

# Mother of God Church

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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

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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

For Adults:  
 Baptism, Confirmation,  
 and First Communion:  
 Contact Parish Office

### Sacraments of Initiation:

For Children:  
 Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist,  
 and Confirmation:  
 Contact Parish Office

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
**THE FOURTH 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 SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

We begin the reading of the Sermon on the Mount this Sunday. It will go on for several weeks but will be interrupted by the Lenten and Easter Seasons. We resume those readings after Pentecost.

The Sermon of the Mount is Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of the Gospel of Matthew, and contain some of the most important spiritual teaching of Jesus in the New Testament. Our Gospel reading today introduces the Sermon as we see Jesus go up onto the mountain and sit down. This reminds us of Moses, the great Lawgiver, who went up onto Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, and brings them down to the Hebrews waiting at the base of the mountain.

Jesus goes up the mountain and sits down. In that time, a teacher would sit, and the students would stand. Sitting was a sign of His authority. We still see this in our own time, as the head of a committee is referred to as the chairperson. In universities, the head of a particular school of education is the Chair. So, Jesus begins to teach.

His first teachings in the Sermon are the Beatitudes (Blessings). He begins, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." The further Beatitudes identify groups of people who are materially or spiritually poor, and how they are blessed. The rest of the Sermon flows from this idea of the Poor in Spirit.

Get out your Bible and go to Matthew Six. Read the Sermon. Read it again. And then read it section by section.

Then go back and read it over and over again for the rest of your life!!!

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Tomorrow, Monday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation. It is also called Candlemas Day, because we bless candles for use throughout the year, and it is known as Little Christmas, because it is a brief, one day, reprise of the Christmas story. We have kept our Christmas decorations up, waiting for the feast.

The Gospel for that day tells of the Joseph and Mary bringing Jesus to the Temple to consecrate Him to the Lord as their firstborn child. Recall that the firstborn of the Egyptians died in the Tenth Plague, the night of Passover. The Hebrews were spared this fate, and they were set free to leave Egypt. Every Hebrew family was required then to bring their firstborn son to the Temple, and to give him to God. He belonged to God because they had been spared this terrible fate.

After presenting the child, the family would buy him back with some sacrifice, depending on the financial position of the family. For a poor family, like Mary and Joseph, the price was two doves. This purchase of their child was called "redeeming" the child.

After they present the child, Simeon, who was promised that he would not die until he witnessed the coming of the Messiah to the Temple, referred to the child as a "light to the nations."

The Church blesses candles on this day, that will be used throughout the coming year. If you have candles that you wish to use at home, bring them to Mass that day, and I will bless them, along with the candles we will be using here at church over the coming year.

**SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

On Tuesday, February 3, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. On that day we use candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation, to bless throats, using the blessing, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat, and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Join us at Mass that day for the Blessing of Throats.

We will also do the Blessing of Throats next Sunday, February 8.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Pope Leo XIV has declared a Jubilee of Saint Francis of Assisi, as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the year of his death. Saints are usually celebrated on the day of their death, as that is the day on which they entered into Heaven, actually becoming saints. Francis died on October 4, 1226. The Jubilee began on January 10, 2026 and will end on January 10, 2027.

As part of our celebrations of Saint Francis, I will do a series of six talks on Francis during Lent. As usual, the talks will be at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm on Thursdays, beginning on February 19, the day after Ash Wednesday.

I will provide more info next week in the bulletin.



## PARISH NEWS

Today, Sunday, Feb. 1

Available for you downstairs in the undercroft  
after both Masses, Coffee and donuts.

From 10:30 to 11:30 am (between the Masses)  
Fair Trade / Equal Exchange Coffee, Chocolate, and Tea  
Products will be available for sale.

## Reminder for Next Sunday, Feb. 8

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life  
by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

MOG ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
QUARTERLY COLLECTION

Next Sunday, members of the Mother of God St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be taking up the first of our quarterly collections after each Mass. Food and clothing continue to be needs of our neighbors but now more pricey items include rent and utility assistance. Because of your generosity, we have been able to prevent evictions and utility shutoffs. We visit our neighbors in their homes and offer assistance and prayers.

Next Sunday, volunteers will be at each church entrance. Envelopes are provided in the pews today and next Sunday and **checks can be made out to MOG SVDP**. We are grateful for your support and we let those we visit know that it is your generosity that enables us to offer them help. **Thank you.**

## Save the Date: Sunday, Feb. 15

You are invited to join us for a **Mardi Gras Party** after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 15 in the undercroft.

**More details coming soon!**



**Welcome to New Parishioners!**

Olivia Durrough  
Scott and Laurie Gerdung  
Frank and Alexandra Marx, IV

## 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](mailto: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.

## SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Last month, we began a Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group here at Mother of God for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives.

Group meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month in the St. Aloysius Conference Room at the parish office. **The next meeting will be**

**Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

For additional information,  
please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

## 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](mailto:mkelly@mogcov.org)

## SUBSPASH

## Mother of God Has a New Online Giving Platform!

The link to **Subsplash giving** is on the Mother of God website and in the new parish app. Download it for free from the Google or Apple Play Store by searching for "Mother of God Parish." It's easy to set up a one-time or recurring gift, linked to a credit card or bank account.

