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

Liturgy and COVID-19

Diocesan Webpages

Pandemic Policies and Resources:
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu
Prayer and Support:
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prayer-and-support
Q and A:
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/qa

Video from the Iowa Bishops:
https://youtu.be/ejeeBoNdIxY

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From the USCCB on the use of Scripture (Please visit here for more details.)
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As of November 29, 2020, licensing will again be required to reprint the readings for Sundays and major feasts in a digital or paper worship aid. To obtain a license, please send an email to nabperm@usccb.org with “Sunday Readings License” as the subject. Provide the parish name and address along with the number of copies you will produce (or the average number of downloads if digital). Staff will reply as soon as possible with a license which will serve as your invoice. Please mail a check to the address given on the invoice (along with a copy of the invoice itself) to complete the order.

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CHANGES AT YOUTUBE

You may have seen a recent announcement about changes in YouTube’s terms of service that involve how ads will be presented. Unless an account/channel has 1,000 subscribers and 4,000 hours/month of view time, YouTube may insert advertisements as they wish. We’ve also received reports that YouTube has begun to enforce part of their terms of service which states that livestreaming efforts from a mobile device straight to YouTube are only allowed for accounts/channels which have 1,000 subscribers. They may have enforced this less throughout most of the pandemic. This restriction only applies to a scenario in which a mobile device is streaming directly to YouTube. Different platforms (hardware and software solutions) will still help those accounts/channels with less than 1,000 subscribers’ livestream to YouTube.

Please contact Tony Forlini at forlini@davenportdiocese.org if you have questions.

LITURGY NEWS

2021: The Year of St. Joseph

On the 150th Anniversary of the naming of St. Joseph as the patron of the universal church, Pope Francis has dedicated a special year (Dec 8, 2020 – Dec 8, 2021) in his honor and announced new indulgences to assist the faithful during this pandemic.

The Pope’s Apostolic Letter is found here:
The Decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary is found here in Spanish (an official English translation is not yet available; we will post a link to it once it is):


An unofficial explanation of the indulgences is available from the CNA:


Resources from the FDLC will be posted here: https://fdlc.org/joseph

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events.

**DIOCESAN LITURGIES**

**Regarding the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: First Sunday of Lent (2/21/21)**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Zinkula—on the recommendation of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission—has opted not to celebrate a diocesan Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) this year. Instead, Pastors are asked to celebrate these rites in their parishes.

Please recall that the Rite of Election is not optional. By virtue of their office, Pastors have the faculty to celebrate the Rite of Election in case of necessity (e.g. a particular catechumen cannot attend the diocesan rite). Given that there is no diocesan rite this year, the faculty is to be exercised. If someone other than the pastor is to preside, the faculty to do so must be requested from the bishop. While not required, parishes are encouraged to celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion with their candidates if it is possible and safe to do so.

In order to not unduly prolong time together, we are recommending that parishes celebrate (as needed) the Rite of Election and/or the Call to Continuing Conversion at separate Masses, or to move the rites outside of Mass. The combined rite, because of the extra time involved, ought to be celebrated only outside of Mass.

We will be providing resources to assist you in celebrating the rites, including a video message from the Bishop to share with your candidates and catechumens (for use outside of the liturgy). In the meantime, please:

1. Consider attending the FDLC webinar on celebrating the rite in the parish. Please go to https://www.fdlc.org/formation for more information and to register.
2. Go to our Rite of Election webpage (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election) and register as you normally would (by Ash Wednesday), letting us know how many candidates and catechumens you will be initiating this year. We do need this information for our Rome reports.
3. Plan on taking some photos when the rite(s) are celebrated in your parish, and sending them to Barb Arland-Fye at The Catholic Messenger. We may not be able to gather physically, but it will be a real encouragement to see soon-to-be Catholics from around the diocese!

Please visit our Rite of Election page (https://www.davenportdiocese.org/rite-of-election) for updates. Further information will be provided in the February edition of LiturgyNotes.
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CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY
See the Liturgy Events webpage at: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events.

