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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

JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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**TEACH US TO PRAY**

In today's Gospel, one of Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples to pray." Jesus gave to them, and to us, the Our Father, or The Lord's Prayer. This is one of the first prayers that we learn as children, but we should not see it as just a prayer to be said.

Actually, The Lord's Prayer is an entire school of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is divided into four major sections. The first is the doctrinal section, which uses the Creed as the basis for teaching the Church's doctrines. The second explores and explains the teaching of the Church on Liturgy, using the Mass and the Seven Sacraments to explore how Jesus is present when the Church prays. Thirdly, is the moral teaching of the Church, using the Ten Commandments as the basis of morality. The fourth and final section uses the Our Father to explore Christian prayer. Each phrase and word is significant in teaching us how to pray.

I suggest reading the part of the Catechism which reflects on the Our Father. You will find that it offers great insight into prayer.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School is this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The feast was declared just a few years ago by Pope Francis. He wanted to honor those who have

come before us and who have contributed so much to our families and our culture and Church. Let us keep them all in our prayers.

SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

The family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus were dear friends of Jesus. It seems that He visited and stayed with them regularly. There are two stories in the Gospels that tell us of their encounters with Jesus.

There is the story when Jesus was at their home for dinner and the conflict between Martha and Mary regarding the work of hospitality and sitting at the feet of Jesus as He taught.

The other story is of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. When Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was ill, she said "Lord, the one you love is sick." When Lazarus died, Jesus wept, and people commented on how much Jesus loved him. Clearly they were close friends. At the end of the story, Jesus will raise Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus, like all of us, needed a support system. Certainly, that included His Blessed Mother and The Twelve, but close friends like this family also were a source of comfort, encouragement and love for Him.

This Tuesday, July 29, is the Feast of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Saint Ignatius was one of those early theologians of the first through fifth centuries who are known as the Fathers of the Church. He is one of the earliest, and is known as one of the Apostolic Fathers, known as such because they knew one or more of the original Twelve. It is believed that Ignatius knew and was mentored by Saint Peter. While making his way to Rome, he was working on a set of letters addressing some of the pressing matters of his time. These letters still exist and are part of the much larger collection of writings known as the Works of the Fathers of the Church.

Ignatius was martyred around the year 150 AD.

The Feast of Saint Ignatius is Thursday, July 31.





PARISH NEWS

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

Reminder - Next Sunday, Aug. 3

Fair Trade Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in the undercroft next Sunday, Aug. 3, 10:30-11:30 am.

OCIA Begins Soon!

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church, or just wants to learn more about it? We would love to talk to them! Spread the word that our Tuesday evening OCIA sessions will resume at the end of August.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about these sessions is encouraged to call Fr. Comer at (859) 816-3198 for more information.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Edward and Megan (Brenner) Broun

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.

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.

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!!!

The MOG Photo Contest Team has been hard at work collecting prizes for this year's **Photo Contest** and the prizes are really beginning to flow in. And that's why you need to enter! Your chances of winning any of these prizes is about 1,000,000 times better than winning the lottery!

So far, we have 4 Admissions to the Cincinnati Zoo, passes to Silverlake Family Center, and many others who have contributed in the past, and we are still working on collecting even more!

Our prize total should once again exceed \$600! That's a tremendous amount of generosity from our local merchants to whom, I hope, we continue giving our support.

Be sure you enter your favorite photos right away - entries can be placed in the clearly marked plastic tote in the back of church near the Pietà Statue.

I'll keep you posted, David Z

Available on FORMED – The Way of St. James is a documentary-style video, which follows three friends as they set out on the **Camino de Santiago**. As they navigate the twists and turns of the Camino's ancient paths, wrestling with questions of faith, purpose, and calling, they learn that walking with God is about who you become along the way.

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**.

Get FORMED! Get Watching!

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

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.



"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

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	July 20, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 4,953.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,105.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,572.37
Total Collection	\$ 7,630.37



Scan this QR Code
to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

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

ST. JOSEPH COLD SPRING FESTIVAL 2025

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

- **Friday & Saturday, Aug. 1 & 2, 6:00-11:00 pm**
- Grilled food, sweet treats and cold drinks
- Games for all ages
- Raffles with cash prizes and gift baskets
- Live music each evening at 7:00 pm

Bike Donations Needed for Pickett's Corner

Do you have a bike that you no longer have a use for? Donate it to Pickett's Corner, a ministry of Catholic Charities. Each bike makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need. **Catholic Charities is happy to pick up the donations and make all the repairs needed.**

All you have to do is contact us at PickettsCorner23@gmail.com and give your name, address, and phone number. For more information, go to <https://www.covingtoncharities.org/services/community-outreach-services/pickettscorner>.

Donate a Bike and Change a Life!

The **first of four free concerts** in our 2025-2026 concert series.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Saturday, Aug. 9, 7:00 pm

St. Augustine Church, Covington, KY

This concert will feature Sacred Horns Trio.

