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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 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND 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 GIFT OF HUMILITY

Pride is considered to be the Mother of All Sins. Pride was the sin of Lucifer in Heaven, when he rebelled against God. Pride was the sin of our first parents in the Garden of Eden, when the serpent seduced them into eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, promising that they would become their own gods. Pride is the underlying sin every time we turn from God's will and plan for us and choose personal sin. We are saying we know what God wants us to do, but that we know better than God. Every time we sin, we are grasping at being our own gods.

If pride is the Mother of All Sins, then humility is the Mother of All Virtues. And virtue is the topic of our First Reading and our Gospel this Sunday.

LABOR DAY

Tomorrow, of course, is Labor Day. During the late 19th century, the Labor Movement made great strides in the United States. More and more industries and businesses were unionized and made great progress in workers' rights. Individual states began honoring these unions, and the progress they were bringing to American culture, by celebrating with a special day. Eventually, in 1894, Labor Day was declared nationally, but it was for federal workers only. It was another thirty years or so before all states began celebrating Labor Day and it became a national holiday.

Internationally, the socialist movement had chosen May Day, May 1, to celebrate the Workers of the World. The US chose the first Monday of September, to distance itself from the socialists, and to not be associated with some of the more radical positions of the socialist movement (rejection of religion, and rejection of the idea of private property).

Today, Labor Day celebrates not only unions and the progress that they have made, but also the efforts and contributions of all workers. The Church encourages a spiritual dimension to this day, noting that we human beings

are co-creators with God in the building up of this world and of culture. The Church has also called for workers' rights to a just salary, safe work environments, and the rights of workers to organize and to have a say in their work lives.

Have a great day tomorrow, enjoy spending time with family and friends, but remember, each of us is a partner with God in building up the Kingdom in this world.

MY SCHEDULE

Over the past few months, Bishop Iffert has asked me to take on some additional responsibilities. As you know, I am now pastor of Our Savior Parish in East Covington. (Visit us some Sunday at 9:30 am.) I will continue to do Mass there every third Sunday, and now I will be in charge of other pastoral and financial matters. I do have a number of people working with me to make sure that all goes as it should. We are on Tenth Street, next to the Licking River floodwall.

In addition to that, the Bishop has asked me to be Dean of the Covington Deanery, which includes Ludlow, Taylor Mill, Newport, Bellevue, and Dayton. The priests of the Deanery meet quarterly, as does the Deanery Pastoral Council, and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. I am in charge of the Deanery and the Deanery Pastoral Council, and I participate in the Diocesan Pastoral Council. In addition, the deans of the Diocese meet with Bishop Iffert as needed, to discuss concerns in the Diocese, and to discuss new appointments of priests and deacons. The dean is also to meet individually with each of the priests and deacons within his deanery, checking to see if each is doing well, or if they are in need of some kind of support or assistance.

As you can tell, this will add a significant number of things to my schedule, as well as time needed to organize and plan for those things. To be honest with you, right now, I am feeling quite overwhelmed as I move into these responsibilities. I ask for your prayers, and your patience.

Because of these new jobs, I have decided to take a break from giving any series of talks right now. I may give an individual talk here or there, but no series for a few months. *The Chosen* will be shown on Thursdays for the next several weeks.

OCIA BEGINS

The classes for the Order of Christian Initiation will begin this Tuesday at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the parish hall, under the church. You can enter by the steps on either side of the church, and the elevator on the east side will be unlocked if you need it.

If you are curious or interested, but have not contacted us, please come anyway. All are welcome.

SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Friday, September 5, is the Feast of Saint Theresa of Calcutta. Theresa is certainly the most popular of all of the modern saints. Her inspiring life has impacted almost all of us in some way. She embodied the Gospel in remarkable ways, especially living out Matthew 25, in which Jesus tells us, "Whatsoever you did for the least of My brothers and sisters, you did for Me." Beginning in Calcutta, and then throughout the world, including the Diocese of Covington, Mother Theresa founded houses of the Missionaries of Charity, where the poorest of the poor could come for food, and especially where they could be taken to die.



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

Next Sunday, Sept. 7, 10:30-11:30 am

Fair Trade Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in the undercroft after the 9:30 am Mass.

Reminder: Due to the Labor Day holiday, the parish office will be **closed** on Monday, Sept. 1. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 9:00 am.

Mass will begin at 10:00 am on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1.



