# 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.

#### **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 otherhome visits: Contact Parish Office

For Adults: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion: Contact Parish Office

#### Sacraments of Initiation:

For Children:

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation:

Contact Parish Office

MOTHER OF GOD COVINGTON, KY

#### AUGUST 3, 2025 EIGHTEENTH 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

#### VANITY OF VANITIES

The Book of Ecclesiastes is one of my favorite Old Testament Books. It contains some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible. The writings are those of a very wise man named Qoheleth. It is called the Book of Ecclesiastes because it was used extensively by the early Church in its catechesis. (The Latin word for church is *ecclesia*).

In the passage that we read from this Sunday, Qoheleth calls out, "Vanities of vanities." He is saying that everything that exists is ultimately nothing. He has had wealth, success, popularity and power, and it has radically failed to satisfy his soul. He is coming to the realization that without God, nothing has value.

He writes as one who has worked hard to gain what he has, but his possessions and wealth, at his death, will go to someone who has done nothing for them. So, what is the point of working hard and struggling? We all die and leave it all behind.

Qoheleth is hitting bottom. He has sought to fill his heart with things that cannot fill it. Some have said that we have a God shaped hole in our hearts, and only God can fill them. But we all, to varying extents, try to fill them with possessions, pleasure, position, and power. The Four Big P's. Because they fail, we seek over and over to find that satisfaction, that sense of fulfillment, by trying over and over. This is the beginning of every addiction, which is a desperate, frantic seeking to fill and to numb the emptiness within.

Like Qoheleth, we must realize that only in God do we find the peace, the fulfillment, the happiness that we seek.

#### How Do I Join the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church provides a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly known as RCIA) for those who over the age of nine to become Catholic. It is a process of catechesis (education in the Catholic faith, as well as certain rites and prayers to help them process.

There are three categories for those seeking entrance into

the Church: 1) Catechumens – those who have never been baptized into any denomination, 2) Candidates – those baptized in another Christian denomination, but who now wish to become full members of the Catholic

Church, and 3) Baptized, but Uncatechized Catholics – those baptized as children, but not raised in the Church.

If you would like to join our classes, or want to learn more about them, call me at 859-816-3198.

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

There are four major basilicas in Rome - Saint Peter, Saint John Lateran, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and Saint Mary Major. On Tuesday, August 4, the Church honors the Dedication of Saint Mary Major. In 431 BC, the Council of Ephesus declared Mary to be the Mother of God. At that point, this Basilica was built to commemorate this great event. It is the oldest church in the world dedicated to Mary, and of the four basilicas is the most beautiful. This was the church that Pope Francis always went to pray, when he returned to Rome from his travels. He also had a tomb built in the Basilica where he is now buried.

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

As Jesus and The Twelve approached Jerusalem, He began speaking to them of His Passion and Death. Their faith in Him was shaken. At that point, He took Peter, James and John up onto Mount Tabor where He was Transfigured. In a vision, they saw Him with Moses (the Lawgiver) and Elijah (the great prophet) symbolizing that the Old Testament (called the Law and the Prophets by the Jews) spoke of this reality. At the same time, the voice of God from Heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

Wednesday, August 6, is the Feast of the Transfiguration.

#### SAINT DOMINIC

A contemporary of Saint Francis of Assisi, Dominic was a brilliant scholar and preacher. He founded a community of men (the Order of Preachers [OP]) to preach against the heresies of the day. A second Dominican Order of Women was later founded, and a third order of laypeople.

Friday, August 8, is the Feast of Saint Dominic.

#### SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

Edith Stein was a German Jewish philosopher, who converted to Catholicism, and became a Carmelite sister. She took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. As Nazi Germany was rising, she was considered a Jew by race, despite her conversion. She and her sister were smuggled out of Germany to a convent in the Netherlands. Eventually, she was arrested and taken to Auschwitz, where she was murdered in a gas chamber.



#### **PARISH NEWS**

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

**Reminder:** Next Sunday, Aug. 10, due to the parish picnic, coffee and donuts will **Not** be available after the Masses.

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

Reminder: Next Sunday, Aug. 10

"Go to the poor: you will find God." St. Vincent de Paul MOG St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Collection

We hear many stories from our neighbors that we visit. For the most, their incomes have not kept pace with the rising costs of most everything. We use your donations to help keep them housed, fed and clothed and partner with other agencies that may have grants to help pay for more dramatic needs.

For the items – clothes, household items and furniture – that you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul stores, we provide vouchers. Some of those items are also sold to the general public and those funds are used for beds, fans, air conditioners and short stays in hotels while waiting for housing.

MOG Vincentians will be accepting monetary donations next Sunday at each church entrance. SVDP envelopes are in the pews and boxes at church entrances. Any checks should be made to MOG SVDP.

