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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 24, 2025 Twenty-First 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

WILL MANY BE SAVED?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" In the present time, there are many who believe that the answer is "Yes, only a few will be saved." There are many others who believe that all or almost all will be saved. How did Jesus respond?

As He often did, He refused to answer the question that He was asked. Jesus always answers the question He wants to answer, staying in control of the narrative. Rather than saying that only a few or almost everyone will be saved, He says, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will try to enter, but will not be strong enough."

He is saying that it is very possible to not be saved, and that we should make every possible effort to do so. There is a sin known as "presumption," which is believing that God will save me no matter how I choose to live. So, if I commit this serious sin, it is alright, because God will forgive me, no matter what.

We know that our God is compassionate and loving and will not quickly deny anyone the blessings of heaven, but He is not the divine patsy who has no backbone, and will be treated with disrespect and contempt. It is possible to lose our salvation, so we must strive to be faithful, confident that if we are serious about following Christ, He will make salvation available to us.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Why would I want to become Catholic? This is a radically important question. Perhaps the most important question we will ever ask ourselves. So, what is the answer?

The Catholic Church believes with all its heart that it is the Church that Jesus founded and intended. Jesus said to Peter, "Peter, you are rock, and on this rock I will build my Church." If Jesus founded a Church, then we want to belong to that Church, not one founded by some other human being. How do I recognize the Church that Jesus founded among all of the many churches to be found out there? Look for Peter. He is the Rock on which Jesus has built His Church.

Which Church claims Peter? Peter is the first pope, and all popes since Peter are his successors, carrying out his role.

The Catholic Church believes that the Catholic Faith is the fullness of truth revealed by Jesus to The Apostles, that has been faithfully passed down through the centuries, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Why become Catholic? Because it is true!!!

The Catholic Church is the Bible Church, having written the Scriptures under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and has preserved and proclaimed them throughout the ages. It contains all of the books of the Bible (73 books) rather than only 66 books after Martin Luther removed 7. We have all seven of the Sacraments given to us by Christ. Protestants recognize only two (Baptism and Communion) Sacraments, if any.

The Catholic Church proclaims the stories of the saints, who lived out the Gospel in heroic and wondrous ways, and the teachings of the saints and other great teachers of our faith. The Church has led millions of people to Christ and to Heaven by faithfully teaching the way of the Gospel. We can do the same for you.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or in learning more about it, please call me at 859-816-3198 or Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

SAINT MONICA

Wednesday, August 27, is the Feast of Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine. His feast is the next day, August 28. Monica lived in Northern Africa and was a devout Catholic. She was married to a pagan (probably an arranged marriage), who would not allow her to have his son, Augustine, baptized or raised a Catholic. He was verbally abusive to Monica, as was his mother, Monica's mother-in-law. She constantly prayed for Augustine and was instrumental in his eventual conversion.

Monica is a patron saint of mothers whose children have fallen away from the practice of the faith or have drifted into sinful lifestyles.

SAINT AUGUSTINE

Thursday, August 28, is the Feast of Saint Augustine, one of the Fathers of the Church, the Doctors of the Church, and one of the two most important philosophers and theologians the Church has ever produced. As noted above, his pagan father would not allow him to be raised a Christian, so Augustine grew up as a pagan himself. He would eventually become a Manichean, which was a pagan religion of the time. Eventually, he would move to Rome and meet Saint Ambrose, another Doctor of the Church, who guided him through his conversion and training in theology.

Augustine led a very licentious life before his conversion, which delayed his becoming a Christian, because he knew he would have to give up his sexual pursuits if he was baptized. His famous prayer in this regard was, "Lord, make me chaste, but not yet." Soon after his baptism, he was ordained a priest, and then a bishop. He was appointed bishop of Hippo, in Northern Africa, and from there, he battled against the heresies of his day and wrote his massive number of books. Scholars of Saint Augustine state that anyone who claims that they have read all of his writings is a liar.

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

On Friday, August 29, the Church honors the Passion, or the Death, of Saint John the Baptist. John's entire life was preparation for the coming of Christ. The annunciation of his birth to Zechariah is preparation for the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus to Mary. His birth is preparation for the birth of Jesus. John's ministry is preparation for the ministry of Jesus. And, as we celebrate his Passion, we recognize that John's death is preparation for the Death of Jesus.



PARISH NEWS

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

SPEAKER SYSTEM UPDATE

Scaffolding will be part of the sanctuary decor for this week as vendors repair the speakers on both sides of the altar. Work will begin Monday, Aug. 25, and hopefully, conclude by Friday, Aug. 29. A temporary sound system will be in place while repairs are made, with no disruption to our weekday Mass schedule.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Thank you - from St. Vincent de Paul

The Volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul and our Neighbors wish to thank the Mother of God Parish for their generosity. Without your help, helping our neighbors would not be possible.

