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 (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.

Baptism of Infants:

Contact Ellen Habermehl (M, TU, F)

SACRAMENTS

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 otherhome 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

MOTHER OF GOD COVINGTON, KY

August 10, 2025 Nineteenth 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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 12:05 pm and 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend Mass that day.

Many, many years ago I was asked to say Mass in a parish other than my own, on the day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I was told that I did not need to preach, as the parish deacon was going to do so. I was surprised as I listened to his sermon, as he told the Congregation that it was all very fine that Mary experienced the Assumption, but that it had absolutely nothing to do with our own lives. I was saddened by the absolute poverty of his theological understanding, and the absolute ridiculousness of his preaching.

What does the Church teach about Mary's Assumption, and about the value and meaning for our own lives as Christians?

When Mary reached the end of her life, word was sent out to all of the Apostles that the Mother of Jesus, and their Mother, was dying. They made their way to her bedside to be with her as she passed. The Apostle Thomas was the farthest away, in India, and arrived a few days late. She had already been placed in the tomb. He asked that it be opened so that he could see her one more time. When it was opened, her body was gone, and the tomb was filled with flowers. The Apostles came to understand that she had been taken, both body and soul, into heaven.

Mary's Assumption, Body and Soul, took place because her body had been the Ark of the New Covenant, which had borne the child of God. It was fitting that God would not allow her body to undergo the decay and corruption of death. Her Assumption is a promise that we too will experience not only a resurrection of the soul, but also a resurrection of the body.

The great west window in Mother of God Church portrays Mary being Assumed into heaven, and below her the Apostles gathered around her tomb, which is filled with flowers.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Our OCIA classes will begin on Tuesday, September 2. These are the classes for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. Please contact me at 859-816-3198.

SAINT CLARE

Saint Clare was the first woman to join Saint Francis and his brothers in the new community of Franciscans. A teenager when she first heard Francis preaching in the streets of Assisi, she was instantly attracted to the spirituality and way of life of the new order. Clare was from a well-to-do family of Assisi, as were most of the first Franciscans, and her father was adamant that his beautiful daughter was not going to follow this religious fanatic, this nut who was disturbing so many of the families of Assisi.

When she came of age, she ran away to join Francis and his brothers. Francis accepted her as a member of the community and then took her to a Benedictine convent in a nearby town, as it would have been inappropriate for her to live with him and the brothers. Eventually, other women came to join with Clare (including her two sisters, and after the death of her father, her mother). A convent was built for them next to the Church of San Damiano where the Crucifix first spoke to Francis. That convent of Poor Clares, as they are known, still operates in Assisi.

This Monday, August 11, is the Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi.

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar from Poland. He founded a few monasteries, including one in Nagasaki, Japan. Maximilian had a great devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and founded a religious association known as the Knights of Mary Immaculate.

Eventually Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis and was sent to Auschwitz. One of the prisoners there escaped, and the camp guards decided to make an example of him. They rounded up ten prisoners who were to be starved to death. One of them, a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek, fell to his knees when his execution was declared, and cried out, "My wife and my children. What will happen to them?" Maximilian, who was standing there, although he had not been named for death, stepped forward and asked to be executed in the place of the man. The guards agreed to this.

Maximilian and the other condemned men were placed in an underground bunker. After two weeks, only Maximilian and three other prisoners were still alive. The guards wanted the bunker to be emptied, so they injected them with carbolic acid. He was cremated on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Hence, his Feast Day is August 14.

On October 10, 1982, Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe to be a saint, a martyr of charity. A special guest at the canonization was Franciszek Gajowniczek, the man whose life was saved by Maximilian Kolbe.



PARISH NEWS

Today, due to the Parish Picnic, coffee and donuts will **Not** be available after the Masses. They will resume again next Sunday.

Thank you to Cindy Hassan and all the Volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry.

Please join us this afternoon from 4:00-7:00 pm for our Annual Summer Parish Picnic at Presidents Parks, Adams Shelter, Edgewood, KY. Bring a side dish (appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert) and chairs. The parish will provide fried chicken and drinks (soft drinks and water). Hope to see you there!

