town of Magdala and was possessed by seven demons. After Jesus cast these out of her, she became one of His closest followers.

Mary's role became more significant when we see her at the foot of the Cross, along with the Blessed Mother and the Beloved Disciple. She remained with Jesus all of the way to the end.

On Easter Sunday, after Jesus had risen from the dead, she encountered Him, believing Him to be a gardener. Jesus revealed Himself to her and told her to go to Peter and the others and tell them that He was risen. For this reason, she is known as the Apostle to the Apostles.

There is no more mention of Mary after the Resurrection account, but early Church tradition tells us that she later went down into the Egyptian deserts and lived a life of a penitent there.

We honor her on Tuesday, July 22.

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

There were two Apostles named James. They are distinguished by calling them James the Greater and James the Lesser. This Friday, July 25, is the Feast of Saint James the Greater. He is the brother of John, the Beloved Disciple. They are called the Sons of Zebedee, and Jesus nicknames them the Sons of Thunder, because of their explosive tempers.

James would travel to Spain and preach the Gospel there. The Way of Saint James (Camino de Santiago) continues to this day. When James returned to Jerusalem, he was arrested, and was beheaded by Herod, the first of The Twelve to die a martyr's death.

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

Saturday, July 26, is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Mother. Scripture does not give us their names, but Church tradition identifies them. It also contains stories about them and the childhood of Mary.



PARISH NEWS

Today, Coffee and Donuts are available downstairs in the undercroft after both Masses.



Catholic Charities needs your help! Today, parish members and volunteers for Catholic Charities will be in

the back of church to promote their upcoming fundraiser by selling raffle tickets after both Masses.

CaSSba Cash tickets are available for \$20 each.

You can also purchase tickets online at www.Cassba.org.

- First place – \$10,000
- Second place – \$5,000
- Third place – \$1,000

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, Aug. 24. All proceeds from this event benefit the clients being served through Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen. **Thank you for your support!**

Welcome to New Parishioners!

Tony Gerrein Katie Ollier
Brennan Eilers Katrina Rattermann

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Carter and Jade (Nicely) Kunstek

Celebrate Summer! Next Sunday, July 27!

HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY

Wear your favorite and festive Hawaiian shirt at Mass next Sunday, July 27.

Save the Date!!! Sunday, Aug. 10

MOTHER OF GOD ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

President's Park, Edgewood Ky, Adams Shelter

Please join us for the Mother of God Annual Parish Picnic at President's Park, Edgewood, KY, Adams Shelter, on **Sunday Aug. 10, 4:00-7:00 pm.** **Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm.**

- **The Parish will provide the following:** fried chicken, soft drinks, water, plates, utensils, tablecloths, and napkins.
- **Please bring the following:** an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share with the group, and chairs for your family.
- **If you would like to volunteer** to assist in the setup or cleanup, contact Andrea Menzer-Feebeck by calling or texting Andrea at 859-750-7000.

MOG 14TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Hey Everybody, it's time to start thinking about our **MOG 14th Annual Photo Contest with Prizes.** Can you believe it's been 14 years running? Last year's Photo Contest was one the best ever with "tons" of prizes again! Let's make this year our biggest year ever with lots more participants, especially those of you who traveled to Italy this year, and those who made the Kentucky Pilgrimage just a few weeks ago.

This year's theme will be **"A World Touched by Wonder."** **The deadline for entries is Sunday, Aug. 10, after the 11:30 Mass.** Entry forms, contest guidelines, and photo drop-off bins will be available near the table at the back of church under the Pieta statue, all Sundays after both Masses. **Coordinating the event this year are:**

David Ziser 859-250-8855 and
LaDawn Ziser 859-250-8833.

Please give them a call with any questions. **Good Luck!**



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

Did you know?...

We have a **Parish Vocations Crucifix** here in our parish. If you would like to incorporate *Intentional Prayer for all Vocations* into your prayer life, contact Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org to take the crucifix and prayers home with you for a week or just a few days.

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.

VIRTUS

A big **Thank-You** to all of the Mother of God Volunteers who stay current on their Virtus training bulletins. If you would like to volunteer and need to become VIRTUS-trained, please email Mary Ann Kelly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, call or email Mary Ann at any time! She can be reached by phone at 859-291-2288, ext. 16, or send an email to her at mkelly@mogcov.org.

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.

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	June 13, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,435.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,798.75
Online Giving	\$ 2,371.45
Total Collection	\$ 13,605.20



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Mother of God Church building!



"Wherever we go from here Lord,
let us be strong in faith and poor
in spirit. Make us your disciples
With One Heart. Amen."

Bishop John C. Iffert

**DIOCESAN NEWS****Young Men – Are you being called to be a priest?**

Come and have your questions about vocations, priesthood, discernment, and seminary answered!

Bishop's Vocations BBQ, Sunday, Aug. 3, 5:00 pm

Acree Hall – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington

Fr. Kunath invites all young men thinking about the priesthood to the Annual Bishop's Vocations BBQ on Sunday, Aug. 3 at Acree Hall on the Immaculate Heart of Mary campus in Burlington. The event begins at 5:00 pm. Delicious City BBQ will be catering. **All who are thinking about the priesthood and their families are welcome.**

This event is free!!

Please call the Diocesan Vocations Office at
859-392-1587 to **RSVP**

so, we have enough food for everyone!

2025 Wedding Anniversary Couples

Vespers Celebration, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2:00 pm

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington**, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2025. Married couples celebrating their **1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2025** are invited to the Vespers Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2:00 pm.

Anniversary Couples need to RSVP by this Friday, July 25, at <https://www.covdio.org/wedding-vespers/> or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533.

Reservations are required Only for Anniversary Couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

**Knights of St. John Annual Golf Outing
for DCCH Center for Children and Families
Saturday, Aug. 9, 12:00 pm, Lassing Point, Union**

The Knights of St. John are holding their Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 9 at Lassing Point in Union, KY, at 12:00 pm. It will benefit the DCCH Center for Children and Families. Their mission is to express God's love by providing compassionate care and quality services to address the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of children and their families. **You can help by:**

- Getting a team together: \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, two drinks.
- Sponsoring a hole - \$125
- Donating a door prize

For more information, contact Tim Ryan
859-866-6304 or tim@ryanlandsurveying.com

Teach Me to Listen, O God

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me – my family, my friends my coworkers. Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is, “Accept the person I am. Listen to me.”

Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.

Teach me to listen, O God, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside in the deepest part of me.

Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for Your voice. In busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence.

Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 20:18-32 Psalm 138:1-2, 3, 6-7, 7-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

Daily Mass readings are available for you at

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

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



Mass Intentions

July 20	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Goodhew Family
July 21	12:05 pm	Tom Heidrich
July 22	12:05 pm	Peggy Beckman
July 23		No Mass
July 24	12:05 pm	Nick Wilde
July 25	12:05 pm	Sarah Kunkler and Jack Gruber
July 26	12:05 pm	Sally Glockner
July 27	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton

Please consider having a Mass offered for your loved ones, either living or deceased. The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10. To schedule a Mass, call the parish office at 859-291-2288.

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 ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ 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 ♦ Linda Plymesser ♦ 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 ♦ Kennedy ♦ Janet Hatter ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Stephen Dery ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Beth Moore ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K.

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

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