Our Parish is so incredibly blessed. Thank you!



"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

DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION - Sunday, Aug. 31

Next weekend, the Domestic Needs Collection, one of our Diocesan Special Combined Collections, will be conducted in every parish and mission throughout our 14 counties. Gifts to this one Collection fund the ministries of six Catholic Appeals as they work to strengthen the Church and Her people here in the United States.

- The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States by giving a hand up, rather than a handout.
- The Catholic Home Mission Appeal grants money to dioceses in the United States who struggle to meet basic pastoral needs.
- The Catholic Communication Campaign provides grants to Catholic organizations that help spread the *Good News* through social networking sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media.
- The Black and Indian Mission Appeal helps to maintain a Catholic presence within the African American, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut faith communities in the United States.
- The Catholic University of America and our local institution, Thomas More University, help to bring success and experience, while educating students in the spirit of faith.

Please give to support these very important collections and help to *Strengthen Your Church at Home*.

Recently Married!

Jacob Fisher and Lauren Heitkamp were married at on Saturday, August 16, at St. Remy Catholic Church in Russia, Ohio. Jacob is a parishioner and former parish council member here at Mother of God Parish.

> Jacob and Lauren, Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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 for 8 weeks 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!**

Upcoming Episodes

Sept. 4	Entry
Sept. 11	House of Cards

MOTHER OF GOD COVINGTON, KY

Looking for ways to boost your physical and mental health? MINDFULNESS, MOVEMENT AND MEDITATION Friday, Sept. 19, 6:30 pm in the Courtyard

Mother of God Parish is offering a wellness session designed to promote strength, flexibility and balance on Friday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 pm, in the courtyard. (*If it rains, the session will move to the church undercroft.*)

Lynn Molitor will instruct the hour-long class. You will learn stretches and exercises to help you maintain an active lifestyle and improve your quality of life. Afterward, participants can enjoy wine, cheese and fellowship. *Admission is free!*

- What to bring? Your own mat, towel and water for hydration.
- **Important** All ages are welcome. However, you must be able to get down and up off the floor without assistance.

To reserve your spot, please contact

Andrea Menzer-Feebeck at 859-750-7000 or asmenzer@gmail.com.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme *Pilgrims of Hope*



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 17 2025
Total Collection	\$ TBD

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.

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in a child's life? The Notre Dame Urban Education Center's Early Learning Program is seeking enthusiastic and caring volunteers to assist Mrs. Jae Bishop, a certified teacher, in our classroom for 4- and 5-year-old students.

Volunteer details are as follows:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30-10:00 am *Or* 10:00-11:30 am. Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 am.

- Location: 14 East 8th Street, Covington, KY
- **To volunteer**, you must be 18 or older, VIRTUS-trained and compliant.

For more details, call Brandi at 859-630-9475 or email at blenihan@nduec.org.

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, and soft drinks with live music throughout the evening. Let this date night be a step toward 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.



register today



2025 Photo Contest Winners and Thank Yous

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 \$1600 in Prizes awarded! This year broke all the records in all the categories. Also, much appreciated "Thank-Yous" to all the folks who helped LaDawn and me in getting the photos set up, tallying the votes, and awarding the prizes. Thank You, Melanie and Betty Trenkamp, Jerry Sigl, Martha Cannon, and Carol Wagner. Also, Thank You to our Judges, Jerry Fauz and Charleen Vonder Meulen. Enjoy the display of images in the Undercroft until August 24th. Enjoy! And, Thank You Fr. Mike and Ellen for promoting it all four weeks leading up to the picnic. Enjoy!

Jury Panel Winners



1st Place Steve Oberjohn



2nd Place Debbie Soldano



3rd Place Kathleen Rosing

Judge's Choice as Favorite Image:

David Ziser - Emilio Marcos, Charlene Vonder Muelen - Steve Oberjohn Jerry Fausz - Lizanne Kaiser

Honorable Mentions:

Todd Feebeck, Kathy Rosing, Emilio Marcos, Steven & Ruth Averdick, Katie Allen Jennifer Gulley, Bessie Plymesser, Bridget Munday, Mickey Miller, Mike Hassan, Paul Lohre

And, a few photos from the picnic.













People's **Choice Winners**



1st Place **Bob Nieman**



2nd Place Mick Spaulding



3rd Place LaDawn Ziser







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Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.



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

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