

# LITURGYNOTES

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

## June 2026

Diocese of Davenport

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### NEWS FROM THE FDLC & BCDW

#### National Meeting 2026: Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2026 National Meeting – “Word of God: Living and Effective.” The good folks of Region Nine will welcome us to Iowa City, Iowa from September 29 to October 1.

The nightly rate is a very reasonable \$115 at the lovely Graduate Hotel by Hilton. Reserve your room with this special FDLC rate by using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51175015> Hint: Based on availability, the hotel will also honor this rate if you wish to stay on a few days and attend the Big Ten football game between the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Ohio State Buckeyes (October 3).

LINK TO FULL REGISTRATION BROCHURE: <https://fdlc.org/upcoming-national-meeting/>

LINK TO ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM: <https://fdlc.org/2026-fdlc-national-meeting-registration/>

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Liturgy of The Hours – A Timeline

Like many of you, I have been receiving questions on the promulgation of the new translation of the Liturgy of the Hours. Please be assured that the FDLC has already developed a **plan of formation** which will include webinars, workshops, and printed resources.

I hope that the following timeline will help you as you serve your Bishop, clergy, religious and faithful of your diocese. This information was developed in collaboration with our colleagues at the BCDW Secretariat.

*IN GENERAL*

- Two publishers have been chosen to print the four volumes of the Liturgy of the Hours – Ascension Press and Word on Fire.
- The publishers have announced that they will begin accepting pre-orders on July 1, 2027.
- The volumes will be released gradually (the same happened in 1975).
- The first volume to ship will be Volume II – Lent and Easter seasons.
- Each volume will be shipped approximately one month before its permitted first use date.
- It is anticipated that digital and one volume editions will be available by the First Sunday of Advent 2028.
- Mandatory use for the revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours is the **First Sunday of Advent 2028** (this allows time for formation).

*A TIMELINE*

DATE	ACTION
July 1, 2026	Publishers may accept pre-orders. They will take orders for all four volumes, even though they will ship in increments.
January 2027	Volume II (Lent and Easter) ships
Feb 10, 2027	Volume II may be used (Ash Wednesday)
April 2027	Volume III (Ordinary Time Weeks 1-17) may be shipped
May 17, 2027	Volume III may be used (Monday after Pentecost)
July 2027	Volume IV (Ordinary Time Weeks 18-34) may be shipped
August 1, 2027	Volume IV may be used
October 2027	Volume I (Advent-Christmas) may be shipped
November 28, 2027	First Sunday of Advent -- Volume I may be used
2028	Digital editions, one volume major extracts, and minor extracts
December 3, 2028	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – MANDATORY USE

Once that [four-volume] process is complete, work will turn to the review and publication of the one-volume major extracts; they are expected to go on sale in mid-2028. In addition, various minor extracts of the Divine Office—*General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, Daytime Prayer, Compline, etc.—will be published at some point during 2027 or 2028.



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#### JUNE

- June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2026/5/FDLC-Resource%20for%20June%207%202026%20MHBBC.pdf>
- June 11: Consecration of the US to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (see below)
- June 12: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus — World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-prayer-sanctification-priests>
- June 19: Juneteenth  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism>
- June 21: Father’s Day
- June 22–29: Religious Freedom Week (USA)  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>
- June 29: Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul (see below).

#### June 11: Consecration of the USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

At their November 2025 Plenary Assembly, the Bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to mark the country’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. The consecration will take place on Thursday, June 11, on the night before the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday, June 12). Since the solemnity of the Sacred Heart does not have a vigil, *per se*, and is not a holy day of obligation, the Mass texts will be taken from the **votive** Mass for the Sacred Heart. **The resources for local celebrations have now been posted** on the USCCB Website (<https://www.usccb.org/local-celebrations-consecration-united-states-america-most-sacred-heart-jesus>).

#### June 21: Father’s Day

Sunday, June 21, the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, is also Father’s Day. As a secular holiday, it should in no way overshadow the primary celebration of the paschal mystery. The Book of Blessings (#1729ff) contains an appropriate rite for parish use.

**Ministering to Couples Experiencing Infertility/Miscarriage** – As we approach the celebrations of Father’s Day, it is important to be pastorally sensitive to those in your parish who are experiencing infertility or loss. The following link from [Springs in the Desert](https://springsinthedesert.org/digital-infertility-toolkit/) offers some free resources (Prayers of the Faithfull, Bulletin Announcements, Social Media Posts, Blessings, etc.) for use in your parish <https://springsinthedesert.org/digital-infertility-toolkit/>. Additional ministry resources are available for purchase [here](#). Contact [Marianne Agnoli](#) with questions or for more resource options.

#### June 28-29: SS Peter & Paul

The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul falls on Monday, June 29. It is therefore not a holy day of obligation, and so may not be anticipated (which is different than a true Vigil, as seen on the Assumption, below). Funeral Masses are permitted, but ritual Masses (such as weddings) are not. If we lived in a country where Ss. Peter and Paul were a day of precept, the Vigil Mass of Ss Peter and Paul would have precedence on Sunday evening. However, we do not, so the Sunday Mass, which is of precept, takes precedence.

