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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

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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 28, 2025
TWENTY-SIXTH 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

LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN

There are two parables of Jesus about people going to Hell, and their sin is exactly the same. In Matthew 25, we have the great parable of judgment in which all are divided into sheep and goats. The sheep are welcomed into the Kingdom of God, because they have seen Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor, and had responded to Him. "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto Me." The goats are condemned to Hell because they did not respond to Him in that distressing disguise.

The second parable of being cast into Hell is the story we hear in today's Gospel of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Lazarus is a desperately poor man living on the streets outside the rich man's home. The rich man goes to Hell because he does not care about Lazarus and his sufferings.

We must hear this message and learn to see in the poor the face of Jesus. There are two things that will sever us from relationship with God and cut us off from salvation - refusing to forgive those who have hurt us and neglecting the poor. Each of us must examine ourselves and determine whether or not we are doing what Jesus calls us to do.

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On Wednesday, we begin the month of October, which the Church celebrates as the Month of the Holy Rosary. One of the reasons that October is selected for this purpose is that the Feast of the Holy Rosary falls on October 7,

The Rosary is both meditative prayer and vocal prayer. As vocal prayer, there is the recitation of the prayers (the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and the Fatima Prayer.) As meditative prayer, we are to reflect on the various mysteries of the Rosary, being drawn into the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ, and the role of His Blessed Mother in His life and ministry. It takes some practice to perform both the vocal and meditative aspects of the Rosary at the same time, but we can learn to do it.

I encourage everyone to pray the Rosary daily, as does Mary herself in a number of her apparitions. It will bear great fruit in your life.

DEACON RETREAT

Next weekend, the Deacons of the Diocese of Covington and their wives will be on retreat at Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton, Ohio. I will be giving the retreat, so Deacon Brian and I will be out of the parish next Sunday.

Keep us in your prayers, and we will definitely keep you in ours.

MICHAEL SCHULTE ACOLYTE

Seminarian Michael Schulte, who was with us this summer, will receive the Order of Acolyte this Wednesday, October 1. Part of his preparation for priesthood, this Order is especially oriented toward the Eucharist. He will be an Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, will be able to assist the priest at the altar, and to purify the vessels after Mass.

Please pray for Michael as he progresses in his studies and preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

THE ARCHANGELS

MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

On Monday, September 29, the Church honors the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. They are significant servants of God. Michael is the great warrior, who led the angels in heaven who remained faithful to God in their war against Lucifer and his rebel angels, defeating them. He still is "our defender in battle" against the evil one. Gabriel is the great messenger of God, who brought to Mary the message that she would be the mother of the Son of God. Raphael shows up in the Book of Tobit, bringing healing to Tobit. He is, then, known as the bearer of the healing power of God.

**SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Saint Jerome was born in 342 AD and died in 420 AD. He is recognized as a Doctor of the Church because of his translation of the Bible from the original languages into Latin, which was the language of the people of his time. He wrote, not in the elegant formal Latin that was used by the scholars, but the "street Latin" of the people. This was considered "vulgar" by the scholars, so his translation of the Bible into Latin is known as the "Vulgate."

Jerome also wrote commentaries on many of the books of the Bible, as well as other theological texts.

His Feast is on Tuesday, September 30.

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese, also known as The Little Flower, was one of the most popular of saints in the twentieth century. Therese of Lisieux was born on January 2, 1873 and died on September 30, 1897. She had three older sisters who became Carmelite sisters, joining the convent in their hometown of Lisieux.

Therese joined as well. It was recognized very quickly that she was a woman of deep holiness, and her sister, who was the Mother Superior, asked her to write about her relationship with Christ, and her Little Way of holiness. This spiritual autobiography was called *The Story of a Soul*, when it was published after her death.

The Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus is this Wednesday, October 1.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

After the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most popular saint of all time is Saint Francis of Assisi. Born in 1181, he died in 1226. Next year will be the 800th anniversary of Francis' death. Francis is known for his great love of poverty and of the poor. He is also associated with animals and all of creation. The prayer of Saint Francis and many of the actions of his life make him a patron of peace. Finally, he invented the first creche or Nativity Scene.

