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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, OCTOBER 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm: 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seminarian Collection – October 25 and 25, 2026

The Seminarians for our Diocese are preparing through prayer, education, and service to others, to become the future priests of our Diocese. They have dedicated themselves to following the Lord and have the heart of the Good Shepherd. As the Lord has called them, so too are we called to support them on their journey. Please be generous in your gift and in your prayer for them.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 13-24, 2027

Cathedral Rector Father Ryan Maher and Deacon Tom Kissel, from St. Pius X Church, will be leading a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Croatia, accompanied by a local senior guide. Some Pilgrimage highlights include Apparition Hill, where Our Lady first appeared, daily Mass, the Blue Cross, Mt. Cross, and the Tomb of the Martyrs, among others. Accommodations will be at Marinko's, a three-minute walk to the Blue Cross and a 15-minute walk to the top of Apparition Hill. Trip packages do not include airfare and range from $1,475. to $2,950. For detailed trip information, airline information, or to book your place on the Pilgrimage, please contact Arrow Osborne at arrowjohnpaul@gmail.com or 419-250-1991.

October 20, 2026

The Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of NKY sponsors a monthly Third Tuesday prayer gathering, *Spirit & Grace,* from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center, 2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell. You are invited to join on October 20th for praise and worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. Deacon Jerry Franzen will be speaking on more things you may not know about the Holy Mass. All are welcome. For information, please call Carol at 859-341-5932.

Exploring Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas*

You are invited to an evening of prayer, reflection, and conversation in two parts exploring Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas* and its relevance for our world today with presenter Msgr. William Cleves, Pastor of Holy Spirit Church. Part I is at 7:00 p.m., Monday, **October 26, 2026**, and Part II is 7:00 p.m., Monday, **November 30, 2026**, in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington. The evenings are sponsored by the Intercommunity Sisters Peace and Justice Committee and the Diocese of Covington.

Baptism

Mr. Dale and Mrs. Sarah Sentman, who participated in the Cathedral's 2025-2026 O.C.I.A. and came into the Church at the Easter Vigil, invite you to witness the Baptism of their baby son at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, in the Cathedral.

Parish Kitchen

Catholic Charities offers a free hot lunch every day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue, Covington.

The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption's Saturday, 4:30 p.m. 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.

St. Catherine Speaker Series

St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ft. Thomas will be hosting the speaker that you can't afford to miss, Sr. Deirdre Byrne, M.D. Whether in scrubs, camouflage, or a religious habit, this Sister in her three-fold calling as a professed sister, renowned surgeon, and U.S. Army Colonel, inspires us to both virtue and action. The talk will be based on the book, Sister, Soldier, Surgeon. No tickets or admission fee required, but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit her free medical clinic – 6:30 p.m., Sunday, November 1, 2026. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. 1803 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas. For information, please call 859-441-1352.

Northern Kentucky Veterans Day Observance

Saluting Our Heroes – The community is invited to Northern Kentucky's observance of Veterans Day to honor all veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and military families at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 8, 2026, Highland Cemetery, 2167 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, KY (rain or shine). Guest speaker is Colonel Scott White, United States Army, a Fort Wright native and graduate of Covington Catholic High School and The Citadel.

October – It's Respect Life Month!

A month dedicated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to reflect on the dignity of human life. The theme this year is "Mary, Mother of Life, Pray for Us," highlighting Mary's role as the mother of salvation and her Yes to life. Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month Novena, Thursday, October 22 – Friday, October 30, 2026. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at **respectlife.org/celebrate**

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

– Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995,
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For information and to register for the CONNECT Retreat for middle school students (Grades 6-8th) or for Teens Encounter Christ (high school and early college), both of which are taking place in November, please visit https://covdio.org/youth/

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 24, 2026

4:30 p.m. Lector: Donna Krumpelman
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Larry Andrzejewski, Estelle Fischer, Debbie Gerner, Lisa Wilder, Ken Wolford
Altar: Pontifical servers

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

10:00 a.m. Lector: Carly Nichols
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Katie Baker, April Bertoli, John Bertoli, Erin Greelish, B.H. Kroger
Altar: Ben Bertoli, Ella Bertoli, Jack Bertoli, Kate Bertoli, Dan Fletcher, Felix Ford, Zack Litton, Amelia Polen

5:30 p.m. Lector: Melanie Bruno
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Heather Bay, Tom Donnelly, Jim Frondorf, Linda Mintkenbaugh
Altar: John Garnett, Josh Rohling

IMPORTANT – Each 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

Tony Caudill, Kathy Baron, Corbin Easterling, Laura Custer, Braylon Thornberry, Cheryl Vidourek, Mary Rauen Czarnecki, Fred Hollis, Katie Baker, Brad Fritz, Edward Littig, John Walcutt, Cathi Bleile, Mary Beth Peavler, Jim Albright, Josh Rohling, Ralph Arnsparger, Ken Raisbeck, Neil Blunt, Berry Mang, the Juilf Family, Alissa Light, Wladyslawa Balaban, Theresa Goeke, Madeleine Smith, William Davin, Amy Michels, Michael Trimpe, 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.

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17
4:30 p.m. Lois Flach

Sunday, October 18
7:30 a.m. Intention of Terrence Culliton
10:00 a.m. Dr. Tom Donovan
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, October 19
8:15 a.m. Rick Read

Tuesday, October 20
8:15 a.m. Lois Robinson

Wednesday, October 21
8:15 a.m. Edmund Eldredge, Jr.

Thursday, October 22
8:15 a.m. Samuel and Pearl Bowman

Friday, October 23
8:15 a.m. Dennis Buttelwerth

Saturday, October 24
4:30 p.m. Tony Mumphrey

Sunday, October 25 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Julia Hollis
10:00 a.m. David Buttelwerth
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Parishioners and Benefactors

Collection for Sunday, September 26, 2026

Envelopes (65)	$	3,503.00
Loose	$	2,620.00
Diocesan	$	5,076.92
Total	**$**	**11,199.92**
St. Vincent de Paul Collection, September, 2026	**$**	**6,169.39**

Thank you!

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

Weekly Rosary – In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 8:15 a.m., Mass on Thursdays.

Prayer Group – 8:00 a.m., Saturdays in the Parish Office. Call Deacon Franzen at 859-394-8486.

Catholic Charities – Client Care 859-581-9874, 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015.

Senior Resource Center – 859-261-0746, M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 3705 Winston Avenue, Covington.

Ongoing St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

Canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, canned diced tomatoes, pasta sauce, dried pasta, mac and cheese, canned or pouched tuna or chicken, 1-lb. bags of rice, saltine crackers, and cereal. *Thank you!*

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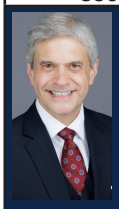
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