Important Dates
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Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018

Day of Prayer for Unborn Children & March for Life
January 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm
Washington, D.C.

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018

Rite of Election
February 18, 2018 at 3:00 pm
St. John the Baptist Church
Waunakee

Easter
April 1, 2018

Transitional Diaconate Ordinations
May 25, 2018
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Monona

Presbyteral Ordination
June 29, 2018
St. Maria Goretti Church
Madison

Presbyteral Assembly XXXVI
September 16-19, 2018
Chula Vista Resort
Wisconsin Dells

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Faculties for Confirmation of Catholics for the Easter Vigil

According to the Faculties for Priests and Deacons in the Diocese of Madison, the Bishop grants permission to pastors and parochial vicars to administer validly and licitly the Sacrament of Confirmation to adult Catholics within the parish at the Easter Vigil without the written permission of the Bishop.

The Easter Vigil may begin at 8:00 pm on Saturday, March 31, 2018

SPANISH ROMAN MISSAL

A new Spanish language Misal Romano published specifically for use in the dioceses of the United States will be available for purchase in May 2018. It has a possible first use date of Pentecost 2018; a mandatory use date of the First Sunday of Advent 2018, replacing all other Spanish language Missals currently in use.
Lent 2018 begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday. The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent by attending to the following fast and abstinence regulations.

**Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018**

Lent fasting and abstinence rules for Catholic

* Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent, including Good Friday.

* Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday and are under 59 years of age are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Fasts: only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other 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.

* Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.
The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

2018

Reprinted from the USCCB Website


Introduction

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Each year the proper dates for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent must be inserted into the text. Those dates are found in the table which is included with the introductory documents of the Roman Missal. The form to be used for announcing each dates is: the date of month, e.g., “the seventh day of April.”

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to the following text. (The musical notation is found in Appendix I of the Roman Missal, Third Edition and also is attached.)

The attached chant version is copyright © ICEL.
Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts
(for the year 2018)

Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the **fourteenth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **first** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In those places where the Ascension is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter:**
On the **thirteenth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twentieth** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **third** day of **June** the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **second** day of **December,**
the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.
On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the ... day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the ... day of March will be the Asurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the ... day of April will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the ... day of May, June,
On the . . . day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the . . . day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
Join us in this series which will explore the Mass with Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB, former Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order and an advisor to Popes. Abbot Rooney will discuss some history of the Mass and reflect upon how we can pray the Mass rather than simply pray at Mass. Join us for one session or for all for all four!

All sessions are free. A voluntary offering will be taken.

All sessions are at Holy Name Heights
702 S. High Point Road in Madison

An Introduction to Praying the Mass
Saturday, September 23, 2017 (9-11 a.m.)

Praying the Introductory Rites & Liturgy of the Word (1)
Saturday, November 4, 2017 (9-11 a.m.)

Praying the Liturgies of the Word (2) & Eucharist (1)
Saturday, January 20, 2018 (9-11 a.m.) | Snow date: January 27

Praying the Liturgy of the Eucharist (2)
Saturday, February 10, 2018 (9-11 a.m.) | Snow date: February 17

Praying the Mass instead of Praying at Mass
Saturday, April 7, 2018 (9-11 a.m.)

In case of inclement weather, please call (608) 821-3081 or visit www.madisondiocese.org/worship on the day of the workshop for possible cancelation information.

Please return to The Office of Worship ✉ 702 S. High Point Road, Suite 225 ✉ Madison, WI 53719
worship@straphael.org ✉ Tel. (608) 821-3080 ✉ Fax (608) 440-2811

Name _______________________________ Parish & City/Town _______________________________

☐ I would like to attend all of the sessions.
☐ I can only attend the workshop(s) on the following day(s) ______________________________

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Email and/or phone ___________________________
Workshops for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, January 13, 2018
Saint Clare of Assisi Parish (St. Victor Church)
1760 14th Street in Monroe
9:30-11 a.m.
Snow date is Saturday, March 3 at the same time

Saturday, February 3, 2018
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish (St. Ignatius Church)
109 S. Sixth Street in Mount Horeb
10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Holy Name Heights (formerly the Bishop O’Connor Center)
702 South High Point Road in Madison
1-2:30 p.m.
Snow date is Thursday, February 22 at the same time

Thursday, March 8, 2018
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
401 South Owen Drive in Madison
6:30-8 p.m.

No workshops will be held in April.
In case of inclement weather, please visit www.madisondiocese.org/worship
or call (608) 821-3081 on the day of the workshop.

Registration
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Office of Worship • Diocese of Madison • 702 S. High Point Road, Suite 225 • Madison, WI 53719
or register online at www.madisondiocese.org/emhc

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January 1 is a busy day in the Church and the world! In addition to beginning a new civic year, January 1 concludes the Octave of Christmas. Both Easter & Christmas include an octave (meaning “eight”), marking the eighth day following the feast, extending the intensity of the celebration for a week. January 1 also is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This is the oldest of all the Marian feasts and originally celebrated Mary as Theotokos, Greek for “the Bearer of God.” Today is a good day to give thanks for the blessings of 2016 and to ask God’s blessing for all of 2017.

