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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 21, 2025
TWENTY-FIFTH 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

USING WEALTH TO GAIN HEAVEN

Today's Gospel is one of the more confusing of all of Jesus' messages. He tells of a steward who is about to be dismissed. He calls his master's debtors and tells them to write off about fifty percent of what they owe. Through this, he hopes that they will be friendly to him when he is laid off and will take him in and give him a job. Jesus spoke favorably of him, for being prudent in dealing with these matters in a way to guarantee him security after his dismissal. By the way, as steward, he had a right to do what he did.

What is Jesus telling us? First of all, He wants us to use material wealth in a way to guarantee us salvation. How do we do that? Give to the poor. Our Lord tells us that what we do for the least of His brothers and sisters, we do for Him. Through generosity, we build up our relationship with Christ, for it is He who we are feeding, and clothing, and sheltering and visiting.

Secondly, we tithe. Now, the traditional, Old Testament tithe was ten percent of everything, off the top. The New Testament never identifies how much we should tithe. We have the story of the rich young man, who Jesus tells to go and sell all he has and give it to the poor, and then come and follow Him. How much should we tithe? The New Testament figure seems to be between ten percent and everything.

We are also to use our wealth in order to please God. This means being careful not to fall into idolatry, by falling in love with our possessions, and finding our identity and purpose in life in those possessions and in our wealth.

DENOUNCING HATE AND VIOLENCE

The news channels continue to be primarily focused on the Charlie Kirk murder, and the expressions of hatred and ugliness that have grown from that terrible event. I have some suggestions that might help us navigate this difficult topic. Take them for what they are worth. I am no expert in anything.

First of all, Charlie Kirk is dead. There is no purpose in attacking him or defending him. There is nothing that any of us can do for or to him. My personal preference is that we give this whole matter a few days, at least until after he is buried, for any more negative attacks on him, no matter what we might feel about him.

Then, after he has been buried, let us argue about what we support or oppose in his ideas and teachings, not him as a person. Engage his ideas. There has been a tendency to either canonize him or to demonize him. Neither of these is helpful. Charlie's challenge to those who disagreed with him was, "Prove me wrong." Again, engage the arguments, not the man. He can no longer defend himself, so let's end any personal attacks.

One contradiction that disturbs me is that Charlie Kirk is held up to us as a great defender of free speech, and yet if anyone expresses disagreement or criticism of him, many of his followers demand that they be fired or cancelled. This is exactly the opposite of what Charlie Kirk would have said and done. Let's end the cancel culture and defend the right of all people to speak freely, even if what they are saying is offensive to us.

ROSH HASHANAH

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate Rosh Hashanah, or Jewish New Year. It is on both days, because they use the old lunar calendar, that begins a day at sunset on one day and ends at sunset the next day.

May this new year be a time of blessing for the Jewish people, and may they make peace with their enemies, especially in Gaza and in Palestine.

FEAST OF PADRE PIO

This Tuesday, September 23, is the Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, or more commonly known as Padre Pio. Padre was a Capuchin priest, a mystic and a stigmatist. He had very strange mystical gifts, including the ability to "read souls" and to bilocate. He had the stigmata, bearing the wounds of Christ on his own body. But most importantly, he was a mystic whose heart was deeply united with that of Christ and was a person of deep holiness.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Most of us know Saint Vincent de Paul through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, that is dedicated to serving the neediest of the brothers and sisters of Christ. The Society is named after Saint Vincent, but he was not the founder of that organization. Blessed Frederick Ozanam founded the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in Paris as a student in the middle of the 1800s. Saint Vincent, himself, lived from 1581-1660.

Vincent founded a number of women's congregations, including the Sisters of Charity. He was also instrumental in the training of priests, and was deeply committed to serving the poor, which is why Ozanam took his name for the Society that he founded.



PARISH NEWS

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

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Grant and Audrey (Muck) Dyer

THE CHOSEN – Season 5 continues!

Thursday, Sept. 25, 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. 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

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!

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.

Now Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati!!

If I Didn't Have Love Movie recently added to FORMED –

A classic Italian movie remastered and rereleased to celebrate Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's canonization on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Pier Giorgio Frassati was a handsome, athletic and fun-loving young man from a rich, aristocratic Italian family who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working with the poor, suffering and homeless, and was a courageous witness of Christian faith and charity to many others. An avid mountain climber, Frassati exemplified a great love for life, nature and humanity.



It's easy to sign up for FORMED.

Go to formed.org/signup; Search for your parish by Zip Code/Postal Code. Click on your parish. Register with your name and email address. Then check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

Get FORMED! Get Watching!

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention for the Month of September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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

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

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.

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	September 14, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 7,080.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,810.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,168.25
Total Collection	\$ 12,058.25



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



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.

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

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

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

Note: There will be No meeting in October.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service This Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

The Diocese of Covington will celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a prayer service on Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. Bishop John Iffert will preside.

World Youth Day Interest Meeting

Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00-7:00 pm

Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium

Diocesan Curia, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY

Are you between the ages of 18 to 35? Would you be interested in attending **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea** with Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the United States, and thousands of young adult Catholics from around the world?

The official dates for World Youth Day have been announced – Aug. 3-8, 2027. **The Diocese of Covington is considering organizing a pilgrimage!**

A meeting to discuss possibilities and determine interest will be held on **Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00-7:00 pm** in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium at the Diocesan Curia, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY.

No need to RSVP, just come!

"Take Courage! I have overcome the world!"

John 16:33 (*Theme for WYD 2027*)

108TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

Monday, Oct. 13

Our Lady's Farm, Falmouth, KY

You are invited to join the Covington Diocesan Division, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady's Blue Army, for the 108th Anniversary of The Miracle of the Sun at Our Lady's Farm, 5820 Hwy. 159 N., Falmouth, KY.

- 11:00 am – Rosary begins followed by Procession
- 11:30 am – Mass
- **For more information**, please contact Jean Geiman at 859-442-7053 or jmgeiman7@gmail.com.

Bring flowers or a dessert to share. White stem roses will be available for \$2.00 per stem.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Please join us for

Eucharistic Adoration – 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>



Mass Intentions

Sept. 21	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Anita Trenkamp Vickers
Sept. 22	12:05 pm	Lorri Nurre
Sept. 23	12:05 pm	Richard and Joan Maier
Sept. 24		No Mass
Sept. 25	12:05 pm	The Landwehr Family
Sept. 26	12:05 pm	Mary Margaret Kindel
Sept. 27	12:05 pm	Sally Glockner
Sept. 28	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Dolores C. Wedig

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

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


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