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	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass before 4pm</b>	<b>Mass after 4pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	MP for 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		EP I for SS. Peter and Paul
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	MP for SS. Peter and Paul	SS. Peter and Paul		EP II for SS. Peter and Paul

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR: NEXT MONTH**

JULY

- July 4: Independence Day. The Mass for Independence Day may be used during the day. The evening anticipatory Mass is the Mass for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR: LOOKING AHEAD**

AUGUST

- August 6: The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6, which is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945, when nature itself was violently transfigured. Perhaps as we gather for Eucharist or pray the Hours this day (and again on August 9, the day another atomic weapon was detonated over Nagasaki, a center of Catholic life in Japan, using Urakami Cathedral as the target) we would do well to pray for peace and that the horrors of that August eighty-one years ago will never be repeated.
- August 15: See below.

August 15: Assumption of the BVM

Because it falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Because the obligation is lifted, funeral masses are permitted. However, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and other Masses for the Dead are not. A marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony; if celebrated within Mass then the texts for the Assumption must be used.

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass before 4pm</b>	<b>Mass after 4pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Friday, Aug 14</b>	St. Maximillian Kolbe	St. Maximillian Kolbe	Vigil for Assumption of the BVM	EP I Assumption BVM
<b>Saturday, Aug 15</b>	MP for Assumption BVM	Assumption BVM (Mass during the Day)	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*	EP II Assumption BVM
<b>Sunday, Aug 16</b>	MP 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		EP II for 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*A regularly scheduled Anticipated Sunday Mass must be for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time as it is a day of precept and the Assumption is not a day of precept this year. It is still possible to have a Mass for the Assumption after 4pm, but it is not to be at the time of a regularly scheduled Anticipated Sunday Mass.

## **DIOCESAN LITURGIES**

### ORDINATION

#### June 6: Ordination to the Priesthood

Alfonso Pizano, Jr. has been called to be ordained a presbyter for the Diocese of Davenport. The liturgy of ordination will be celebrated on Saturday, June 6, at 10:00am. In the meantime, please consider including him in your intercessions; for example:

- For Alfonso Pizano, who will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Davenport this year, that he would be a faithful and compassionate minister of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For Deacon Alfonso Pizano, as he is ordained to the priesthood for our diocese. Let us pray to the Lord.

## **LITURGY PREPARATION**

### COMMUNION

The full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic liturgy is most clearly expressed by the reception of hosts consecrated at the same Mass rather than by the reception of hosts reserved in the tabernacle. In modern times, the importance of communing from the gifts presented and consecrated at the same Mass in which one is present has been stressed by Pope Benedict XIV (*Certiores Effecti*, 1742), Pope Pius XII (*Mediator Dei*, 1947), and the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who stated: “That more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the priest’s communion, receive the Lord’s body from the sacrifice, is strongly endorsed” (CSL 55).

This priority was echoed again in the GIRM: “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord’s Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (GIRM 85; cf. RS 89). As stated in the February 2007 issue of the *Newsletter of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy* (page 54):

This participation [of the faithful] is manifested in the two great processions of the faithful at Mass (GIRM #44). In the presentation of the gifts first, the faithful present the bread and wine for the sacrifice—along with the gift of their very lives. The very same bread and wine which they have offered is then consecrated by the action of the Priest and returned to them as the Body and Blood of their Lord when they come forward in procession to receive Holy Communion.

Thus, the gifts of creation—become symbols of our work and our lives, returned in gratitude—are given back to us, transformed, as we are transformed in this holy exchange of gifts. Routine recourse to the tabernacle negates this powerful and active exchange, and risks reducing the assembly to passive observers. In addition, regular communion from the tabernacle blurs the distinction between the Mass and so-called “communion services,” further undermining the significance and meaning of the Eucharistic liturgy.

Therefore, pastors and those charged with the preparation of the liturgy should ensure that a sufficient number of hosts are consecrated at each Mass for all those wishing to receive, so that routine recourse to the tabernacle for communion during the Eucharistic liturgy is avoided. The faithful should be catechized as to the importance of their substantive participation through the presentation of the gifts and in their communion from the very gifts presented (SC 47). Likewise, liturgical hospitality requires that a sufficient quantity of wine is consecrated so that all who desire to receive Communion under both species are able to do so.

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Certainly, in the case of need, hosts consecrated at a previous Mass may be distributed. Also, should there be an overabundance of hosts in the tabernacle, in order to avoid the risk of spoilage pastors (assisted by others as needed) may either discretely and reverently consume the excess (as in preparation for Holy Thursday) or, *if necessary*, distribute communion from the reserved Blessed Sacrament (preferably at a weekday rather than a Sunday Eucharist). Over time, as communities become accustomed to preparing only the number of hosts that will be needed, such exceptions should become increasingly rare. If hosts from the tabernacle are to be used, it is preferable that they not be brought to the altar prior to communion but instead be retrieved when it becomes necessary.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### Lent / Triduum / Easter 2027

- *Ash Wednesday* will fall on February 10
- The *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* is scheduled for February 14, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. We will again celebrate the Rite in both Davenport and Ottumwa.
- The *Chrism Mass* is tentatively scheduled for March 22, the Monday of Holy Week.
- The *Triduum* falls on Thursday, March 25 through Sunday, March 28 – with the Easter Vigil falling on the night of Saturday, March 27. 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, preferably 8:30 pm.

### PREACHING RESOURCE: CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

The CBA has a webpage (<https://www.catholicbiblical.org/news/representations-of-jews-and-judaism>) dedicated to helping preachers and teachers to speak accurately about Judaism and Christian-Jewish relations. Resources include examples of lectionary guides and fact sheets as well as linking to a collection of video commentaries on the scriptures by both Catholic and Jewish exegetes.

### 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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