Sunday of the Word of God

We will be offering an afternoon of study and reflection on the Scriptures on Sunday, January 24, 2021 – the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – from 1 to 3 pm, via Zoom. Dr. Ella Johnson, from the St. Ambrose Theology Department, will be our speaker. Her presentation will include reflections on Scripturae Sacrae Affectus, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter on “Devotion to Sacred Scripture,” marking the 1600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome.

For more information or to register for the event, please go to:
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/sunday-of-the-word-of-god

Note from the CDWDS:

Link to USCCB Resources: https://https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god


The Office of Faith Formation: Evangelization, Discipleship and Hospitality

The Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a series of virtual workshops for clergy, ministry leaders, parish councils/evangelization teams and interested parishioners on topics of Evangelization, Discipleship and Hospitality one Tuesday evening a month from 7PM-8:30PM, beginning in January. Workshops include: Making Evangelization a Priority in Parish Life (January 12, 2021), Strengthening the Parish by Fostering Discipleship (February 9, 2021), and The Hospitable Parish (March 9, 2021). We invite you to join us for one or all three of the workshops and to encourage your leaders, parish council, evangelization team and parishioners to join us as well. For more information on these offerings (including promotional flyers), please visit our website, register online or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244).

Southwest Liturgical Conference goes Virtual

As We Await the Blessed Hope: Liturgy in Challenging Times
Mientras Aguardamos la Bendita Esperanza: La Liturgia en Tiempos Difíciles

The Southwest Liturgical Conference on Feb 2-4, 2021 will be held “virtually” this year. The cost is only $50 per day or $150 for the entire conference. For more information, please visit:

Featuring Keynote Addresses by: Dr. Massimo Faggioli, Dr. C. Vanessa White, Diana Macalintal, and Bishop Mark Seitz.
FDLC Offering Formation Sessions On-Line

For over fifty-one years, liturgical formation has been an integral part of the mission of the FDLC. From the days of mimeographed sheets to printed publications, from nationwide workshops to today's online offerings, the Federation has served the Church of the United States with sound scholarship and trusted resources. We are delighted to announce a series of webinars which will feature expert presenters, online chats, and downloadable handouts. We know that this will be so beneficial to your parishes, schools, and formation programs, that we are offering this premiere series for FREE. Who should register? Our intended audience is any student of the Liturgy -- seminarians, deacon candidates, undergraduate students, parish worship commissions, musicians, youth ministers, catechists, and more! All are welcome! Sessions are just 75 minutes in length. Please visit: https://fdlc.org/formation.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please see: https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia

RCIA: THE TRIDUUM

Rites for Holy Saturday

The RCIA does contain specific Rites to be celebrated on Holy Saturday. A number of options are possible for the Elect, including the Recitation of the Creed, the Ephphetha Rite, and the Choosing of a Baptismal Name (RCIA #185-205). Candidates for Full Communion and Confirmation should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if not celebrated at some other point during Lent; see RCIA #408 and 482; National Statutes #27).

The Easter Vigil

The order of service varies slightly if the Vigil is celebrated with candidates, catechumens (elect), or both. It is preferable, however, that the reception and confirmation of candidates take place at a Mass different from the Vigil (see National Statutes #26). After the homily:

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At the Easter Vigil, paragraph 48 states: "If the anointing of the adults with the Oil of Catechumens (OC) has not taken place beforehand, as part of the immediately preparatory rites, it occurs at this moment" [after the blessing of the water].

This is a confusing rubric. To begin with, note that the actual Rite of Baptism is not present in the Missal; as part of the Rituale Romanum it is published as a separate book (for us, the RCIA). However, that book does not contain the rite for anointing with OC as part of the Vigil (it states that the anointing with the
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Oil of Catechumens is to be omitted on Holy Saturday [preparation rites and the Vigil; #33.7]). So what are we to do?
1. First and foremost: if you are meeting in person, anoint catechumens with OC during the catechumenate as called for in the RCIA. Such anointing can be repeated (in the context of the pandemic, and instrument may be used for the anointing, and hands extended over the individual rather than laying hands).
2. According to recent clarifications, until explicitly superseded, current legislation in the US stands. Therefore, **the anointing with OC is omitted at the Vigil itself**. Please note that this is new advice from this office.

