

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

Calendar of Feasts, Fasts and Particular Liturgical Observances

2023

Year A – Cycle I

2024

Year B– Cycle II



YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 17 – 21, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

...2023

... Ordinary Time

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

--Observed as a holy day of obligation in 2023. (See last page.)

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023

--**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the Superior Diocese:

- *For the Harvest and the Fruits of the Earth*

+ SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

--Titular Feast of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior.

--Final Sunday of the [2023] *liturgical* year.

Advent

The Season of Advent begins with EVENING PRAYER I

Saturday, December 2, 2023

--The new, [2024] *liturgical* year begins.

- Sunday Lectionary – YEAR-B
- Weekday Lectionary – CYCLE-II

+ First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2023

+ SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, December 8, 2023

--Observed as a holy day of obligation in 2023. (See last page.)

+ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 2023

ALSO

+ SOLEMNITY OF THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

+ SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Monday, December 25, 2023

--Always observed as a holy day of obligation. (See last page.)

NOTE: "When consecutive obligations [to attend Mass] occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill [the] two separate obligations." *USCCB Committee on Divine Worship*

Christmas Season

2024

+ **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Sunday, January 1, 2024

-- **NOT** observed as a holy day of obligation in 2024. (See last page.)

+ **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Sunday, January 7, 2024

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8, 2024

--The Christmas season closes with EVENING PRAYER II.

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time Begins

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

+ **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Monday, January 22, 2024

--51st Anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion.

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Christ the King

Monday, February 5, 2024

--Observed as a *Solemnity* at the Cathedral parish. Observed as a *Feast* at all other diocesan parishes.

I am the l i v i n g b r e a d
that came down
from heaven;
w h o e v e r e a t s this bread,

w i l l l i v e F O R E V E R .

John 6:51ab

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

--The season of **Lent** begins.

--**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the Superior Diocese:

- *For the General Needs of Humankind*

Days of fast and abstinence during Lent:

Abstinence:

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on:

- Ash Wednesday,
- all the Fridays of Lent
- and Good Friday.

Fast:

Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on:

- Ash Wednesday
- and Good Friday.

This means only one full meatless meal is to be eaten. Two smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Additional information regarding Lent, the Chrism Mass, Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, the Easter Season and Pentecost may be found in this location on the diocesan website:

<https://www.catholicdos.org/lent>

+ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

ALSO

Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion

- 3:00 p.m.
- Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

MASS OF CHRISM

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 12:00 Noon
- Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

HOLY WEEK

+ PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024

--**HOLY WEEK**

- Begins with the COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM, which takes place at all Masses today.
- Ends prior to the celebration of the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on **HOLY THURSDAY**.

TRIDUUM

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday, March 28 – Sunday March 31, 2024

--Begins with the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER on **HOLY THURSDAY**

--Ends with EVENING PRAYER II on **EASTER SUNDAY**

HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, March 28, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, March 29, 2024

--A day of fast and abstinence (see above).

HOLY SATURDAY - + THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, March 30, 2024

- Suggested earliest + EASTER VIGIL start times (45 minutes after sunset) which allow for adequate darkness. Churches to the north and south of these locations would have similar start times.

City	Time of Sunset	Earliest start time
Rhineland	7:24 p.m.	8:09 p.m.
Merrill	7:25 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Park Falls	7:28 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
Ashland	7:31 p.m.	8:16 p.m.
Rice Lake	7:33 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
River Falls	7:36 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Superior	7:36 p.m.	8:21 p.m.

+ **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Season

+ **SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION**

Sunday, May 12, 2024

--Replaces the 7th Sunday of Easter (See note at the bottom of the last page).

+ **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

Sunday, May 19, 2024

--The Easter Season concludes with EVENING PRAYER II.

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time Begins

Monday, May 20, 2024

--Resumes with the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

--MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024

--**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the Superior diocese:

- *For World Justice and Peace*

Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

TBA – a Saturday in July, 2024

- 11:00 a.m.
- Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

- + **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Thursday, August 15, 2024
--Observed as a holy day of obligation in 2024. (See last page.)

