

LITURGYNOTES

“Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy it.”

November 2025 Diocese of Davenport

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CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

- 1: Solemnity of All Saints.
- 2: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (“All Souls”).
- 9: Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran (replaces the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- 15: Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral
- 16: World Day of the Poor (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- 23: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 30: First Sunday of Advent

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>
(<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>)

Diocesan information is posted at:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy#Jubilee2025>. For example, cards with the Jubilee Prayer are available for download there (bilingual English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese). Information about the Jubilee Indulgence and on pilgrimage churches in the diocese is also available.

The Vatican has released a special Mass for the Holy Year, which is posted on the USCCB website:
[USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year)

NEWS & NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE FDLC & BCDW

Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care

This ritual book replaces “Pastoral Care of the Sick,” and is being structured in accord with the Latin typical edition. Per the USCCB:

- The books may be advertised by publishers and available for pre-order as of August 1.
- It can be shipped on January 1, 2026.
- First use is February 11, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Mandatory use is April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday.

Here is a summary from the FDLC of the publishers and their offerings:

PUBLISHER	SIZE(S)	ENGLISH \$	SPANISH \$	BILINGUAL \$
Catholic Book	Large 7.25" x 10.25" leatherette	34.00		
	Regular 4.25 x 6.25" leatherette	25.00		29.00
Liturgical Press	Ritual edition, Hardcover 6 x 9" 304 pages	59.95	59.95	105.99 (set of 2)
Liturgy Training Publications	Ritual edition, leatherette 5.25" x 8" 336 pages	48.00		68.00 (672 pages)
Magnificat	4.25" x 5.5" pocket size, 280 pages	24.95 (19.95 sale)		
Midwest Theological Forum	7 x 10" leatherette	49.95 (44.95 til 8-31)		69.95 (62.96 til 8-31)

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR: THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER

- Black Catholic History Month; Native American Heritage Month
- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. See below.
- November 2: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (“All Souls”). See below. Daylight Savings Time Ends.
- November 9: Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran (replaces the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- November 15: Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral (a Solemnity at the Cathedral itself)
 - The texts for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church are used.
- November 16: World Day of the Poor (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- November 23: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- November 30: First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH

DECEMBER

- December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even though this solemnity falls on a Monday, it retains its obligation. Therefore, there are back-to-back obligations with Sunday. One should fulfill both obligations by assisting at two Masses, one for each of the two days. Ritual and funeral Masses are not permitted. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals. On the night of Sunday, December 7, EP II for the 2nd Sunday of Advent is celebrated, as is the Mass for that Advent Sunday.

	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday, Dec 7	2 nd Sunday of Advent	2 nd Sunday of Advent	2 nd Sunday of Advent	EP II of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday, Dec 8	Immaculate Conception	Immaculate Conception	Immaculate Conception	EP II of Immaculate Conception

- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (see below)
- December 28: Feast of the Holy Family. Close of the Jubilee Year.

December 24-25, 2025

The Missal has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The texts for Christmas – Mass during the Night are to be used for Masses beginning “at night,” preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper texts for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 are those for Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the texts for Christmas – Mass during the Day. The Mass during the Night may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (Book of Blessings, ch. 48, §1542-44).

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The Lectionary for Mass provides 4 sets of readings for Christmas: the Vigil, the Mass at Night, the Mass at Dawn, and the Mass during the Day. It is strongly recommended that the readings be used as assigned, in particular that the Vigil readings be used at the Vigil. That being said, based on pastoral need, and acknowledging that the Mass that any person attends will be “their” Christmas Mass, the *Homiletic Directory* (#110) allows for the use of any of the 4 sets of readings at any of the four Masses.

On December 25, Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD

January

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation; Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
- January 4 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 11 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
<https://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2025/2025-06-23-texts-for-2026-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.html>
<https://www.atonementfriars.org/2026-week-of-prayer-theme-announced/>
- January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
<https://www.usccb.org/january-22>
- January 25 – Sunday of the Word of God
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>
- January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day
<https://www.ushmm.org/remember/international-holocaust-remembrance-day>

HOLY WEEK / TRIDUUM / EASTER 2026

- The *Chrism Mass* is scheduled for March 30, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, April 2 through Sunday, April 5 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, April 4. On that night, sunset is at ~7:30 pm. In order to insure sufficient darkness, at least 45 minutes (preferably one hour) should elapse after sunset before the Vigil may begin. Therefore, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:15 pm CDT.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please see: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia>

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent: February 22, 2026. Bishop Walsh will preside at the Cathedral and Fr. Jason Crossen, our Vicar General, will preside at a bilingual (English-Spanish) rite in Ottumwa; both liturgies will begin at 2pm. Information regarding registration, as well as further details, will be published in the December issue of *LiturgyNotes* and be sent directly to pastors and RCIA contacts as soon as they are available.

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UPCOMING EVENTS: DIOCESAN LITURGIES

DECEMBER 28: CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



Bishop Walsh will celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, December 28, at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9:00 a.m.

Priests who wish to concelebrate, and deacons who wish to vest, are asked to let Deacon Agnoli know at agnoli@davenportdiocese.org. Likewise, if pastors know that a group will be coming from their parish, please do let us know so we can plan accordingly.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – JANUARY 25, 2025

The Church observes the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. Since its inception, our diocese has kept this celebration by offering an afternoon of reflection on the scriptures. For example, we have explored the themes of synodality and the Eucharist in the Bible, reflecting our participation in the Synod process and the Eucharistic Revival, respectively. We're working on the specifics for this year, and will let you know more in the November issue.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE 2024

A Novena to St. Isidore may take place starting eight days before Thanksgiving: November 19th–27th. St. Isidore, the farmer, born in Madrid, Spain was employed as a laborer on a farm outside the city; he married Maria de la Cabeza. Both Isidore and Maria worked hard and were very charitable to their neighbors and the poor. Through the centuries, Isidore and Maria have been revered as an example of the vocational meaning of marriage, not only as an institution that addresses a need for affection but also through which people can achieve holiness. The virtual novena from Catholic Rural Life can be found here: <https://catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/>.

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(1) Synod on Synodality

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023>

(2) The Center for Liturgy (general intercessions for Sundays)

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(3) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at (in English and Spanish):

<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm> (archive from 2011-2020)

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