This Saturday, October 4, is the Feast of Saint Francis.



PARISH NEWS

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

Next Sunday, Oct. 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Sale Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in the undercroft between Masses.

Congratulations on their recent Weddings!

Eric and Sabrina (Wolf) Brangers
Nicholas and Hannah (Whitlock) Heeb

ATTENTION LECTORS!

We will soon be ordering the Lector Workbooks for 2026. If you would like one, please email Mary Ann Kelly by Monday, Oct. 13. Her email is on the front of the bulletin.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

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.

MOG ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2025

Sunday, Oct. 26 after the 11:30 am Mass

Come one and all to our Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 26, following the 11:30 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners in celebrating the German history of our parish, while enjoying delicious food and festive music.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person / \$20 per family. No RSVP required. We will see you there - **Prost!**

THE CHOSEN - Season 5 continues!

Thursday, Oct. 2, 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!**

This week's episode - *Because of Me*

Care Net, Baby Bottle Campaign

October is Respect Life month. During this month, we will have our Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. This is a fun and easy way to promote life and support your local pregnancy help center. **Bottles are available at the exits of church.** You can fill the bottles with coins, bills or checks made payable to Care Net. Please return the bottles by the end of the month.

Your participation in this campaign makes a vital difference in saving the lives of unborn children and ministering to the women and men who come to Care Net for help. **Your change changes lives!**

"The most significant challenge facing the Catholic Church today is the attrition of our own people."

(Bishop Robert Barron)

Workshop Series on a book by Brandon Vogt

RETURN

Begins on Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30 pm

Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, Curia

1125 Madison Ave., Covington

Only 7-percent of young adults who were raised Catholic actively practice the faith! **Do you have an adult child who has fallen away from the Church? Would you like to learn how to help them?**

If so, you are encouraged to attend a six-session workshop guided by the book, *Return*, by Brandon Vogt. It will be held at Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, starting the evening of Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 pm.

For more information and signup, contact Gerry Otto at 513-322-9783 or GerryOtto.PMD@gmail.com.

Available on FORMED - Beloved – This 12-part series uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage.



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Mother of God Church building!

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.

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 21, 2025
Total Collection	\$ TBD

DIOCESAN NEWS

Women's Retreat Day - Blessed Virgin Mary

St. William Church, Williamstown, KY

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Join us for a day of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Registration fee is \$75.00.

For details and to register, go to www.givecentral.org.

You're Invited! – People of the Eucharist

Join Dynamic Catholic for Mass on Friday, Oct. 3.

In 2026, Dynamic Catholic is set to launch **People of the Eucharist**: a groundbreaking new program that will transform how Catholics experience the Mass forever. Millions of Catholics across America will be blessed by this program for generations to come. **That's why you're invited to join us for a special Mass that we are filming for this program!**

Here are a few important details:

- **When:** Friday, Oct. 3, 4:00 pm. Arrive by 3:30 pm!
- **Where:** The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption 1140 Madison Ave Covington, KY.
- **Who:** You and your family (We kindly ask that children under 12 remain at home to limit potential disruptions to the filming.)
- **RSVP Required by this Tuesday, Sept. 30,** to DynamicCatholic.com/MassRSVP,

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to be part of history in the making. We hope to see you there! **And remember Be Bold. Be Catholic. We are People of the Eucharist.**

God bless, The Dynamic Catholic Team

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

Cathedral Basilica, Covington, KY

Invite your family and friends.

Join us in our greatest defense of life –
Celebrating the Eucharist. *Life: Our Sign of Hope*



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

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

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

Please join us for

Eucharistic Adoration – Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is also available at this time.



Mass Intentions

Sept. 28	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Dolores C. Wedig
Sept. 29	12:05 pm	Gertrude, Edward and Earl Roesel
Sept. 30	12:05 pm	Theresa Hicks
Oct. 1		No Mass
Oct. 2	12:05 pm	The Schallick Family
Oct. 3	12:05 pm	Mary Ann Baker
Oct. 4	12:05 pm	Jacob Geiman
Oct. 5	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller

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 ♦ Elizabeth King

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