

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION

1101 Madison Avenue Covington, Kentucky 41011
Phone: 859-431-2060 Fax: 859-431-8444
Web Page: covcathedral.com

Most Rev. John C. Iffert,
Bishop of Covington
1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011

Most Rev. Roger J. Foys,
Bishop Emeritus of Covington

MINISTRY and STAFF

Very Rev. Ryan L. Maher, V.F., Rector
Rev. Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, JCL, Vice Rector
Rev. Mr. Jerry Franzen, Deacon
Ms. Sarah Wells, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Mary Creech, Facilities Manager,
Director of Volunteers
Mrs. Trisha Brundage, Parish Secretary
tbrundage@covcathedral.com
Mr. Adam McGuire, Buildings and Property Foreman
Mr. Tom Lantry, Maintenance
Dr. Gregory Schaffer, Basilica Principal Organist,
and Choirmaster
Ms. LeeAnn Kordenbrock, Basilica Principal Cantor
Mrs. Diana Webb, Basilica Organist
Ms. Chelsea Gabbard, Basilica Cantor
Mr. Rick Lehman, Finance Council President
Mr. Dave Custer, St. Vincent de Paul Conference President
Mr. Stephen Enzweiler, Historian/Archivist

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, MARCH 2, 2025**

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

From the Rector's Desk ...

This week, the International Mission Needs Collection will be conducted to help our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your one gift is divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. This Collection makes it possible to aid across the globe to those suffering from natural disasters, the violence of war, poverty, and unjust laws. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect Churches and Christians across the globe. Please give today with a joyful and sharing heart.

Fr. Maher

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 Fiopics 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. The cost for each workshop is \$35.00. Workshops are 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

To register, visit <https://covdio.org/bible-workshops>.**The Sixteen Saints 2**

St. John, the Evangelist was one of the Apostles, the brother of James, and a son of Zebedee. He was a fisherman and called with his brother to be a follower of Jesus. He is the author of the fourth Gospel, the last one written. Notice the book in one arm and the quill in the other hand in the window. This Gospel is quite different than the other three, which share many similarities. Many incidents in St. John's Gospel are not reported in the other three. It seems that he is the only apostle to die a natural death. In John's Gospel 19:26-27, we hear, "**When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'** Then he said to the disciple, '**Behold, your mother.**' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." John was that disciple at the foot of the cross with Mary, and this relationship with Mary may explain why John's Gospel contains incidents not in the other Gospels. May we embrace Mary as our mother and bring her into our hearts.

Deacon Jerry Franzen

International Needs Combined Collection Prayer – *Lord God, You are the source of all good things. You show mercy and bring justice to Your afflicted people. May we, to whom much has been given, respond with generosity and compassion to our suffering brothers and sisters worldwide. Open our hearts and minds to work for an end to global poverty and help us to build lasting peace with our neighbors, both here and abroad. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who hears the cry of the poor and oppressed. Amen.*

24 Hours for the Lord – The first twelve hours of Adoration and Confession will take place at **Holy Cross Church** (3612 Church Street, Covington) from **12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2025**, and the remaining twelve hours of Adoration and Confession will take place at **St. Augustine Church** (W. 19th Street & Euclid Avenue, Covington) from **12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2025**. All are invited and encouraged to take part. **Please spend some time with the Lord during Adoration at these churches on March 14 & 21, 2025.**

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!

2025 Easter Vigil Information – The Easter Vigil at the Cathedral will be at **9:00 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 2025**. Due to the late date of Easter this year, and the requirement that, "the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on Sunday," the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Covington may not begin prior to 9:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral – Please come 6:30 p.m., Fridays, March 7 through April 11, 2025, and at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

Ash Wednesday Mass at the Cathedral – 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Holy Cross High School Weekly Lenten Fish Fry is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the cafeteria, 3617 Church Street, Covington, on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday (3/7; 3/14; 3/21; 3/28; 4/4; and 4/11). Eat-in or carry-out dinners, sandwiches, soup of the week, desserts and a la carte items. Visit our website at hchscov.com for the full menu. For information, call 859-431-1335 during school hours.

