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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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the Fourth Century, Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. While there, she discovered the location of the True Cross of Jesus and brought it back to Rome. The Cross of Jesus is the most important relic that the Church possesses, for it is on the Cross that Jesus won salvation for us all.

This Sunday, the 14th of September, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when we as a Church honor this Cross.

Here at Mother of God, we possess a relic of the Cross. I will be using it to bless us all at the end of Mass.

WELCOME TO MICHAEL HOGAN

Last week, at the 9:30 am Mass, I received Michael Hogan into the Catholic Church. Michael has been a very active member of another denomination, but for quite some time, has felt called to enter the Catholic Church. He has read and studied extensively about the Catholic faith, delving into the writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Augustine, and the Church Fathers, as well as Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Michael and I have met a number of times over the past several months, and it was clear to me that he was intellectually and spiritually ready to become a member of the Catholic Church.

Welcome to Michael and may God continue to bless him and use him.

CALVARY

A couple of weeks ago, in a sermon, I mentioned a movie entitled *Calvary* and said that I really liked it. I used a quote from the beginning of the movie – “Do not despair, one of the thieves was saved. Do not presume, one of the thieves was damned.” I failed to mention that although I really like the movie, it is one of the darkest movies I have ever seen.

Some people have told me that they streamed and watched the movie and were shocked at how dark it actually was. I should have warned everyone about that. It is not a nice religious movie by any means.

If you were shocked or disturbed by the content of the movie, I apologize.

REPAIRS TO OUR SPEAKERS

For some time, we have had problems with our speakers in church, with several spots in church not having good sound. Over the past couple of weeks, we have had the speaker system repaired, and I have heard from many of you that it is a major improvement.

Thank you to all who have been involved in this important project, especially Vic Canfield and Cindy Duesing.

CANONIZATION CEREMONY

Last Sunday, Pope Leo canonized two young men as the newest saints of the Church.

Pier Giorgio Frassati died one hundred years ago at the age of 24 of polio. He had become a Third Order Dominican, and lived a deeply religious life, dedicated to attending Mass daily, and frequent Eucharistic Adoration. He also was committed to serving the poor, giving away almost all of his own money to the needy, and working to bring necessary foods and clothing to them. When he died in 1925, his fame as a truly holy young man had spread so far that thousands gathered at his funeral to honor him.

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and died of leukemia in 2006, at the age of fifteen. In his short life he, too, had developed a deep commitment to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, daily participating in Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo was very tech savvy and had developed a website for his parish. Another priest asked him to develop a website for the school. On his own, he developed a site cataloging all of the Eucharistic miracles in the history of the Church and maintaining a list of all of the Marian apparitions. Carlo was the first person living in the new millennium to be canonized a saint.

Pope Leo XIV gave a beautiful homily reflecting on these two young men as he canonized them as saints. I am sure you can find it on YouTube. If not the homily, the Mass on Canonization will be found there, and you can listen to the homily, with English commentary.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as the Feast of the Sorrowful Mother, is celebrated on Monday, September 15. The feast highlights the seven sorrows that Mary bore as the mother of the Messiah. These are: 1) The prophecy of Simeon, 2) The Flight into Egypt, 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, 4) Mary Meets Jesus Along the Way of the Cross, 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus, 6) Jesus' Descent from the Cross, 7) The Burial of Jesus.

This feast was very popular during World War II, when many mothers were desperately praying for the safe return of their sons, and many were grieving the death of a child in war.

Since then, it has become popular for those grieving the loss of a child by drugs, or any other tragedy. Sorrowing mothers find in Mary someone who understands their loss and their sadness.

There are so many sorrowful mothers in our own time. May they find comfort and companionship in the love of Mary.

HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Saint Hildegard was a German Benedictine known as an abbess, mystic, composer and writer of many works of mystical theology. She lived in the eleventh century and is one of the most significant religious figures of the Middle Ages. She composed more chants than any other figure in history, and wrote both the music and lyrics, which was unusual.

The feast of Saint Hildegard is this Wednesday, September 17.



PARISH NEWS

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

Congratulations on his Reception into the Church and his First Holy Communion and Confirmation to
Michael Aaron Hogan

Welcome to New Parishioners!

Michael Schenkel Madison Cappel Corrine Ruble
Michael and Anna Hogan

THE CHOSEN – Season 5 continues!

Thursday, Sept. 18, 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 this Thursday as we continue to watch Season 5. 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. 18	Woes
Sept. 25	The Same Coin
Oct. 2	Because of Me
Oct. 9	Reunions
Oct. 16	The Upper Room Part 1
Oct. 23	The Upper Room Part 2



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

REMINDERS FOR OCTOBER

Your change changes lives!

The Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign begins soon.



OKTOBERFEST 2025 – Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 26,** after the 11:30 am Mass for our annual Mother of God German celebration.

Details to follow in the weeks ahead!



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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 31, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 8,320.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,280.00
Online Giving	\$ 976.17
Total Collection	\$ 11,576.17

One Time Donations \$5,000.00

Domestic Needs \$1,859.00

Sunday Collection	September 7, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,515.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,417.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,169.37
Total Collection	\$ 12,155.37



"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



DIOCESAN NEWS

2025 SEMINARY BALL Friday, Oct. 17, 6:00 pm,
Receptions in Erlanger

RSVPs Required and due by Friday, Oct. 3
To RSVP, email jreadnour@covdio.org.

2025 DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

The Annual Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Mass will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica**. Prior to the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed at 6:15 pm.

Please invite your family and friends as we join together in **our greatest defense of life – Celebrating the Eucharist**.

Life: Our Sign of Hope



40 DAYS FOR LIFE – FALL 2025

Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Sunday, Nov. 2

Help Save Lives! Christians throughout the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and surrounding areas are invited to take part in the international **40 Days for Life effort from Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Sunday, Nov. 2.**

Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

Catholics Embracing ALL God's Children Meeting
St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, KY

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:00 pm

Note: There will be No meeting in October.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced

NEW BEGINNINGS

Next Session will be held on consecutive Thursdays

Oct. 2 – Dec. 4, 7:00-8:30 pm

Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginnings.

Registration is required.

To register, visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/>
or call 859-392-1529.

Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping, in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Sisters of Notre Dame on the passing of Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND. We also extend our condolences to her Family, especially her sister, Rose Mary O'Brien and to her niece and husband, Patti and Dan Steinmentz. You will be held in our prayers. May Sister Mary Paul Ann rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

Sept. 14	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Goodhew Family
Sept. 15	12:05 pm	Danny Mayer
Sept. 16	12:05 pm	Greg Hunkemoeller
Sept. 17		No Mass
Sept. 18	12:05 pm	Phillip and Mary Landmehr
Sept. 19	12:05 pm	Bill Hambly
Sept. 20	12:05 pm	Leroy Neltner
Sept. 21	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Anita Trenkamp Vickers

Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration**
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 ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Anisha Meyer

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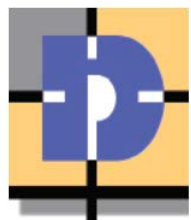


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