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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 30, 2025**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

From the Rector's Desk ...

The 2025 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal begins the weekend of April 5 - 6. This year's theme is "**Pilgrims of Hope, Missionaries of Mercy**" and it invites us to embody the heart of Christ. By sharing our spiritual and material gifts, we can extend God's love, compassion, and hope to those who suffer. Let us embrace the transformative power of hope and mercy, and work together to build a more just and compassionate world. Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2025 DPAA, review all the materials you receive, and listen to the DPAA messages presented at Mass. Then, come to Mass on April 5 and April 6 ready to make your gift. We will complete our pledge forms together. God bless you for your generosity!

Fr. Maher**The Sixteen Saints 6**

St. Pope Gregory the Great (c 540-604) was born in Rome to nobility. Among his extended family members were other saints and two popes. He was appointed secretary to Pope Pelagius II, his predecessor, and was promoted by Pope Pelagius II to be his successor (590.) Pope Gregory had to deal with much political dissension in the Church, most of it located within Italy. He moved the Lord's Prayer to its present position in the Mass and changed other parts of the Mass, standardized chant into what we now call Gregorian chant, a mix of Roman and Frankish elements. In his small window, we see him depicted with a dove on his shoulder, highlighting the inspiration he received from the Holy Spirit throughout his life, a book in his hand indicating his many writings, especially homilies, and the double cross crosier, signifying both the secular power and ecclesial power exercised by him as Pope. He was particularly taken by the miracle of Mary's miraculous perpetual virginity. He classed this as the miracle above all miracles. May this miracle inspire us to expect miracles in our lives.

Deacon Jerry Franzen

Public Tours of the Cathedral after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 18 and June 15, 2025.

April 2025 United in Prayer – The women religious vocation directors of our Diocese invite you to join them for *United in Prayer* at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Bell Tower in Goebel Park, Mainstrasse. This time of prayer is a sign of hope and unity, and a moment of peace and encouragement for others and ourselves as a praying community.

Mass for the Loss of a Child – The Annual Memorial Mass for the Loss of a Child will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2025, in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This Mass is being offered for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, illness, suicide, accident, or any other reason. All are welcome to attend. For information, please call the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1545.

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.

NCYC 2025 – The National Catholic Youth Conference is a three-day pilgrimage for Catholic high school students, Thursday, November 20 through Saturday, November 22, 2025, in Indianapolis. Teens spend three incredible days at the nation's largest Catholic youth gathering and experience the transformative power of the Church and God's presence through music, talks, community, and sacraments. The Youth Ministry Office coordinates the overall pilgrimage (conference ticket, transportation, housing, and food). Parishes and schools register as a group. For individuals who have not identified a group to attend with, contact Angie Poat at apoat@covdio.org. The early bird rate and first payment is due Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Service with the Sisters of the Diocese of Covington

Sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters, Sisters of Divine Providence, and Sisters of Notre Dame – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025. For information and to register, call Sister Ruth Lubbers at 859-750-8190 by April 4th.

Footsteps of Faith Forum

The Cathedral Ladies Society is hosting the first ever Footsteps of Faith Forum on April 3 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Covington Latin School Forum. Several parishioners will share their experiences traveling on pilgrimage to Greece, Italy, the Holy Land and Medjugorje. It is an evening to share our faith through stories, enjoy fellowship, and to learn more about the experience of pilgrimage. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by using the QR code, sign up at the Greeter's desk, or call Sarah in the Parish Office at 859-431-2060.

**Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops, June 9-12, 2025**

The Diocese of Covington, in partnership with the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute, is offering FREE Adult Faith Formation Workshops instructed by clergy, including **Father Ryan Maher**. The workshops will be held in Thomas More University's new Academic Activity Center. Most are scheduled on two consecutive days for 1.5 hours per day. Instructors will provide topical information, video content, and open discussion time. The workshops are for anyone entrusted with the formation of others, whether professional or volunteer, from households to diocesan employees, Parish and School Leaders, Catechists, Teachers, DREs/CREs, Youth and Young Adult Ministers, Family Life Ministers, Homeschoolers, OCIA Directors/Coordinators, Bible Study/Rosary Groups, Retreat Teams, Coaches, Individuals, parents, and Grandparents. **There are 27 Workshops to choose from.** For information and to register, visit <https://covdio.org/register>. For questions, contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529 or iisaak@covdio.org Explore the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute's 200+ workshops by creating a free account at <https://franciscanathome.com>.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:30 p.m. Lector: Stephanie Hennessey
 Extraordinary Ministers of
 Holy Communion:
 Larry Andrzejewski, Debbie Gerner
 Altar: Pontifical Servers

Sunday, April 6, 2025

7:30 a.m. Lector: Brian Rhodes
 Extraordinary Ministers of
 Holy Communion:
 Jean Reynold, Steve Sahlfeld
 Altar: Ken Vieth, Mel Mueller,
 Jose Madrigal

10:00 a.m. Lector: Lois Rosenberger
 Extraordinary Ministers of
 Holy Communion: April Bertoli,
 John Bertoli, B.H. Kroger, Beth Vieth
 Altar: Jack Bertoli, Kate Bertoli,
 Carl Creech, Dan Fletcher,
 Jose Madrigal, Paul Pfeiffer

5:30 p.m. Lector: Bill Blank
 Extraordinary Ministers of
 Holy Communion: Jim Akers,
 Joel Baker, Katie Baker
 Altar: Adam Brunelle, Jacob Brunelle,
 Jim Frondorf



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29

4:30 p.m. Lawrence Strassburger

Sunday, March 30

7:30 a.m. Intention of Timothy and Alexandra
 10:00 a.m. Intention of Mark Trischler
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, March 31

8:15 a.m. Intention of Haithem Karana Family

Tuesday, April 1

8:15 a.m. Carmen Varas

Wednesday, April 2

8:15 a.m. Jared Smith

Thursday, April 3

8:15 a.m. Intention of Diane Maher

Friday, April 4

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Cathedral
 St. Vincent de Paul Conference
 10:00 a.m. High School Senior Mass

Saturday, April 5

4:30 p.m. Barb Maher

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. George and Mary Trumble
 10:00 a.m. Dottie Tedtman
 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 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 a hospital.

Collection for Sunday, March 9, 2025

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| Envelopes (81) | \$3,456.50 |
| Loose | \$1,396.00 |
| Diocesan | <u>\$3,115.39</u> |
| Total | \$7,967.89 |

Thank you!

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

Prince of Peace Catholic School Open House from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., April 1, 2025 – Experience a school where faith and learning grow together, 625 W. Pike Street, Covington. For information, call 859-431-5153 or visit popcov.com.

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

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

Easter Flower Tributes are due by Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

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