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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Please remember the Cathedral in your Will or Estate plans.  
Please call the Parish Office.

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcome all newcomers moving into our Parish.  
Please register at the Parish Office or after Mass  
as soon as possible. If you plan to move from  
the Parish, please let us know.



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass:** 8:15 a.m., Monday through Friday

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.

**Televised Mass:** Sunday 10:00 a.m.

*On the CW – Over the air Channel 12-2*

*Cincinnati Bell Fioptics – Channels 17 or 517*

*Spectrum: Northern KY – Channel 25*

Live Streamed Mass, 4:30 p.m.: covcathedral.com

**Holy Day of Obligation:**

5:30 p.m. (Vigil, except All Saints); 10:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Anytime by appointment

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least one year  
before the proposed wedding date.

## CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK

Please sign the book in the north entrance.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report Sexual Misconduct in the Diocese of Covington,  
please contact: Ms. Julie Feinauer, Diocesan Victims'  
Assistance Coordinator, 859-392-1500.

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
OF THE ASSUMPTION  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 19, 12-13

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**From the Rector's Desk ...**

**Restored in Christ Project Update** – The project is going well and we are beginning to see much progress regarding the installation of new stone on parts of the facade. Last week, a new balustrade was installed above the south main door. Over the next few weeks, the rest of the balustrades will be installed. A set of traceries and columns have been removed from the north facing tower. New stone traceries and columns will be installed there in the coming weeks. New chimeras and gargoyles are being produced at this time.

This project would not be possible without the generous financial support of people of the Diocese and our own Cathedral parishioners. Please continue to pray for the success of this project and for the safety of all the workers.



**Pastoral Plan Update** – The pastoral plan team continues to work hard to develop the initiatives of the pastoral plan. Much work has been accomplished behind the

scenes and we are now beginning to see the fruits of the work. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for an update on the initiatives. The pastoral plan serves not only to help set direction and priorities for our parish, but primarily, it was developed to provide our parishioners opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship and fellowship in the Lord. You are encouraged and invited to participate in the initiatives of the plan.

**Fr. Maher**

**The Sixteen Saints 1**

**Isaiah**, considered by many the greatest of the prophets, is the first prophet listed in the Bible. His book, 66 chapters in poetic form, is found near the middle of the Bible. Notice the scroll in one hand and the writing implement in the other. He lived during the second half of the eighth century BC. Isaiah probably did not write the entire book; his disciples probably contributed chapters 40-55. Though we do not refer to holy Old Testament people as "saints," Isaiah certainly would qualify. His name (Hebrew) means "the Lord is salvation." In Isaiah chapters 6-12, we hear the Emmanuel prophecies, e.g. the very familiar 7:14 **"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin will be with child and bear a son and shall name him Immanuel"** (God with us.) and 11:1 **"But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom."** While Isaiah expressed no particular devotion to the Blessed Mother, he did well his part to assure the Israelites that God would fulfill His promise of a Messiah from the line of David through Mary. May we also acclaim Mary for accepting her role and do our part to bring Jesus into the world around us.

*Deacon Jerry Franzen*

**The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption's Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass** is recorded and broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sunday on The CW. Over the air (antenna) channel 12-2, Cincinnati Bell Fioptics channels 17 or 517, Spectrum-Northern KY channel 25, Spectrum- Hamilton Co. Channel 20 or 1024, and DirectTV 25. The Mass is livestreamed and available to view on covcathedral.com. Support for this ministry comes from Saint Elizabeth Healthcare and the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation.

**2025 Workshops on the Old Testament** with Fr. Timothy P. Schehr, a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M.Div., and an M.A. from the Athenaeum, as well as a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College. Workshops are all held from 9:00-11:30 a.m., Saturdays at the Diocesan Curia, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, as follows:

March 8	Deuteronomy
March 15	Joshua
March 22	Judges
May 17	Ruth
May 24	1 & 2 Samuel

The cost for each workshop is \$35.00.

To register, visit <https://covdio.org/bible-workshops>.

**33rd Northern Kentucky St. Patrick's Day Mass** – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. Choir selections by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick Glee Club. Music by the Emerald Society Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps. Flourishes by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock Division, and the St. Patrick's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. 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!

**Retrouaille** – HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 4-6, 2025, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 513-486-6222.

**Cathedral Weekend Greeters Needed** – Our beautiful Cathedral is on the map! Visitors and pilgrims from near and far are here seven days a week to pray, tour, and experience a spiritual peace. Our greeters do an outstanding job of welcoming them. We need even more Greeters to volunteer on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in three-hour shifts. Please consider this ministry of hospitality and let Mary Creech know if you are interested at 859-431-2060.

