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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

AUGUST 17, 2025
TWENTIETH 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

NEW DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV recently named Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman as the most recent Doctor of the Church. This title is given to those whose writings are especially important to the growth of the Church's understanding of the faith. Many of them have written about doctrine, and others have written about the spiritual life.

Cardinal Newman began life in England as an Anglican, who became a priest and a brilliant theologian. He was one of the most influential thinkers of the 19th century and a major leader of the Anglican Church. He became a leader in the Oxford Group (from Oxford University), who were drawn to the more ancient Catholic form of worship and belief. They were pushing to reclaim these elements.

Eventually, Newman realized that he could no longer remain part of the Church of England, and in 1845 joined the Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest, and later a bishop and a cardinal. As one of the most important members of the Church of England, this conversion shocked that church, and many priests and laity followed him into the Catholic Church.

Some of his important writings include *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* (his autobiography and defense of his conversion to Catholicism), the *Development of Doctrine*, and much more, including literary works. He is considered the most important Catholic theologian of the 19th century.

Cardinal Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on September 19, 2010, and was canonized by Pope Francis on October 19, 2019.

Already named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo, the official date for the celebration of that event has not been announced.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone else interested in joining the Catholic faith? The classes for those who are inquiring about the faith will begin on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30 pm, in the Saint Aloysius Center Offices.

You can call me at 859-816-3198 or Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288. We are looking forward to meeting you and spending time with you.

SAINT BERNARD,

ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux lived in the Twelfth Century and was considered one of the most important figures of that time. As a young man, he entered a Cistercian monastery, and between the time he officially committed to joining, and his arrival a month later, he convinced thirty of his friends to join him. That is the kind of leadership that he demonstrated throughout his life.

Bernard wrote a number of books on spiritual theology, especially about the Blessed Mother. He became an advisor to kings and bishops and popes.

His feast day is this Wednesday, August 20.

SAINT PIUS X

The feast of Pope Saint Pius X is on Thursday, August 21. He was Pope from 1903 to 1914. He is known for his opposition to Modernist interpretations to Catholic teaching, promotion of Thomistic theology, and liturgical reforms, including moving reception of First Communion from mid-teens to seven or eight.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The final Mystery of the Rosary is the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This confused many people, because we tend to think of a queen as a ruler. But there is another kind of queen, known as the queen mother. Queen Elizabeth's mother, who had been married to her father, King George, became known as Queen Mother once her husband had died. That remained her title until her death.

The Queen Mother has no power of her own. All of her power and her standing come from her son or daughter on the throne. The same is true for Mary. As Queen Mother, all of her power and glory come from her Son Jesus. She possesses none for herself.

That relationship has been described by comparing them to the sun and moon. Jesus is the son, and Mary is the moon. The moon would be a cold, dark stone except for the glory of the sun that shines on it. Mary's glory is reflective glory, as the moon's light is reflective light.

Friday, August 22 is the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

Saint Rose of Lima was a young woman from Lima, Peru, who was deeply devout. She was a Third Order Dominican, living at her family's home, and attending to the poor, and to constant prayer.

Her feast is Saturday, August 23.



PARISH NEWS

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

OCIA is For Many!

The OCIA program that we host each year is not just for those who have decided to join the Church; it is for those exploring the idea as well. Would you like to know more about your faith and become more engaged in parish life? Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Church? **Come together** - we would love to have you join us.

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

We hope to see you there!

THE CHOSEN – Season 5

First Episode – Thursday, Sept. 4

10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Do you enjoy the series *The Chosen*? It is even more fun to watch it as a group! Join us to watch Season 5 beginning Sept. 4. The morning showing is at 10:00 am and the evening showing is at 6:30 pm.

You are invited to stay for a short discussion after each episode. **Come and bring a friend!**

September Episodes

Sept. 4	Entry
Sept. 11	House of Cards
Sept. 18	Woes
Sept. 25	The Same Coin

OKTOBERFEST 2025!

Save the date! Oktoberfest is coming a little later this year, but it is happening! Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 26, after the 11:30 am Mass** for our annual Mother of God German celebration. We will have delicious food, beer, and of course, great German music provided by Kenny Bierschenk and friends.

Details to follow in the weeks ahead!

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

PHOTO CONTEST THANK-YOU'S

A **"Great Big Thank-You"** to all who entered this year's MOG Photo Contest. This was the Biggest and Best Year ever! We had nearly 50 people enter, submitting nearly 140 entries for over \$1,600 in Prizes awarded! This year broke all the records in all the categories.

Also, much appreciated "Thank-Yous" to all the folks that helped LaDawn and me in getting the photos set up, tallying the votes, and awarding the prizes. Thank You, Melanie and Betty Trenkamp, Jerry Hirschfeld, Martha Cannon, and Carol Wagner.

Also, **Thank You to our Judges**, Jerry Fauz and Charleen Vonder Meulen.

Photos will be on display in the undercroft for the next two Sundays. **Enjoy!**

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.



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

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 10, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 5,868.00
Mailed In	\$ 5,123.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,534.37
Total Collection	\$ 12,525.37

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.



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



Retirement Celebration for Sister Janet Bucher

Next Sunday, Aug. 24, Our Savior Church

Our Savior Church is honored to celebrate the retirement of Sister Janet Bucher, whose faithful service has made a lasting impact on the Covington community. **Please join us next Sunday, Aug. 24, for Mass at 9:30 am in Melvin Taylor Hall at Our Savior Church. Following the Mass, a reception will be held to honor Sister Janet** to express our gratitude for her many years of dedication and compassion. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you!

CASSBA 2025, Aug. 24, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Drees Pavilion at DeVou Memorial Overlook

Live & silent auction, renowned food and cocktails and **3 raffles** – Bourbon Experience, Trip Raffle & CaSSba Cash. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

All proceeds for the event go to support the clients being served at Catholic Charities.

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

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.

Holy Cross High School 35th Indian Summer Festival

Friday, Aug. 22, 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight

Saturday, Aug. 23, 5:30 pm to 12:00 midnight

Holy Cross Campus, 36th & Church Streets, Latonia.

Live music, great food, beer, games, booths, prizes, inflatables, kiddie land and grand prize raffle of \$10,000.

All profits benefit Holy Cross High School.

For grand prize raffle tickets or more information, go to www.holycrossfest.com or call 859-431-1335.

*Relax and renew your Marriage
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Diocese of Covington - Date with Father Nate

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Hall

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

Saturday, Oct. 18, 6:15 - 11:30 pm

Married and engaged couples are invited to relax, laugh, and learn together as Fr. Nathan Cromly shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. He uplifts and inspires with humor, encouragement and practical advice.

There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks with live music throughout the evening. Let this date night be a step towards a more spiritually fulfilling and heavenly-focused marriage.

Tickets are limited and will sell out quickly!

Order tickets with a quick Google search “**Date with Father Nate in Covington**” or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. **Questions?** Call 859-261-1365.



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 –

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1, 2

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

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

Aug. 17	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller
Aug. 18	12:05 pm	Carol Quinn
Aug. 19	12:05 pm	Frances Lewis
Aug. 20		No Mass
Aug. 21	12:05 pm	Robin Moellering & Lauren Walatka
Aug. 22	12:05 pm	Leroy Neltner
Aug. 23	12:05 pm	William Larkin
Aug. 24	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Tom Kuntz

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary Lou and
to the Family and Friends of Randy Sparks. You will be held
in our prayers. May Randy rest in peace.

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


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