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 8, 2025

4:30 p.m. Lector: Lois Rosenberger
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion: Estelle Fischer,
 Debbie Gerner, Connor Hennessey,
 Stephanie Hennessey, Ken Wolford
 Altar: Mike O'Donnell

Sunday, March 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. Lector: Bill Blank
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion: Hope Cavaleri,
 Maria McBride
 Altar: Ken Vieth, Mel Mueller
 10:00 a.m. Lector: Brian Hallahan
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion: Tonya Ford,
 B.H. Kroger, Debi Madrigal,
 Amy Neltner Hoehn, Dan Schlarman,
 Beth Vieth
 Altar: Carl Creech, Dan Fletcher,
 Jose Madrigal, Paul Pfeiffer

Attention: No Mass at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2025, due to The Rite of Election taking place that afternoon.

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 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.

[Visit myparishapp.com](http://www.visitmyparishapp.com)



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

8:15 a.m. Jann Hartman

Tuesday, March 4

8:15 a.m. Intention of Fr. Ryan Maher

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

No 8:15 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Gen Ann Harris
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Intention of the Yaldo family

Friday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Intention of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, March 8

4:30 p.m. Jennifer Haire

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors
 10:00 a.m. Barb Maher
 2:00 p.m. **Rite of Election**
 4:30 p.m. **Rite of Election**

No Mass at 5:30 due to the Rite of Election taking place that afternoon.

Collection for Sunday, February 9, 2025	
Envelopes (65)	\$2,840.00
Loose	\$2,039.00
Diocesan	<u>\$3,115.39</u>
Total	\$7,994.39
<i>Thank you!</i>	

E-Giving at the Cathedral – For information, please visit our website: www.covcathedral.com.

The Resurrection Narratives with Fr. Mike Comer – 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., on the following Thursdays, in Mother of God Church, 119 W. 6th Street, Covington.

- March 6 – At the Tomb
 - March 13 – Road to Emmaus/Appearance in the Upper Room
 - March 27 – The Shore of Galilee
 - April 3 – The Great Commission/The Ascension/Pentecost
- No registration required. All are welcome. For information, please call 859-291-2288.

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

GARGOYLE GAZETTE



sarah wells

march 2025

Happy First Sunday of Lent! Not only is March the beginning of Lent this year, but every year, the month of March is a time designated by the Church to pray to Saint Joseph, whose feast will be on March 19. Saint Joseph is a powerful intercessor on our behalf, and to pray to him during Lent is especially fruitful because of his strength in overcoming temptation and denying himself for the sake of the baby Jesus and the virgin Mary. Not only is March a fitting time to pray to St Joseph, to honor his feast, but I encourage you to entrust your entire Lenten season to him. Make him the patron of your prayer and fasting this year and see how he will guide you to purity and trust in God amidst suffering.

There are no words of Joseph's recorded in scripture. The words written about him still are few. We find mention of Joseph in Matthew 1 and 2, Luke 1 and 2, and in John, Joseph is only mentioned in reference to Jesus, who is referred to as "son of Joseph," two times. Joseph is not mentioned in Mark's gospel. From the lack of what is written about Joseph, we can presume much about his humility: he made Mary and Jesus the focal point of his life, not himself. From his lack of recorded speech, we can learn of his integrity: his actions



San Jose del Sombra, William Hart Nichols

spoke for him. Pope Benedict XVI has this to say: "St. Joseph's silence does not express an inner emptiness but, on the contrary, the fullness of the faith he bears in his heart... It is not an exaggeration to think that it was precisely from his 'father' Joseph that Jesus learned — at the human level — that steadfast interiority..."

In Matthew 1:18-25, Joseph hears that

Mary is with child and resolves to divorce her quietly. Some scholars have seen Joseph's desire to "send away" Mary as founded in his desire to uphold Mosaic law, in light of suspected adultery on Mary's part. The punishment for adultery, even during betrothal, was stoning to death. He was aware of this, and did not wish ill on her, even if he did conclude that it was

adultery. Others have considered that Joseph's desire to separate himself from Mary was due to his genuine belief in the virgin birth. It was his extreme humility and a clear sense of his own unworthiness that caused him to send her away. It is painful to think of what would have befallen Jesus and Mary had Joseph decided upon divorce. Unfortunately, however, it is not hard for us to imagine. We see the breakdown of families all around us, even in our own families, as a result of pride, fear, and distrust of God. Because of his courage to be faithful amidst great fear and stay with his wife, Saint Joseph is a powerful intercessor on behalf of marriages and families. One of his titles is, in fact, "Pillar of Families."

