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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 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading II: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 or 3:20 – 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

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

This past Sunday at the Cathedral, Bishop Iffert received catechumens and candidates from parishes of the diocese at the Rite of Election. We are blessed to have ten individuals who have been receiving instruction and formation in the Catholic faith through the parish OCIA sessions. I want to congratulate the Elect (those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist): **Carly Nichols, Zachary Litton and Natalie Friedrich** as well as the Candidates (those preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic church): **Tommy Brown, Tyler Brown, Sophia McLaren, Sydney McIntosh, Lisa Friedrich, John Garnett and Evan Fitzcharles**. Please continue to keep them all in your daily prayers as they continue to draw closer to the Lord and prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

**Fr. Maher****The Sixteen Saints 4**

**St. Pope Leo the Great** was Pope from 440-461 during a time when the heresy, Pelagianism, a belief that the fall of Adam and Eve **did not** result in our tendency toward sin was gaining momentum. This heresy maintained that we experienced no effects of original sin. St. Pope Leo was also able to stop Attila the Hun as he, and his army, advanced on Western Civilization. St. Pope Leo had a special devotion to the cross of Christ. Notice his pointing to the cross in his small window. He promoted the cross as the symbol of our redemption and the fountain of all grace. In 451, he gathered together the bishops for the Council of Chalcedon, which defined Jesus as one person with two natures, human and divine. This Council was the next Council after the Council of Ephesus, depicted in the lower part of the Great Window. Because the Council of Ephesus had defined Mary as the Mother of God, the Monophysites then said that Jesus' human nature had been absorbed by His Divine nature. Because of what Pope St. Leo had written in a tome (a large book) the Council of Chalcedon clearly defined that Jesus has both natures and that the Blessed Mother was responsible for passing on to Jesus His fully human nature. May we also ask the Blessed Mother to help perfect us in our human nature.

*Deacon Jerry Franzen*

**24 Hours for the Lord** – 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.***

**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.

**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 live streamed 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.

**Happy Birthday Johann!**

3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 16, 2025, 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](http://cathedralconcertseries.org/bach).

**Grief Share Session** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Parish Office. Even if you have not come before, you are always welcome. We offer these sessions so that we may journey with you on this difficult path of loss and grief. If you think these sessions can help you or you know someone who has lost a loved one, please join us on Thursday, March 20th.

**Donate a Bike and Change a Life!**

Friends of Pickett's Corner: If you have a bike that you no longer use and would like to gain space for other treasures, please donate it to Pickett's Corner. Each bike makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need. We are happy to pick up the donations and make all the repairs needed. Please email [Pickettscorner23@gmail.com](mailto:Pickettscorner23@gmail.com) and give your name, address and phone number. Through the generosity of many others over the past two years, we have already given away over 700 bicycles to provide transportation to those who would otherwise be limited by how far they could walk. Donate a bike and change a life!

**Lectio Divina During Lent**

The Benedictine Sisters at St. Walburg Monastery invite you to join them during a time of Lectio Divina, a contemplative prayer practice to meditate upon the scriptures, allowing space to deeply listen to God's voice speaking to our hearts. 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, March 11-April 8, 2025, in the Monastery Chapel. Please call 859-331-6324.

**Seeking Peace Retreat**

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery will host a Lenten retreat for men and women Tuesday, April 1-Thursday, April 3, 2025, at their Guest House. The suggested donation for retreat conferences, private room and board is \$175.00. A free will offering will be accepted for Spiritual Direction, if chosen. Registration is required. To register, contact Sr. Dorothy Schuette, O.S.B., at [dorothysosb@gmail.com](mailto:dorothysosb@gmail.com) or call 859-331-6324.

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

4:30 p.m. Lector: Sandy Nagel  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Larry Andrzejewski, Estelle Fischer, Stephanie Hennessey, Amy Neltner Hoehn, Ken Wolford  
 Altar: Mike O'Donnell

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

7:30 a.m. Lector: Dave Custer  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Reynolds, Steve Sahlfeld  
 Altar: Ken Vieth, Mel Mueller

10:00 a.m. Lector: Peter Moore  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Any Engelman, Tonya Ford, Erin Greelish, Bonnie Hugus, B. H. Kroger, Dan Schlarman  
 Altar: Carl Creech, Dan Fletcher, Jose Madrigal, Paul Pfeiffer

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 15**

4:30 p.m. Ken Pike

**Sunday, March 16**

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

**Monday, March 17**

8:15 a.m. Kathryn Hagan Kemo

**Tuesday March 18**

8:15 a.m. Intention of Nadia Younan

**Wednesday, March 19**

8:15 a.m. George and Mary Trumble

**Thursday, March 20**

8:15 a.m. Carol Mang

**Friday, March 21**

8:15 a.m. Bill Huiet

**Saturday, March 22**

4:30 p.m. Intention of Tom Klopp

**Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Rebecca Sexton  
 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann Shields  
 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 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://myparishapp.com)

<b>Collection for Sunday, February 23, 2025</b>	
Envelopes (75)	\$ 2,928.00
Loose	\$ 1,731.00
Diocesan	<u>\$ 3,115.39</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,774.39</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Collection, February 2025:</b> \$ 11,358.30	
<b>Online Parish Donations, February 2025:</b> \$ 6,949.77	
<i>Thank you!</i>	

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

**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. To buy tickets, raffle tickets, and view the silent auction to support the healing of children and families affected by abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, visit <https://www.dcccenter.org/events/swing-into-spring-2025/>.

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

**Save the Date – Lenten Pilgrimage to Five Covington Churches** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025. For information, visit: [www.covdio.org/lenten-pilgrimage](http://www.covdio.org/lenten-pilgrimage).





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