The Parish Office will be **closed on Friday, Aug. 15** for the holy day of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The office will reopen on Monday, Aug. 18 at 9:00 am.

Friday, Aug. 15 – Mass times 12:05 pm and 6:30 pm

Today, Sunday, Aug. 10 MOG St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Collection

Following each Mass today, 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**.

Your love and generosity has continued to support this outreach ministry to our neighbors, and we thank you for your support.

You are cordially invited to attend one of our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month in the Undercroft, to see if this outreach would be something you might want to be a part of or just to learn more about what we do.

"Go to the poor: you will find God."

St. Vincent de Paul

PLEASE NOTICE!

The 1863 Johann Schmitt restored painting of the Sorrowful Mother, which was dedicated in church on Sunday, May 18, is now mounted in the organ gallery on the right side of the pipe organ. This is its new long-term home.

The German translation to English near the top of the painting is *Queen of the Virgins*.

Spread the word! OCIA Begins Tuesday, Sept 2!

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church, or just wants to learn more about it?

Our OCIA sessions begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and they will run every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Jacob and Lindsey (Watters) Stiens

Congratulations on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Aaron and Frances Wolfe-Bertling August 16, 2025

Congratulations on their 58th Wedding Anniversary!

Ron and Barbara Mueller August 12, 2025

Welcome to New Parishioners!

Kristina Snyder Debbie Soldano Chris and Tonie Carle



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

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

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.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme *Pilgrims of Hope*

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.

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Available on FORMED! *Lectio Mary.* In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church Fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

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!

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	August 3, 2025		
Church Collection	\$ 9,157.00		
Mailed In	\$ 951.00		
Online Giving	\$ 861.17		
Total Collection	\$ 10,969.17		

One-time Donation \$5,000.00

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.



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



40 Days for Life Informational Meeting Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:00 am-12:30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington

The Pro-Life Office invites those who are interested in learning more or new ideas about the 40 Days for Life Campaign to this informational meeting. Light breakfast will be provided. **RSVP is preferred.** To RSVP, please email Mary Clark at cincy40days@fuse.net.

IMMIGRATION: THE CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE, Part 2

The Diocese of Covington and the Intercommunity Sisters Peace & Justice Committee invite you to join them for part two of *Immigration: The Catholic Perspective* on **Monday**, **Aug. 18**, at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Curia.

This presentation will include a deeper dive into Catholic Social Teaching related to immigration, followed by a presentation by an immigration lawyer on the various pathways for entering the US and why it is now so difficult for migrants to enter the US through any of those pathways. We will also have time for conversations in small groups and will provide additional action steps that can be taken to make a difference in the lives of all those seeking a safe home in this country.

We look forward to seeing you!



Aug. 24, 3:00-7:00 pm Drees Pavilion at DeVou Memorial Overlook Catholic Charities' CaSSba Fundraising event

Featuring an awesome live and silent auction and our renowned food and cocktails. Tickets are \$100.00 per person. *There are 3 different raffles at the CaSSba event!*

Bourbon Experience, Trip Raffle, and CaSSba Cash
All proceeds for the event go to support the clients being

served at Catholic Charities.

For more information, go to www.cassba.com.

Married and Engaged Couples are invited to an evening celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage!

DATE WITH FR. NATE



Saturday, Oct. 18, Doors open at 6:15 pm St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Hall

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

Date Night Details: Live music, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, Talks to follow.

Relax, laugh, and learn together as **Fr. Nathan Cromly** shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. *Questions?* Please contact Margaret Pluta at margaretpluta@saintjohninstitute.org.

God, Whose 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 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

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

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to Tanya and Tom Stager and Family, on the passing of Tanya's brother, Paul Monsour. You will be held in our prayers. May Paul rest in peace.



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9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors				
11:30 am	Goodhew Family				
12:05 pm	Ebbitt Family				
12:05 pm	Ron and Barb Mueller				
	58th Wedding Anniversary				
	No Mass				
12:05 pm	Lori Nurre				
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
12:05 pm	Recorded Memorials				
6:30 pm	The Theresa Lynch Family				
2:05 pm	Gloria Kunkemoeller				
9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors				
11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller				
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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 ◆ Tabitha Frye Family

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