We are very grateful for your generosity and prayers that make this ministry possible. We remember you in our prayers.

#### Welcome to New Parishioners!

Evan Otte Nolan Merten Louis Broghamer Berlin Swaisgood Chris Santiago Michael and Rae Maier Michael and Laurie Dorning Emilio and Nancy Marcos

#### Congratulations on his recent Baptism to the Family of

William David Pappalardo II He is the son of William and Katherine (Ginn) Pappalardo

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

#### Daily Mass readings are available for you at https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading

#### 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? *Spread the word!* Our OCIA sessions will 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.

#### 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 longterm home.

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

#### PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!!!

Hey, Everybody! This year, everybody who enters the Photo Contest is a Winner!!! We've been working extra hard this year collecting the prizes for our Photo Contest. How hard? How about \$1,600 worth of prizes so far – an all-time high!

We have lots of prizes, including several from -

- Silverlake Family Fun Place (value over \$350)
- \$100 Cash from Performance Lexus of NKY
- 3 \$100 certificates from Braxton Brewing
- Skyline Chili gift cards
- Riverfront Pizza gift cards
- 2 \$100 gift certificates from Anchor Grill
- Family Admission to the Cincinnati Zoo
- 6 Bottles of wine from Milford Market
- 4 \$20 gift cards from Coba's Grill
- A nice very gift package from The Christian Store, and more prizes on the way!!!

So, get to work on your Contest entries today. Grab your phone or your camera and head to a park, shoot some flowers and sunsets. Look through your vacation photos too. Heck, take photos of the kids and grandkids – those are always popular. Then head to Walgreens and get a few 4x6, 5x7, 8x10, 11x14 photos printed up, mount them to a stiff piece of 11x14 board, fill out the entry form, and you are good to go!!!

Do all that and you will be a Winner too!!!

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**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.

#### 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.



"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 27, 2025 |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Church Collection | \$ 7,083.00   |
| Mailed In         | \$ 3,385.00   |
| Online Giving     | \$ 1,580.62   |
| Total Collection  | \$ 12,048.62  |

#### 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!



#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

#### Immigration: The Catholic Perspective, Part 2 Monday, Aug. 18, 6:30 pm, Diocesan Curia

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!

#### St. Mary of The Assumption Parish Festival Alexandria, KY, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 8 & 9

- Friday, Aug. 8, 6:00-11:00 pm.
- Saturday, Aug. 9 Mass begins at 4:00 pm., followed by the Festival from 5:00-11:00 pm.

Chicken dinners will be served on Saturday, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Carryouts will be available.

\$3,600 Grand Raffle, live entertainment, Bourbon Booth *Games and bounce houses will keep the kids busy!* 

#### 40 Days for Life Informational Meeting Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:00 am-12:30 pm 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 an informational meeting on Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:00 am-12:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington. This meeting is open to those who are new to the Campaign, veterans to the Campaign, individuals, and parish representatives.

Light breakfast will be provided. RSVP is preferred. To RSVP, please email Mary Clark at cincy40days@fuse.net. We look forward to seeing you!



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme *Pilgrims of Hope* 

















## 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 60d Annual Church Picnic President's Park 283 Dudley Rd, Edgewood, KY 41017







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Drop-off photographs with

during any Sunday Mass now through August 10

back of mounted prints contact information on







# Rules and Guidelines

- mounted on 11x14 mount board. Mat boards, hard cardboard are All entries submitted must be 4x6 print or larger up to 11x14 and 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.
- presentation, center of interest, story telling, subject matter, Photographs will be judged on impact, creativity, print echnique 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:

LaDawn Ziser at 859.250.8833 ladawn@ziser.com David Ziser at 859.250.8855 david@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

#### Messages of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Kathy, and to the Family and Friends of Deacon Steve Durkee. You will be held in our prayers. May Deacon Steve rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy and condolences to David and Melanie Braukman and Family on the passing of their granddaughter, Amya Haas. You will be held in our prayers. May Amya rest in peace.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Noll Family and the Friends of Robert B. Noll, Jr. You will be held in our prayers. May Robert rest in peace.

| Mass Intentions |          |                              |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Aug. 3          | 9:30 am  | Parishioners and Benefactors |
|                 | 11:30 am | Mary Silva                   |
| Aug. 4          | 12:05 pm | Theresa Hicks                |
| Aug. 5          | 12:05 pm | Sue Helbling                 |
| Aug. 6          |          | No Mass                      |
| Aug. 7          | 12:05 pm | Bill Hambly                  |
| Aug. 8          | 12:05 pm | Brian Steinmetz              |
| Aug. 9          | 12:05 pm | Donald Cummings              |
| Aug. 10         | 9:30 am  | Parishioners and Benefactors |
|                 | 11:30 am | Goodhew Family               |

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:32-48

# Remember in Prayer

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