**The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope**

Today – Sunday, Aug. 31

DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION

Thank you to members of our parish who donated today to support the ministries of six Catholic organizations that are combined into one Diocesan Domestic Needs Collection. You helped to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, The Catholic University of America, The National Black and Indian Mission Collection, and our own Thomas More University. May God bless you for your generosity.

If you have not made your gift to Strengthen Your Church at Home, please do so today or next weekend. Thank you.

Reminder!

To All Who Entered the Photo Contest This Year

Again, Thank You to everyone who entered this year – **you made it the BEST EVER! If you have Not picked up your photos yet, you can find them downstairs in the undercroft** on the table near the many Mother of God Church photos and Fr. Ray's painted portrait.

LaDawn has them all bagged up for you. So please stop down, verify you have the right bag, and pick them up after the 9:30 am or 11:30 am Masses.

See ya' next year!

David and LaDawn Ziser

A Special Thank-You to all who attended the "Retirement Party" for me last Sunday. It was truly a wonderful event – so good to see so many people! Some were really from the past!

Thank you for the many gifts and goodies, the "laundry quarters," the cash and yes, the meaningful cards and "plaque!"

God bless each and every one for your presence, time and effort to put it all together! **THANKS AGAIN!**

**Peace, Prayers,
Sister Janet**

Congratulations on their 50th Wedding Anniversaries!

September 6, 2025

Ed and Cindy Duesing
Jerry and Susan Von Handorf

Congratulations on their Recent Wedding!

Matthew and Andria (Burden) Poje

Welcome to New Parishioners!

Sherry Bodner Marc Bellanti



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

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.

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.

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
Church Collection	\$ 4,463.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,833.25
Total Collection	\$ 6,296.25

Assumption \$1,877.00

Sunday Collection	August 24, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 4,393.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,530.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,596.82
Total Collection	\$ 10,519.82

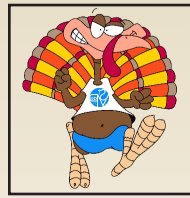
One Time Donation \$250.00

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



St. Vincent de Paul's 18th Annual Turkeyfoot Trot 5K Run/Walk
Thomas More University
Saturday, Nov. 15, 9:00 am.

Preregister now at www.svdpnky.org.
\$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children

14 and under, with race-day registration priced at \$30.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children 14 years and under.

Please be sure to join the Mother of God Parish Conference when you register, so that your registration fee will directly benefit our own parish outreach. Proceeds benefit our parish-based Conferences, which provide emergency financial assistance, food, and basic necessities to our neighbors in need.

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available.

For more information, go to www.svdpnky.org or contact Nicole Trimpe at 859-547-6774 or nicole.trimpe@svdpnky.org.



"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

2025 – 2026 WORKSHOPS ON THE OLD TESTAMENT with Father Timothy P. Schehr

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is offering **workshops on two Books of the Old Testament**, presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. Father Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

- **When and Where?** Saturday mornings 10:00-11:30 am, Diocese of Covington, Curia Office Building, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY.

2025 Workshops

- **Psalms:** Sept. 6 – Session 1 and Sept. 13 – Session 2.
- **Isaiah:** Nov. 1 – Session 1 and Nov. 15 – Session 2.

2026 Workshops

- **Job:** Mar. 7 – Session 1, Mar. 14 – Session 2, Apr. 11 – Session 3, and Apr. 18 – Session 4.

Cost for each Workshop session is \$35.00, cash or check, to be paid at the door. **For more information and to register**, visit covdio.org/bible-workshops.

Lord, give me the grace to labor with You
without seeking myself
To live the Kingdom in its full reality. Amen
John Futrell, SJ

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

Wisdom 9:13-18b

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

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Philemon 9-10, 11-17 Luke 14:25-33

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy and condolence to the Family and Friends of Theresa Schuler. She is the Mother of Dianne Brannen and the Grandmother of Rachel Cahill and Elizabeth Holodook. You will be held in our prayers. May Theresa rest in peace.

Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, 11:0-11:45 am.** The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also available at this time.



Mass Intentions

Aug. 31 9:30 am Parishioners and Benefactors
11:30 am Bill Clayton

Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 1 10:00 am Kelly Stevens
Sept. 2 12:05 pm Gloria and Ralph Kunkemoeller
Sept. 3 No Mass
Sept. 4 12:05 pm Ralph Hoehn
Sept. 5 12:05 pm David Olberding
Sept. 6 12:05 pm Richard Kallmeyer
Sept. 7 9:30 am Parishioners and Benefactors
11:30 am Chad Wagner

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 Schneide ♦ 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 ♦ Greg Benning

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