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

Bishops 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.

A MASS OF BELONGING - Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:00 pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Bishop Iffert will preside over a special Mass to create a sense of belonging in our diocese, parishes and Catholic schools for those with learning differences and disabilities.

Family ice cream social to follow!

Questions or to request specific accommodations:

email info@FIREfoundationNKY.org.

"There can be no separate Church for persons with disabilities. We are one flock that follows a single shepherd."

Come Join Us!

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Representatives from FIRE Foundation of Northern Kentucky will be in attendance. FIRE's mission is to champion the inclusion of students with disabilities in Catholic schools by providing educational resources, fundraising and promoting a culture of belonging.

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Mother of God
Catholic Church

PICNIC

2025 Annual Summer Picnic Please Join Us!

Come enjoy the fun, food and friendship...

WHEN: Sunday, August 10, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**WHERE: Adams Shelter at Presidents Park;
283 Dudley Road, Edgewood, KY**

**FOOD: Fried Chicken, Beverages (soft
drinks and water) provided**

BRING: You & Family

**Side Dish of Choice
(Appetizer, Salad, Vegetable, or Dessert)**

Chairs recommended

Other beverages – BYOB

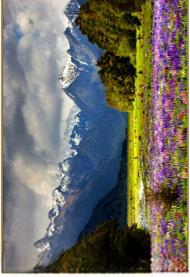
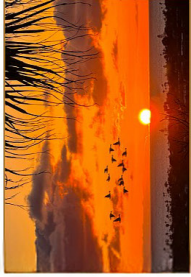
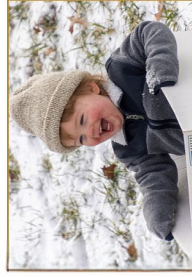
**To Volunteer Or for more INFO:
Call or Text Andrea at
859-750-7000**

And Please Enter the PHOTO CONTEST



Mother of God Annual Church Picnic

President's Park 283 Dudley Rd, Edgewood, KY 41017



Annual Photo Contest

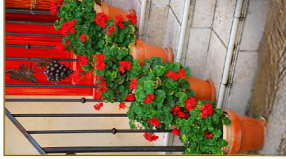
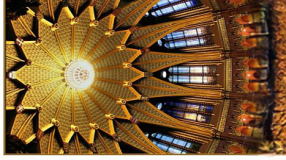
Join the FUN

Theme: A World Touched By Wonder

MORE PRIZES

Deadline to enter August 10, 2025

Drop-off photographs with contact information on back of mounted prints during any Sunday Mass now through August 10



Rules and Guidelines

- All entries submitted must be 4x6 print or larger up to 11x14 and **mounted on 11x14** mount board. Mat boards, hard cardboard are required to properly display images. Photographer's name, age should appear on back of mount board.
- Limit 6 entries per person.
- Permission granted for Mother of God to display copies of photographs on website and facebook page.
- All entries will be on display at the Mother of God Annual Church Picnic on August 10, 2025 at President's Park - 283 Dudley Road, Edgewood KY 41017.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded in the following age categories: 1. *Adults 16 and older* 2. Children 15 and under. People's Choice. Participants need not be present to win.
- Photographs will be judged on impact, creativity, print presentation, center of interest, story telling, subject matter, technique and style.
- Drop-off prints during any Sunday Mass now through the end of 11:30 Mass on August 10, 2025.
- Prints will be displayed in the undercroft & will be available for **pick-up in the undercroft after Mass on August 24, 2025.**
- For further information contact:
David Ziser at 859.250.8855 david@ziser.com
LaDawn Ziser at 859.250.8833 ladawn@ziser.com

Name: _____ Age _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cut and attach contact information to each print

God, Who's Spirit of Wisdom teaches us Your ways,
Look upon our young people and bless them with Your
delight in discovery, Your perseverance in trial and
humility in success.

Send them friends and mentors who can share Your
Wisdom. And inspire them to grow into the beloved
individuals You know them to be.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass -

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, and 17

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Daily Mass readings are available for you at

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

Messages of Condolence --

We offer our deepest sympathy to her Husband, Tom,
and to the Family and Friends of Marlene Burkhart.
You will be held in our prayers. May Marlene rest in
peace.

We also offer our sincere condolences to the Family
and Friends of Stephen Mark Horn. You will be held in
our prayers. May Mark rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

July 27	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton
July 28	12:05 pm	Richard Sacksteder
July 29	12:05 pm	Tom Sanders
July 30		No Mass
July 31	12:05 pm	Rev. Tom Robbins
Aug. 1	12:05 pm	Gary Averdick
Aug. 2	12:05 pm	Richard Kallmeyer
Aug. 3	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Mary Silva

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 ♦
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 ♦ 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. ♦ Gabi Lupino ♦ Jeanne Bitter

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

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