In a dream, the angel of the Lord exhorts Joseph to take Mary into his home and name the child Jesus, and Joseph resolves to do so immediately upon waking. The name "Jesus" was common among Jews at the time. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in his apostolic exhortation *Redemptoris Custos*, 1989, "In this case, ... it is the Son who, in accordance with the divine promise, will bring to perfect fulfillment the meaning of the name Jesus-Yehos ua' - which means 'God saves.'" In Joseph's naming of Jesus, we see glimmers of the first man Adam, who was told by God to give names to all creatures in the garden, signifying dominion and stewardship. This time, however, Joseph follows through fully on his promise to *shamar*, which is the Hebrew verb originally used in Genesis meaning "to protect." This protection extends spiritually to the entire Church. Pope Leo writes in *Quamquam Pluries*, 1889, "It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

We see in Joseph a perfect balance of stillness and action, deriving from his deep trust in the Lord. Notice that his communication from God comes always while he is sleeping, and immediately upon awaking, he is decisive and obedient to what he has been told. Often, we find ourselves doing too little or doing too much. Saint Joseph exemplifies for us the perfect middle, achieved only through that "steadfast interiority," that utter dependence on God. This allows him to sleep well at night, but when he is called upon, he is free to forego sleep and comfort for the sake of Christ.

Like Mary, we find in Joseph this reining of earthly powers in service to the kingdom of God. Ven. Fulton Sheen said in 'The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God,' "in both Mary and Joseph, there were youth, beauty and promise. God loves cascading cataracts and bellowing waterfalls, but he loves them better, not when they overflow and drown his flowers, but when they are harnessed and bridled to light a city and to slake the thirst of a child."

In the same way that Joseph of the Old Testament received visions in dreams, was raised to second-in-command to Pharaoh, and thus stewarded all the grain of Egypt that the people might not go hungry, Saint Joseph received word from God in dreams, and was raised to the high post of steward of the Bread of Life, that all souls would be satiated with the heavenly food of salvation. One must only think for a short while on the gravity of the task Saint Joseph fulfilled and the graces he received, before his great strength dawns, and this spurs the soul to run to him with all of its needs. "Joseph" literally means "increase," and this call was placed on both the saint's prefigurement in Genesis and on himself. Whatever virtue you desire, Saint Joseph will intercede for you, and his provision never fails. *Ite ad Ioseph*.



Covington
504 West 4th Street
859.581.4028
www.goldstarchilli.com

ELLISON PAINTING & CONTRACTING
FULLY INSURED
859-431-5268
859-992-5171
Est. 1948



319 Fairfield Avenue
Bellevue, KY
859-261-3636

Cleves & Lonnemann
JEWELERS
CREATING SATISFACTION SINCE 1932
Specializing in refurbished high-end watches, new and estate jewelry, and a large selection of GIA certified diamonds.

318 Greenup St.
Covington, KY
859-360-0840



BLINKERS TAVERN
A Great Place for Breakfast & Lunch

Winner of the Best Steak Award 9 Years!

Tuesday & Sunday Steak Nights
www.blinkerstavern.com



ZUBER
SAFETY & SECURITY
812-209-9238



In Memory of the Deceased in the Schlarman and Hug Families

THE MOTHER OF GOD CEMETERY AND CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
FOR DETAILS
CALL SALES & INFORMATION:
MOTHEROFGODCEMETERY.COM
431-0614



CRU CUTTERS
LANDSCAPING & LAWN CARE SERVICES
410 A Dudley Trace, Florence, KY
859-630-9995
www.CruCuttersllc.com

COMMERCIAL + INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS



GLENWOOD ELECTRIC, INC.

Installation | Maintenance | Design | Voice & Data | Security
12250 Chandler Dr., Walton, KY 41094 • KY Lic. #CE13046



Need New Flooring For Your Home or Business?
We'll Help You Pick It Out & We'll Expertly Install It!



