



Diocese of
OWENSBORO

LITURGICAL YEAR 2022

Sunday Cycle Year C | Weekdays Cycle II
November 28, 2021 – November 27, 2022

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 28, 2021	
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 5, 2021	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wednesday, December 8, 2021	Holy Day of Obligation
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 12, 2021	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 19, 2021	
Nativity of the Lord	Saturday, December 25, 2021	Holy Day of Obligation (Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.) <i>See calendar advisory.*</i>
The Holy Name Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 26, 2021	(Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26.) <i>See calendar advisory.*</i>
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother	Saturday, January 1, 2022	Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. <i>See calendar advisory.*</i>
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 2, 2022	
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 9, 2022	
The Presentation of the Lord	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	
Rite of Election	Sunday, February 27, 2022	TBD, 2 PM
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 2, 2022	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 6, 2022	
Rite of Election	Sunday, March 6, 2022	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM & 6 PM
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 13, 2022	
Youth 2000 Mass	Sunday, March 13, 2022	Brescia University (participants only)
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday, March 19, 2022	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 20, 2022	1 st Scrutiny
The Annunciation of the Lord	Friday, March 25, 2022	
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 27, 2022	2 nd Scrutiny

Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, April 3, 2022	3 rd Scrutiny
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Chris Kight	<i>(Possible date: Saturday, April 9, 2022) (TBD)</i>	St. Stephen Cathedral, 10 AM (TBD)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, April 10, 2022	
Chrism Mass	Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 14, 2022	
Friday of the Lord's Passion	Friday, April 15, 2022	
Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 16, 2022	
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 16, 2022	The Easter Vigil may not begin before total darkness (around 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Sunday, April 17, 2022	
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 24, 2022	
Prayer Service for Healing and Protection	April 2022, TBD	TBD
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 1, 2022	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 8, 2022	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 15, 2022	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 22, 2022	
Priesthood Ordination of Dcn. Martin Ling	TBD	St. Stephen Cathedral, 10 AM
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 29, 2022	In this diocese, Ascension is transferred to Sunday. Thursday, May 26 is the memorial of St. Philip Neri, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, June 5, 2022	
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday, June 6, 2022	In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed a new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, into the General Roman Calendar. Here are the proper liturgical texts.
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, June 12, 2022	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 19, 2022	
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Thursday, June 23, 2022	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 24, 2022	
World Meeting of Families Mass	Saturday, June 25, 2022	TBD
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Wednesday, June 29, 2022	

NEW: Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Friday, July 29, 2022	On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Click here for the English/Spanish interim Mass text approved for use at this time.
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, August 15, 2022	Not a Holy Day of obligation this year.
Marriage Anniversary Mass	September, TBD	St. Stephen Cathedral, TBD
Sophia Awards Mass	Sunday, September 11, 2022	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM
National Migration Week (Sept. 26-30) Mass	TBD	Location/Time TBD
NEW: Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska	Wednesday, October 5, 2022	In 2020, Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Information for liturgical texts can be found here .
Solemnity of All Saints	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	Holy Day of obligation
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Wednesday, November 2, 2022	
ODYC Mass	Saturday, November 19, 2022	Knicely Center, Bowling Green (participants only)
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 20, 2022	
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 27, 2022	

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Yellow highlighted days are diocesan or diocesan-office sponsored liturgies.
- Revisions/updates may be made throughout the year and will be made available on the Diocesan website under the Worship page.

***CALENDAR ADVISORY FROM BCDW (CHRISTMAS AND HOLY FAMILY 2021, SOLEMNITY OF MARY 2022):**

This year, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday and is immediately followed on Sunday by the Feast of the Holy Family. In cases of consecutive feast days, there are often questions regarding which Mass is to be celebrated on Saturday evening and whether Evening Prayer II of the current day or Evening Prayer I of the following day is prayed at the *Liturgy of the Hours*. The May-June 2016 *Newsletter* presents a more thorough examination of these issues in “The Liturgical Celebration of Consecutive Feast Days (and Nights).”

What day is celebrated is determined by two considerations: the rank of each celebration on the Table of Liturgical Days and whether each celebration is a holy day of obligation. In some cases, e.g., when the Assumption falls on a Saturday, the Mass of the Sunday in Ordinary Time is generally anticipated on Saturday evening because precedence is given to the “feast of precept” – even though the Assumption occupies a higher place on the Table of Liturgical Days.

In the case of Christmas and Holy Family, both are days of precept (the latter because it falls on a Sunday), but Christmas occupies a higher place on the Table of Liturgical Days. Therefore, on the evening of Saturday, December 25, the Nativity Mass during the Day is celebrated with its accompanying readings from the Lectionary, and Evening Prayer II is prayed.

On days such as these, there are also questions regarding the fulfillment of the obligation to attend Mass. This was examined in “The Mass Obligation of the Faithful on Consecutive Feast Days” from the February 2017 *Newsletter*. In short, the prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation (in this case, one for Christmas and another for Holy Family) must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. The fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. According to canon 1248 §1, “A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass.” Evening is commonly understood to begin at 4:00 PM, the earliest time permitted for anticipated Masses by Venerable Pope Pius XII in his 1953 Apostolic Constitution *Christus Dominus*. The following chart may be helpful:

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Holy Family
Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.	Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26.
For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigil Mass of the Nativity • Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 	For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

The situation with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday, January 1, 2022 is more straightforward. In the United States, the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of Mary is abrogated when this celebration occurs on a Monday or a Saturday. In this case, because the Solemnity occurs on a Saturday, the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany is celebrated and Evening Prayer I of the Epiphany is prayed at the *Liturgy of the Hours*. Even if both solemnities were holy days of obligation, the Vigil Mass and Evening Prayer I of Epiphany would still be celebrated on the evening of Saturday, January 1. While one is not required to anticipate a Mass on the preceding evening of a Sunday or feast of precept, the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany is not an anticipated Mass but a Vigil. According to the *Universal Norms of the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, “Some Solemnities are also endowed with their own Vigil Mass, which is to be used on the evening of the preceding day, if an evening Mass is celebrated” (no. 11).

COMMON DAYS OF PRAYER AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST):

- World Day of PeaceJanuary 1
- Week of Prayer for Christian UnityJanuary 18–25
- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn ChildrenJanuary 22
- Catholic Schools Week.....Last week of January
- Sunday of the Word of GodThird Sunday in Ordinary Time
- World Day for Consecrated LifeSunday following February 2 [USA]
- World Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human TraffickingFebruary 8
- World Marriage DaySecond Sunday of February

[including National Marriage Week USA	February 7-14]
World Day of the Sick	February 11
Child Abuse Prevention Month	April
World Day of Prayer for the Church in China.....	May 24
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day	Seventh Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Religious Freedom Week	June 22-29
Natural Family Planning Awareness Week	Week of July 25
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	September 1
Catechetical Sunday	Third Sunday of September [USA]
World Day of Migrants and Refugees	Last Sunday of September
National Migration Week	Last Week of September
World Mission Sunday	Penultimate Sunday of October
Respect Life Sunday	First Sunday of October
[including Respect Life Month	October]
Priesthood Sunday	Last Sunday of October
Black Catholic History Month.....	November
World Youth Day	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [USA]
World Day of the Poor	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time