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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, MARCH 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Reading II: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

The holy season of Lent provides us a chance to look deep into our hearts so that we can embrace the Lord's call to continuous conversion and growth in holiness through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and penance. May we spend more time in prayer, speaking with the Lord from the heart and listening to Him through the living words of Sacred Scripture. May we fast some from physical nourishment, so that our heart has great hunger for the Bread of Life. May we take on works of penance in reparation for our own sins and the sins of the world. May we seek out those in need and extended the compassion and love of the Lord Jesus to them through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Especially during this Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, let us enter into this Lenten season with sorrow for our sins and hope and trust in the mercy of God that heals all wounds and restores us to life in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a time of purification, conversion and a new closeness and nearness to the Lord who love us.

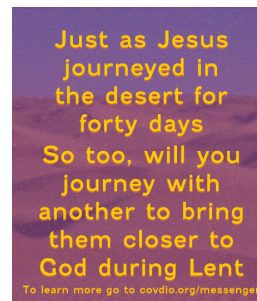
Fr. Maher

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

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

**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.

**7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 – 33rd Northern Kentucky St. Patrick's Day Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. 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.

**Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral – Please come**

6:30 p.m., Fridays, through April 11, 2025, and at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

**March's Dedication – Saint Joseph**

A talk followed by questions and answers with Father Michael Hennigen, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025, at St. Paul Church, 7301 Dixie HWY, Florence. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

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

**Happy Birthday, Johann!**

On Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., the Cathedral Concert Series concludes its 48th Season with a musical celebration of J.S. Bach's 340th Birthday. The Bach Ensemble of St. Thomas (Cincinnati) returns with a program featuring the Bach Ensemble and Choristers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Joining the ensemble is special guest – the Miami University Chamber Choir. Jason Gunnell will play the Cathedral Grand Organ. Bach Masterworks, including the Cantata Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 116 can be enjoyed in the Basilica's stunning visual and acoustic space. Members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra are special guest instrumentalists. All are welcome with no admission charge. A freewill offering is gladly accepted. Visit [cathedralconcertseries.org/bach](https://cathedralconcertseries.org/bach).

**Part-Time (20-24 hours/week) Business Manager Needed – St. Catherine of Siena, Fort Thomas** – Interested candidates should send a resume to Fr. Stef Bankemper at [sbankemper@stcky.org](mailto:sbankemper@stcky.org).

**10th Annual Catholic Sisters Week** is March 8-14, 2025, celebrating the spirituality, mission, and community-building of women religious, while educating and encouraging young women about religious orders and the opportunities to follow in their footsteps. For information about the national Catholic Sisters Week campaign, visit: <https://catholicsistersweek.org/>.

**The Sixteen Saints 3**

**St. Luke, the Evangelist**, is the designated author (book under one arm and quill in the other hand) of the third Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles, which comes after St. John's Gospel. St. Luke was not an apostle, not part of the first generation of Christian disciples. St. Luke was apparently a learned man, but not Palestinian in origin, writing for a non-Palestinian audience, probably Gentile Christians. The author relied some on the Gospels of St. Mark and St. Matthew for material. Because Luke's Gospel uniquely records some events at Jesus' birth, along with other instances like the Visitation, the Presentation in the Temple, the finding of the young Jesus in the temple and others, it is thought the author relied on the Blessed Mother as one source of information. The Prologue to Luke's Gospel suggests that he did his best to corroborate what he was writing. Why would he not seek out the Blessed Mother for help here? May we be devoted to Mary such that we go to her in our quest to "get it right," to be more like Jesus.

*Deacon Jerry Franzen*

**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.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

4:30 p.m. Lector: Steve Rosenberger  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Larry Andrzejewski,  
 Connor Hennessey,  
 Donna Krumpelman, Regina Smith,  
 Lisa Wilder  
 Altar: Mike O'Donnell

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

7:30 a.m. Lector: Brian Rhodes  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Hope Cavaleri,  
 Jean Reynolds  
 Altar: Ken Vieth, Mel Mueller

10:00 a.m. Lector: Elizabeth Steva  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Brett Bauereis,  
 Any Engelman, Dan Fletcher,  
 Lois Rosenberger, Marie Tobler  
 Altar: Pontifical Servers

5:30 p.m. Lector: Ken Wolford  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
 Communion: Toni Akers, Joel Baker,  
 Katie Baker, Heather Bay,  
 Altar: Jim Akers, Josh Rohling



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 8**

4:30 p.m. Jennifer Haire

**Sunday, March 9**

7:30 a.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors  
 10:00 a.m. Barb Maher

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

**Monday, March 10**

8:15 a.m. Robert M. Smith

**Tuesday, March 11**

8:15 a.m. Barb Maher

**Wednesday, March 12**

8:15 a.m. Intention of Andrew Mersmann

**Thursday, March 13**

8:15 a.m. Intention of the Smeara Family  
 7:00 p.m. Fenians Mass

**Friday, March 14**

8:15 a.m. Ralph R. Kitts

**Saturday, March 15**

4:30 p.m. Ken Pike

**Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Donna Sue Frost  
 10:00 a.m. Alfred Lehman, Sr.  
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

**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 a 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.

**Collection for Sunday, February 16, 2025**

Envelopes (54)	\$3,526.00
Loose	\$1,912.00
Diocesan	<u>\$3,115.39</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,553.39</b>

*Thank you!*

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

**Annual Swing Into Spring Fundraiser for DCCH Center for Children and Families** – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Turfway Park, Florence, KY. Buy a ticket to the event, participate in the online silent auction, or purchase your Care for Kids Raffle ticket today, to support the healing of children and families affected by abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For information, visit <https://www.dchcenter.org/events/swing-into-spring-2025/>

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