EARL FRANKS
Est. 1968
Sons/Daughters
Call 859-261-9608
Ask about special offers just for our neighbors!



MITCH LIGHT
REALTOR® | Licensed in KY & OH
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
859-486-1081
MLight@huff.com
www.MitchLight.com

Cathedral Parishioner & Volunteer



HUFF REALTY
A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate

Follow Me!
@mitchlighthuffrealty



SaveDiscount DRUGS
Save Time and Money
716 Madison Ave., Covington
FREE DELIVERY • 859-431-2857



Connley Brothers Funeral Home
Latonia, KY
431-2241
www.connleybrothersfuneralhome.com

"Since 1939"



Smoke Justis
SMOOTH BOURBON, SMOKED MEATS

T & W Printing
17 West Southern Avenue
Latonia, Kentucky
859-431-3982
WEDDING INVITATIONS



St. Elizabeth HEALTHCARE
www.stelizabeth.com
• Covington • Edgewood • Florence
• Ft. Thomas • Falmouth • Grant



KATRINA ROBKE HOLTMEIER | Realtor, MRP



kw REALTY SERVICES
KELLERWILLIAMS.
513-504-0280 • www.ScarlettPG.com
katrina@scarlettpg.com

Compliments of
FRIENDS



Middendorf FUNERAL HOME
A Tradition of Service with Care & Compassion since the 1860's
3312 Madison Pike, Ft. Wright, KY
859-341-7800 or visit middendorf-funeralhome.com
David E. Middendorf • Noah D. Middendorf
NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY OTHER FUNERAL HOME

ARC ELECTRIC
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING, INC.
24 Hour Emergency Service
Service all makes and models
YORK Since 1953
INSTALL CONFIDENCE #MO2125-CE 17369
859-441-7161



DICKMAN LAW OFFICE, PSC
Paul J. Dickman, ESQ
859-446-1590



Schneller
Heating • Air Conditioning • Plumbing
859-341-1200
Lisa & Kris Knochmann, Owners

Happiness is a Clean Home
Your Time is Valuable, Ours is Affordable

DEB-LIN CLEANING SERVICE
Insured & Bonded
Debbie Schnuderl
859-760-6408
May you be blessed by the Lord who made Heaven and Earth! - Psalm 115:15

FLASH TAX = FAST.TAX. REFUNDS!
FLASHTAX@GMAIL.COM
1424 SCOTT ST., COVINGTON, KY
859.261.1040

INSPIRED Living

Offering Short-Term Rehabilitation, Memory Care, & Long-Term Care.

Rosedale GREEN
4250 Glenn Avenue
Covington, KY
rosedalegreen.org
859.431.2244

Emerald TRACE
3802 Turkeyfoot Road
Elsmere, KY
emeraldtrace.org
859.342.0200

Compliments of
PERFORMANCE LEXUS NORTHERN KY



Rechtin
Heating & Air
261-8269
#M00135

DEWEY'S PIZZA
The Covington location open Sundays at noon!

HELMER Plumbing, Inc.
859-746-1748
JOHN HELMER, Owner - Master Plumber
Residential & Commercial
Since 1955 • New Construction
Water Heaters • Drain Cleaning



THE PREFERRED SERVICE SINCE 1830



ALLISON & ROSE FUNERAL HOME, INC.
5645 Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill
859-356-3700
Ample Parking
Owned by Don Cathen II



RON KIRN - OWNER
21 E. 4TH ST.
COVINGTON

AUTO REPAIR & SALES INC.
EXPERT PAINT & BODY REPAIR
FRAME SERVICE - SINCE 1980
GUARANTEED COLOR MATCH
859.431.0218

Compliments of
MADISON PHOTOWORKS



TO ADVERTISE HERE, CALL DEE PRINTING AT 614-777-8700

IMBUS
THE IMBUS ROOFING CO., INC.
5 CHARLIN DR., WILDER, KY
859-781-2260

IMBUS
THE IMBUS ROOFING CO., INC.
5 CHARLIN DR., WILDER, KY
859-781-2260

Please Patronize Our Advertisers... To Place An Ad, Call 1-800-292-9020.

Mary, Covington, KY #9281-SF-11/15/24 #9475-SF-11/15/24