**If you are currently giving a recurring gift online through FaithStreet, please log in and cancel it before setting up your Subsplash gift.** For more information, go to "Giving" at <https://mother-of-god.org> or send an email to [communications@mogcov.org](mailto:communications@mogcov.org).

**Download Our New Parish App  
Use the QR code to download the app.**



**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	January 18, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 6,852.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,515.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,637.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10,004.75</b>

Vigil Mass Collection	January 24, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 1,147.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,396.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,212.77
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,755.77</b>

### 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.



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Mother of God Church building!



### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### All-You-Can-Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast!

**Sunday, Feb. 15 from 8:30 am-Noon**

**Notre Dame Academy's Cafeteria**

**\$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.**

Proceeds benefit the St. Julie Mission for the Sisters of Notre Dame and the ACUE schools for the Diocese of Covington. **Hope to see you there!**

#### 34th Northern Kentucky St. Patrick's Day Mass

**Thursday, Mar. 12, 7:00 pm**

#### Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington

After the Mass, all are invited to gather at Molly Malone's, Fourth & Court in Covington.

**Come kick off a wonderful St. Patrick's weekend!**

**The 3rd Annual Kentucky March for Life** will be held in Frankfort, KY on **Wednesday, March 11.**

More information will soon be available.

### St. Vincent de Paul NKY 3rd Annual Souper Bowl

Join our winning team and help feed neighbors in need during St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky's 3rd Annual Souper Bowl! Yes, that's right. **Souper Bowl!** Help us stock our shelves this week through next Sunday, Feb. 8. Soup may be simple, but it plays an important role in helping families put warm, quick, and nutritious meals on the table when it matters most. Donate soup at any SVdP NKY thrift store or make a financial gift online by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://bit.ly/SVDPSouperBowl25>.



Local organizations, including church groups, schools, and businesses, are also encouraged to contribute by hosting community food drives. **To organize a food drive** on behalf of SVdP NKY, please visit <https://www.svdpnky.org/food-hygiene/>.

**Thank you** for answering Christ's call to love our neighbor by donating to ensure no one faces hunger alone.

### Super Bowl Party – Mission Trip Fundraiser

**Next Sunday, Feb. 8, at 5:00 pm**

**St. Bernard Garvey Hall**

401 Berry Street, Dayton, KY

Join us for a Super Bowl party **to raise money for our Mustard Seed mission trip to Jamaica.** In June, we will be taking 20 young adults to Blessed Assurance, a home for disabled young people who have been cast away by society. The raffle and split-the-pot will help us cover the cost of our airfare. There will be free food, a cash bar, and a fun time watching the game.

*At halftime*, we will present information about our upcoming mission to this home, which was recently devastated by Hurricane Melissa.

***We look forward to partying with you!***

**Free In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops, June 8-11 Thomas More University's Administration Building, library classrooms**

63 Workshops to choose from! Something for everyone! **More details will be available in The Connector email and future bulletins. To Register:**

Visit <https://covdio.org/register> or contact Isaak A. Isaak at 859-392-1529 or [iisaak@covdio.org](mailto:iisaak@covdio.org).

**To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass****Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 58:7-10      Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**Responsorial Psalm:****The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5      Matthew 5:13-16



Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** on **Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am.** The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also available at this time.

**Message of Condolence**

We offer our deepest sympathy to his Mother, Kelly Reinert, and to the Family and Friends of Marshall Zachary Barker. You will be held in our prayers. May Marshall rest in peace.

“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

**Mass Intentions**

Feb. 1	9:30 am	Thelma Foltz
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Feb. 2	12:05 pm	Nathan W. Butler, Jr.
Feb. 3	12:05 pm	Marshall Barker – Funeral
Feb. 4		No Mass
Feb. 5	12:05 pm	Nicholas Ferrara
Feb. 6	12:05 pm	William and Jo Baehr
Feb. 7	12:05 pm	Bertha Neltner
Feb. 8	9:30 am	Richard Sacksteder
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors

Blessed are the  
poor in spirit;

*the kingdom of  
heaven is theirs!*

– Matthew 5:3

**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 • Jenny Vellon • Jim Skridulis • Beverly Henn • Susan Byrley • Jean Byrley • Bill Hambley • Kathy Thamann • Ben and Natalie Thamann • Suzy Sneary • David Wise • Nikki • Jamie • 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 • Janet Hatter • Olivia Hollihan • Mary Beth Lynch • Theresa Lynch • Trudy • K. T. • Karen • Fred B. • John K. • Jeanne Bitter • Tabitha Frye Family • Greg Benning • Edward Weeden • Elizabeth King • Linda • Julia White • Joan Hunkemoeller Racke • Fred • Jon Hickman • S.M.

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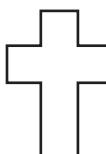
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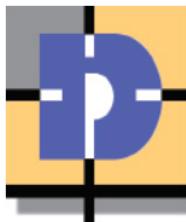


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