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2024
--**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER** in the Superior diocese:
○ *For Human Rights and Equality*

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○ Weekday Lectionary – CYCLE-I

- + **First Sunday of Advent**
Sunday, December 1, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday, December 9, 2024
-- **NOT** observed as a holy day of obligation in 2024. (See last page.)

- + **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
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Christmas Season

2025...

+ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Catholic Services Appeal (CSA):

Third Weekend of August (Summer Visitor Parishes)
and Third Weekend of September for General Kickoff

Diocesan Special Collections (2024):



Diocesan Catholic Schools

**Begins Last
Sunday, January**
Jan. 28 – Feb. 3, 2024



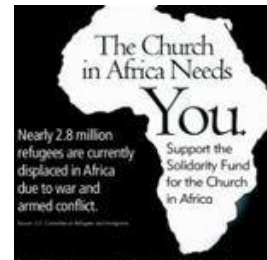
Operation Rice Bowl

**Ash Wednesday through
Lent**
Feb. 14, 2024



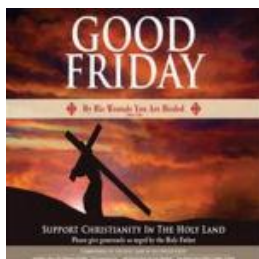
National Black & Indians Missions

First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 18, 2024



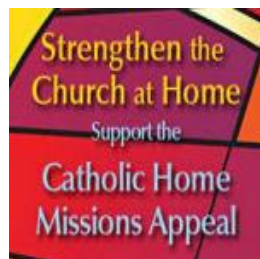
World Concern

**or International Priests
Fourth Sunday Lent**
March 10, 2024



Holy Land

Good Friday
March 29, 2024



Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Last Sunday, April
April 28, 2024



**National Concerns
Third Sunday, June**
June 16, 2024



World Mission Sunday
Next to Last Sunday, October
October 20, 2024

+ DAYS OF OBLIGATION

in the dioceses of the United States of America
include **all Sundays** and the following **Solemnities**:

January 1	<i>The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, Mother of God</i>
August 15	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
November 1	<i>All Saints</i>
December 8	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
December 25	<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>

Except for Immaculate Conception, all the above dates may occasionally fall on and be celebrated on a Sunday.

For the convenience of the faithful, whenever the following dates fall on a **Saturday** or a **Monday** the precept to attend Mass on those days is then **abrogated**:

January 1	<i>The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, Mother of God</i>
August 15	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
November 1	<i>All Saints</i>

The Solemnity is still celebrated, but the faithful's obligation to attend Mass on that day is dropped.

This same allowance for convenience is not true for the other two holy days.

When either December 8 or December 25 fall on a Saturday or a Monday the faithful are obligated to attend the Mass for that day in addition to that of the Sunday which either precedes or follows it.

Attending the celebration of any one Mass cannot fulfill the obligation for both days.

December 8	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
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When **December 8** falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is always observed as a holy day of obligation. (This is because the Blessed Virgin Mary under this title is the Patroness of the Dioceses of the United States.)

However, some years the date of the Solemnity is **transferred** from **December 8** to **December 9**. When this happens the obligation to attend Mass on that day is not transferred with it.

- Because the Sundays of Advent take liturgical precedent over Immaculate Conception, when December 8 falls on one of these Sundays the Solemnity's date is necessarily transferred to the following Monday (December 9).
- *Only when this occurs* (when the date of Immaculate Conception has been transferred from the **8th** to the **9th**) is the obligation to attend Mass on that day dropped.

December 25	<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>
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- Christmas is always celebrated as such on any day of the week it falls.
- Christmas is always a holy day of obligation.

Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension in our Ecclesiastical Province (of Milwaukee)

In 1999, our observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord was transferred from the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which it replaces. This occurred in all U.S. Ecclesiastical Provinces except for those of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia.