

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JUNE 2016

CHURCH NEWS

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Order of Celebrating Matrimony Workshops

Workshops to introduce the new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* and present updates in marriage preparation in the diocese will be held in each deanery beginning in August. The workshops are intended for those who preside at weddings and/or are involved in ministry to couples preparing for marriage, such as priests, deacons (especially those who will not be able to make it to the deacons' fall convocation), coordinators and team members in marriage preparation programs, music ministers, and parish wedding coordinators.

Our schedule of dates and locations is as follows:

August 6 = Keokuk Deanery (Holy Family, Fort Madison)
August 27 = Iowa City (St. Patrick, IC)
Sept 3 = Ottumwa Deanery (St. Patrick, Ottumwa)
Oct 1 = Grinnell Deanery (Sacred Heart, Newton)
Nov 5 = Clinton Deanery (St. Joseph, DeWitt)
Dec 3 = Davenport Deanery (site TBA)

In addition, this material will be the topic of the Deacon Convocation on October 15-16. If a priest is unable to make it to one of the deanery workshops, please contact Deacon David Montgomery to arrange to attend the deacon convocation instead.

Registration and other information will be posted on the Liturgy Events page (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm#OCM>).

YEAR OF MERCY

Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference – July 30, 2016

Guided by keynote speaker Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, the faithful of the diocese are invited to reflect upon our call to be a Church of Mercy. The conference will feature a ministry fair with representatives from numerous local organizations and parish programs. Attendants will also be able to participate in a variety of breakout sessions focused on how to develop and maintain various “ministries of mercies” within their parishes and how to be involved as “merciful ministers” with organizations or ministries that implement works of mercy in the community. Please contact Marianne Agnoli at agnolim@davenportdiocese.org if you have any questions or if you or one of your parish organizations is interested in providing information at the ministry fair. We have set up a specific webpage for the Conference, including workshop descriptions and a registration form. Please go to: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercyConference.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Ordination

Ordinations to the diaconate and presbyterate will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. Deacon Ross Epping will be ordained to the presbyterate and Mistery Dan Dorau and Chris Weber will be ordained to the diaconate. As this date approaches, please consider including the candidates in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; for example:

For those who will be ordained this June for ministry in our diocese; we pray to the Lord:

That those who will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood this June will faithfully follow the Good Shepherd as they serve the Diocese of Davenport; we pray to the Lord:

Acolytate

The men in Deacon Formation Class VII will be instituted into the ministry of acolyte, the final rite celebrated before ordination, at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Saturday, June 11, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. As this date approaches, please consider including the candidates and their families in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; for example:

For those preparing to serve our diocese as Deacons; that as they receive the ministry of Acolyte they may be faithful in their service at the altar. We pray to the Lord.

For the Deacon candidates receiving the ministry of Acolyte this summer and for their families; we pray to the Lord.

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

July 30: "Ministries of Mercy" Diocesan Conference (St. Ambrose University)

September 17: CLINTON DEANERY:
Communal Penance Liturgy (Jesus Christ Prince of Peace, Clinton, 11:00 a.m.)

September 27: KEOKUK DEANERY:
Mass with Anointing of the Sick (SS. Mary & Joseph, Ft. Madison; 10:30am)

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Annual Convention: July 11-16, 2016

The annual convention of the NPM will be held in Houston, Texas this year, with the theme – *The Church Sings*. Please visit their website for more information and/or to register for the convention: <http://www.npm.org/>.

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Feast of the Transfiguration

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6 – which is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, when nature itself was violently transfigured. Perhaps as we gather for Eucharist or pray the Hours this day we would do well to pray for peace and that the horrors of that August 6 seventy-one years ago will never be repeated.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15, falls on a Monday this year, and so is not a Holy Day of Obligation. When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited but funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. The liturgies of August 14-15 are celebrated as follows:

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, August 14	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Week IV)	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass: Assumption of the BVM	EP I of the Assumption of the BVM
Monday, August 15	Assumption of the BVM	Mass during the Day: Assumption of the BVM		EP II of the Assumption of the BVM

(N.B. If your parish is St. Mary of the Assumption, then the Solemnity can be moved to Sunday: the Saturday night Mass would be the Vigil of the Assumption and the Sunday Masses would be the Mass during the Day.)

One of the popular traditions associated with the Assumption is the Blessing of Fruits and Herbs (*Directory on Popular Piety*, #181). In the United States, the rite for use within or outside of Mass may be found in the *Book of Blessings*, ch. 59: “Order for the Blessing of Food or Drink or Other Elements Connected with Devotion.” A rite for use at home can also be found in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (1st ed. p. 170; 2nd edition p. 312).

Lent/Triduum 2017

Next year, *Ash Wednesday* falls on March 1.

We will celebrate the *Rite of Election* at Saint Patrick Church in Iowa City on Sunday, March 5 at 3pm (1st Sunday of Lent).

The *Chrism Mass* will be celebrated on Monday, April 3, at 5pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 13 through Sunday, April 16 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, April 15. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30pm.

INTERCESSIONS

Here are resources for the Universal Prayer:

(1) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at:

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

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:

http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

(3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:

<http://www.coc.org/ef>

(4) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:

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

(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

(6) See also our website for prayer resources in times of crisis:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm#Prayers>

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