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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 7, 2025
TWENTY-THIRD 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

RENOUNCING ALL FOR JESUS

The Gospel for this Sunday is one of the more shocking teachings of Jesus. He says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even more than his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.....If anyone does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

What are we to make of these statements? Obviously, when Jesus says we must "hate" the members of our family He does not intend us to take that literally. Jesus often spoke in hyperbole, stating something in a highly exaggerated way to make His point. This is a prime example. He is saying that He demands that we make Him first in our lives, that we must commit to serve Him above all else. In the first of the Two Great Commandments, He tells us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our minds, our souls and our strength. All is a lot.

We may believe that in doing so we will not do just service to our parents, spouses, children, etc. But the reality is if we love God above all else, we will be better sons and daughters, spouses, parents, etc. The more love we have for God, or for Christ, the more love we will have for others.

Saint Francis, who lived a life of radical poverty, said that because he possessed nothing, he possessed everything. By renouncing all of his possessions, he was wealthy beyond measure.

These are deep spiritual teachings. When we turn them into literal laws they lose their entire meaning.

Give all to Christ, and you will possess all.

A SCOURGE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

For some reason, mental illness has become a terrifying scourge here in America. The mass shootings are perhaps the most horrifying consequences of this, but we see it in so much other violence, drug and alcohol addiction, depression, anxiety, etc. We see it in the homeless living on our riverbanks

and streets. We see it in so many of those in jail or prison. Clearly, as a society, we are not doing a good job at treating and assisting those suffering from mental illness.

We have to do better. I am not claiming that I have the solutions necessary to assist and treat those suffering from mental illness, but I am convinced we have to do much, much better. This will include efforts on national, state, and local levels, in our schools, and training for our first responders.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

We have begun our Convert Instruction Classes, known as the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). They are on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the church hall. We are still open to new people coming into the classes, so if you are interested, you can call Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288 or me at 859-816-3198.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church celebrates the birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8. We do not have clear evidence for when she was actually born, but that is the day on which we choose to honor her birth.

Birthdays are important. When we celebrate a birthday, we are saying that we are glad that you were born. You are important to us, and we love you. That is what we are saying when we celebrate Mary's birthday as well.

Make sure to say a Rosary this Monday, September 8.

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

The Jews celebrated the giving of a name to a newborn child, a few days after birth. This Friday, September 12, is the Feast of The Most Holy Name of Mary. In Hebrew, the name of Mary is Miryam, and in Aramaic, the language spoken at the time of Jesus and Mary, it was Mariam. It was associated with the word Mara, which means bitter. In Latin, it is related to the word *maris*, which means "sea." She is often called "Star of the Sea." Saint Jerome, looking to the word *mar*, meaning "Lord," said that her name means Lady.

We honor Mary and her name, a name that we call out in our prayer.

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saint John was a fourth century bishop and Father of the Church. His writings are very important in the history of theological progress. He was known for the beauty of his sermons, many of which are still available. Therefore, he was known as Chrysostom, which means Golden Mouth.



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

Today, 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.



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

Congratulations on their Recent Wedding!
Quentin and Bethany (Bornhorst) Fairchild

Congratulations on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary!
Today! September 7, 2025
Cliff and Carol Wagner



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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.

FORMED

Available on FORMED! *Clare and Francis*. This outstanding movie, filmed on location in Italy, is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

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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.

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	August 31, 2025
Total Collection	TBD

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.



"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



Villa Madonna Academy Fall Open House

2500 Amsterdam Rd, Villa Hills, KY

Sunday, Oct. 19, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

You are invited to Villa Madonna Academy's Fall Open House on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Villa Madonna Academy is a vibrant and faith-filled community, rooted in Benedictine values. They are committed to forming students academically, spiritually, and morally in a nurturing and challenging environment.

Save the Date! 2025 Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

The Annual Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Mass will be 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.

DATE WITH FR. NATE

Saturday, Oct. 18, Doors open at 6:15 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Hall
4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

Married and Engaged Couples are invited to an evening celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage! Relax, laugh, and learn together as **Fr. Nathan Cromly** shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families.

Questions? Please contact Margaret Pluta at margaretpluta@saintjohninstitute.org.

Miracles at the Table Dinner

Faith and Food for the Family

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6:00 pm

Receptions, 1379 Donaldson Rd., Erlanger, KY

Featuring Author, Speaker, TV-Radio Host & Chef, Fr. Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo will do a cooking demonstration as he prepares a three-course Italian dinner for all to enjoy, while discussing the transformative power of food and faith.

Be inspired, uplifted, and strengthened in your faith!

- Dinner Ticket Price is \$20.00.**

Dinner price is low to encourage families to attend.

- For more information and to register,** go to www.stmichaelkofc.org/event-details-registration/miracles-at-the-table.

Questions – Contact John Carey

john.s.carey@gmail.com

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“I Do, and Still Do...”

A Celebration of Marriage Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:15 am-6:00 pm

Join National Speakers Jeff and Donna Garret and Courtney Brown for *A Celebration of Marriage Retreat* for *Married Couples* at **St. Maximilian Kolbe Church** in Liberty Township, Ohio on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Questions? Email drjohn.w.carter@gmail.com.



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 –

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Responsorial Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!


Phillipians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

*We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You,
because by Your Cross You have redeemed the world.*

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



Mass Intentions

Sept. 7	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Chad Wagner
Sept. 8	12:05 pm	Mike Corcoran
Sept. 9	12:05 pm	Marie Braun
Sept. 10		No Mass
Sept. 11	12:05 pm	John and Betty Habermehl
Sept. 12	12:05 pm	In Honor of Rev. Bob Henderson
Sept. 13	12:05 pm	Devon McGovern
Sept. 14	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Goodhew Family

Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration on 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

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


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