**Liturgy Preparation**

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The USCCB is offering 2 virtual events to help parishes and schools observe this day – a virtual novena (9 Days for Life, January 21-29) and livestreaming of the March for Life (January 29). For information on participating in the virtual 9 Days for Life novena, or the virtual National March for Life Rally, as well as additional resources for a Catholic school setting, please visit https://bit.ly/january-virtual-2021.

February 2: World Day for Consecrated Life

For resources, please visit: https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/world-day-consecrated-life

February 3: St. Blase

Given the current pandemic, the individual blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blase should be avoided—both for the sake of time and to avoid proximity. Instead, priests may want to use the blessing formula as a prayer over the people to close the general intercessions (Book of Blessings, #1622-35).

Lent 2021

**Ash Wednesday** falls on February 17.
As with the blessing of throats, in order to avoid prolonged time together as well as proximity, consideration should be given to omitting the imposition of ashes this year.
If ashes are to be imposed, consider the following:

1. Say the formula once over the assembly, so there is no talking while in proximity.
2. Use an instrument to impose the ashes (a different Q-Tip or cotton ball for each person) or, following careful catechesis, sprinkle the ashes on the top of the head. See below for a sample bulletin insert, courtesy of Eliot Kapitan (adapted).
3. Consider imposing the ashes outdoors (weather permitting), as people leave the church after the liturgy, rather than within Mass.
4. Consider celebrating the imposition of ashes outside of Mass (see the Book of Blessings, #1656ff). A deacon may preside at this rite (and bless the ashes); a lay person may lead this rite, using ashes blessed on a previous occasion (but no “drive through” ashes divorced from a celebration of the word).
There will not be a diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion this year. Please see above for details.

The Chrism Mass is tentatively scheduled for March 29, the Monday of Holy Week. Details pending.

The Sacred Triduum: April 1-4, 2021

*Please keep in mind that restrictions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic will affect how the Triduum will be celebrated. As last year, further information will be shared as it becomes available.*

> **Holy Thursday**

*The Footwashing*


As an optional rite, it should be omitted in light of the pandemic.

*The Reception and Care of the Oils*


As an optional rite, it should be omitted in light of the pandemic.

*The Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament*

Likewise, as you consider how best to securely repose the Blessed Sacrament after the period of adoration, the place of reposition should reflect the respect that ought to be shown to Christ’s Eucharistic Presence. A random cabinet full of other material does not seem to meet that benchmark. Also, please keep in mind that exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance is forbidden.
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That is, at the end of Mass on Holy Thursday, when the Blessed Sacrament is taken to its place of reposition, it may not be exposed (in a monstrance or otherwise) for adoration; it is to be reserved – and adoration takes place before the closed tabernacle. (See Paschale Solemnitatis #55; Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy #141; Roman Missal-Holy Thursday #39.)

The Diocese of Pittsburgh states it this way in their policy: “No exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist is permitted during the Easter Triduum, that is, from immediately before the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday until after the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This includes the period of adoration immediately following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. This norm applies even in those communities authorized to observe perpetual exposition of most Holy Eucharist.”

Allowance for time before the Blessed Sacrament should keep COVID-19 precautions in mind.

>Good Friday

The Missal now makes explicit what was already the case before: “This liturgy by its very nature may not, however, be celebrated in the absence of a Priest.” That is, it is NEVER to be led by a deacon or layperson. The Good Friday liturgy is not just a “word and communion” service. If a priest is not present, one cannot substitute a communion service. A devotion such as the Stations of the Cross, or the Liturgy of the Hours, could be celebrated instead.

