



Diocese of
OWENSBORO

OBSERVANCE OF HOLY DAYS

The six Holy Days of Obligation are:

January 1:	Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God
Movable Feast:	Ascension Day
August 15:	Assumption of Mary into Heaven
November 1:	Feast of All Saints
December 8:	Immaculate Conception
December 25:	Christmas Day

Priests are urged to urge people to observe them as true Holy Days. This means:

1. Obligation of celebration of Mass;
2. No unnecessary work.

When at all possible, all normal parish activity should be discontinued on these days. Schools should be closed whenever possible. Parish and institution offices should be closed when possible. Please inform the people that all diocesan offices will be closed on all Holy Days.

There are to be no short cuts on these days. Liturgies must be of the usual quality, with the usual homily.

Since the bishops have decided, and indicating they reflected the wishes of the people, to retain the six Holy Days of Obligation, these days are to be kept with a reasonable observance.

NOTE: Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. (***Decree of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, December 13, 1991.***)