**Public Tours of the Cathedral:** After 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 23 and May 18, 2025.

**Weekly Prayer Group:** 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Saturdays in the Parish Office. Open to all.

**Weekly Rosary:** Thursdays after 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****Saturday, March 1, 2025**

4:30 p.m. Lector: Connor Hennessey  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Larry Andrzejewski,  
 Stephanie Hennessey,  
 Donna Krumpelman,  
 Amy Neltner Hoehn, Lisa Wilder  
 Altar: Mike O'Donnell

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

7:30 a.m. Lector: Geri Harpen  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Maria McBride,  
 Jean Reynolds  
 Altar: Ken Vieth, Mel Mueller

10:00 a.m. Lector: Tonya Ford  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Brett Bauereis,  
 Amy Engelman, Erin Greelish,  
 Bonnie Hugus, Lois Rosenberger  
 Altar: Carl Creech, Dan Fletcher,  
 Jose Madrigal, Paul Pfeiffer

5:30 p.m. Lector: Jim Frondorf  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Jim Akers, Toni Akers,  
 Joel Baker, Tom Donnelly  
 Altar: Pontifical servers

**IMPORTANT** – Every family registered in the parish should receive the free weekly mailing of *The Messenger*. If you have not been receiving it, please call the Parish Office at 859-431-2060.

**Please pray for our parishioners and family:** Donna Krumpelman, John Walcutt, Maria Weller, Cathi Bleile, Janice Northcutt, Mary Beth Peavler, Jim Albright, Ralph Pranger, Josh Rohling, Joan and Ralph Arnsparger, Ken Raisbeck, Neil Blunt, Berry Mang, the Juilf Family, Gerry Zembrodt, Alissa Light, Wladyslawa Balaban, Theresa Goeke, Sharon Koenig, Madeleine Smith, William Davin, Amy Michels, Michael Trimpe, Terri Beuttel, Geraldine Hallahan, Hannah Tolson, Helen Fehr, Amy Goeke, Joan McGearty, Jill Humphries, Barb Armstrong, Marion Keen, and Vicki Smith. May they find comfort in the healing touch of Jesus.

**Estate Planning** – For your protection and security of your family and heirs, consult an attorney about making out your Will. While reviewing your estate plan, please consider including the Cathedral Endowment Fund. Please contact Finance Council Chair Rick Lehman about the Cathedral Endowment Fund, at 859-431-2060.

**Help after Abortion** – Our past decisions can leave us feeling messy. God is bigger than any of our messes. Don't let this keep you from His love and forgiveness. Project Rachel can help. Contact: [projectrachel@covdio.org](mailto:projectrachel@covdio.org) or 859-392-1547. All communication is confidential.

**Care of the Sick** – If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital or care center who would like a visit from the parish clergy please call the Parish Office. We rely on family or friends to let us know when someone is in the hospital.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, February 22**

4:30 p.m. Albert McDermott

**Sunday, February 23**

7:30 a.m. Bill Read  
 10:00 a.m. Lawrence Strassburger  
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

**Monday, February 24**

8:15 a.m. Gary Brock

**Tuesday, February 25**

8:15 a.m. Intention of the Landit Family

**Wednesday, February 26**

8:15 a.m. Intention of Marie Holland

**Thursday, February 27**

8:15 a.m. Harry Paquin

**Friday, February 28**

8:15 a.m. Carol Besl

**Saturday, March 1**

4:30 p.m. Intention of Molloy & Wirth Family

**Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Mike and Kay Adick  
 10:00 a.m. Dennis and Jenny McWilliams  
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

**Collection for Sunday, February 2, 2025**

Envelopes (85)	\$9,155.25
Loose	\$2,026.00
Diocesan	<u>\$3,115.39</u>
Total	\$14,296.64

*Thank you!*

**E-Giving at the Cathedral** – For information, please visit our website: [www.covcathedral.com](http://www.covcathedral.com).

**3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 23, 2025 – The Cathedral Concert Series** continues with two outstanding Cincinnati choral ensembles. *Cincinnati Camerata*, conducted by Ben Owen, returns to the series with *Heri et Hodie/Yesterday and Today*, conducted by Krista Cornish Scott. This program features Early Sacred Music for the Church. All Cathedral Concerts are open to the public with **no admission charge**. A freewill offering is gladly accepted. Please visit [www.cathedralconcertseries.org](http://www.cathedralconcertseries.org).

**California Wildfire Relief** – The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is actively assisting parishes, schools, and communities impacted by the devastating wildfires in southern California. To support the relief efforts in Los Angeles with an online gift, please go to: [www.covdio.org/give](http://www.covdio.org/give). One hundred percent of the funds donated will go directly to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for distribution to those most affected by this disaster. Please remember the victims, families, firefighters, and first responders in your prayers.

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