The veneration of the cross should not include touching or kissing the cross.

>The Easter Vigil

The Missale Romanum states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on April 3, 2021, may not begin before 8:15 PM.

Please note that the Paschal Candle “should be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world.”

The Triduum and Judaism

(1) In General:


Other resources at: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/preaching-links#AvoidingAntiJudaism.

(2) Regarding Preaching:

21. Because of the tragic history of the "Christ-killer" charge as providing a rallying cry for anti-Semites over the centuries, a strong and careful homiletic stance is necessary to combat its lingering effects today. Homilists and catechists should seek to provide a proper context for the proclamation of the passion narratives. A particularly useful and detailed discussion of the theological and historical principles involved in presentations of the passions can be found in Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion issued by the Bishops’ Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (March 1988).

22. The message of the liturgy in proclaiming the passion narratives in full is to enable the assembly to see vividly the love of Christ for each person, despite their sins, a love that even death could not vanquish. "Christ in his boundless love freely underwent his passion and death because of the sins of all so that all might attain salvation" (Nostra Aetate, no. 4). To the extent that Christians over the centuries made Jews the scapegoat for Christ's death, they drew themselves away from the paschal mystery. For it is only by dying to one's sins that we can hope to rise with Christ to new life. This is a central truth of the Catholic faith stated by the Catechism of the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century and reaffirmed by the 1985 Notes (no. 30).

23. It is necessary to remember that the passion narratives do not offer eyewitness accounts or a modern transcript of historical events. Rather, the events have had their meaning focused, as it were, through the four theological "lenses" of the gospels. By comparing what is shared and what distinguishes the various gospel accounts from each other, the homilist can discern the core from the particular optics of each. One can then better see the significant theological differences between the passion narratives. These differences also are part of the inspired Word of God.

24. Certain historical essentials are shared by all four accounts: a growing hostility against Jesus on the part of some Jewish religious leaders (note that the Synoptic gospels do not mention the Pharisees as being involved in the events leading to Jesus' death, but only the "chief priests, scribes, and elders"); the Last Supper with the disciples; betrayal by Judas; arrest outside the city (an action conducted covertly by the Roman and Temple authorities because of Jesus' popularity among his fellow Jews); interrogation before a high priest (not necessarily a Sanhedrin trial); formal condemnation by Pontius Pilate (cf. the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, which mention only Pilate, even though some Jews were involved); crucifixion by Roman soldiers; affixing the title "King of the Jews" on the cross; death; burial; and resurrection. Many other elements, such as the crowds shouting "His blood be on us and on our children" in Matthew, or the generic use of the term "the Jews" in John, are unique to a given author and must be understood within the context of that author's overall theological scheme. Often, these unique elements reflect the perceived needs and emphases of the author's particular community at the end of the first century, after the split between Jews and Christians was well underway. The bitterness toward synagogue Judaism seen in John's gospel (e.g., Jn 9:22;16:2) most likely reflects the bitterness felt by John's own community after its "parting of the ways" with the Jewish community, and the martyrdom of St. Stephen illustrates that verbal disputes could, at times, lead to violence by Jews against fellow Jews who believed in Jesus.

25. Christian reflection on the passion should lead to a deep sense of the need for reconciliation with the Jewish community today. Pope St. John Paul II has said: "Considering history in the light of the principles of faith in God, we must also reflect on the catastrophic event of the Shoah ....Considering this mystery of the suffering of Israel's children, their witness of hope, of faith, and of humanity under dehumanizing
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outrages, the Church experiences ever more deeply her common bond with the Jewish people and with their treasure of spiritual riches in the past and in the present” (Address to Jewish Leadership, Miami, September 11, 1987).

RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(1) Diocese of Davenport Vision 2020: Intercessions for Sundays, Seasons, and Holy Days
https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy

(2) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
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
Subscribe at: www.bit.ly/word-of-life

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

This and similar graphics may be found at: https://www.chausa.org/masks

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