Saints Basil the Great (†379) and Gregory Nazianzen (†389 or 390) were friends from Cappadocia (present-day Turkey). Both were great scholars who eventually became bishops and were defenders of the faith. Pray the Nicene Creed today and reflect upon the faith of the Church.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) and St. John Neumann (1811-60) are two American saints who were instrumental in the development of education in the USA. Pray for students and teacher on these days.

St. André Bessette (1845-1937) was a simple man who was a porter—his job was to greet visitors. He had an intense devotion to St. Joseph and reminded others (especially the sick) to “go to St. Joseph.” He is especially connected with intercession for the sick. Today is a good day to pray for the sick through the intercession of both St. André and St. Joseph.

The traditional date of the Epiphany is January 6, (the twelfth day of Christmas) even though it is observed liturgically in the USA and some other countries on a nearby Sunday. We tend to associate this day with the three wise men from the east bring gifts to the Christ-child. The word Epiphany, of Greek origins, means a manifestation or appearance. The arrival of the three kings shows that the baby Jesus is God-made-manifest in human form. Thus, Jesus is perfectly human and perfectly divine. He is the Savior of all people for all time. Epiphany is the traditional day for families to bless their homes. Check out our web page (www.madisondiocese.org/advent-and-christmas) for a short blessing and instructions for “chalking the doors!”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. This serves as a kind of threshold between the celebration of the Incarnation of the Lord as a baby and Jesus as an adult, beginning his public ministry. Do you know on what day you were baptized? If not, this is a good day to commemorate it by lighting a candle (your baptismal candle, if available) and thanking God for the Church and the grace of baptism.

St. Anthony the Abbot (†356) knew that pride was a serious sin so he always sought to live humbly and encouraged others to do the same. Much like St. Francis of Assisi, he sold all of his possession and relied on God to take care of his daily needs. He is considered the “patriarch of monks,” making this a good day to pray for our brothers and sisters who are in consecrated life.

Each year a National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children is commemorated throughout the USA. Pray for an end to abortion and all violations against the sacredness of life.

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) encouraged every-day people to live a life of prayer and action. He criticized those who prayed like angels and lived evil lives. Examine your conscience today. Do your daily actions and decisions flow from prayer and faith?

One of the most famous New Testament stories is about the Conversion of St. Paul (which is the name of today’s feast). Read chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles today.

Ss. Timothy and Titus († c. 97) were companions of St. Paul. He trusted each to be his representative in some of the local communities, such as Corinth and Ephesus. Do you share the Good News?

St. John Bosco (1815-88) was a dreamer. Starting at the age of nine he had vivid dreams that led him throughout his life. He spent much of his time working with neglected children and is one of the patron saints of school children and young people.

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**Month of January, 2018**

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If you would like to receive this form in an electronic version by e-mail, or have any other questions please contact:

**Office of Stewardship & Development**
Diocese of Madison
Office of Stewardship and Development
Phone - 608-821-3039
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E-mail - stewardship@straphael.org
Marriage & Family

The Church needs strong and faithful couples with the courage to proclaim the truth, goodness, and beauty of God’s plan for marriage and the family.

Join the marriage prep team to work with engaged couples in your parish and around the diocese in one of our marriage prep programs:

**God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage**
- Seminar style training on the Catholic meaning of marriage and sexuality. An invitational approach for couples to better understand Church teachings on marriage and human sexuality and to entrust their relationship to Jesus Christ. Challenges couples to live chastely both before and within their marriage.

**Real Life, Real Love** – A witness and dialogue day with married couples sharing their experiences on key relationship skills including self-awareness, communication, intimacy and marriage as a faith journey.

**Beloved** – a one-on-one mentoring approach to marriage prep connecting an engaged couple with a married couple from their own parish. Includes the essential content from each of the other two programs while allowing for a more personalized marriage prep experience that fosters greater community and connection within the parish.

See the attached flyer for details on an introductory training session upcoming in January 2018 or contact John Joy about getting started immediately: john.joy@madisondiocese.org or (608) 821-4517.
Join the Marriage Prep Team

Share the beauty of God’s plan for marriage and family life with engaged couples preparing for marriage.

Requirements:
Practicing Catholic couples committed to living out the Church's teaching on marriage and willing to share the Good News of Catholic marriage with others.

For more info and registration, go to www.madisondiocese.org/jointhempteam

Questions?
Contact John Joy at john.joy@madisondiocese.org or (608) 8214517.

Introductory Training Session
for new volunteers

Friday, January 19, 2018
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Holy Name Heights, Madison

"As much as we hope our work helps engaged couples, it definitely helps our own marriage too!"
WORD OF LIFE: JANUARY 2018
Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018

www.9daysforlife.com

9 Days for Life is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

Sign up to receive the novena through a free app, daily emails, or daily text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up and for information on how else you can get involved!

#9DaysforLife #OurPrayersMatter

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: January 22, 2018

- Description
- Leaders’ Resources (includes choices of readings for Mass, homily notes, intercessions, and more)

9 Days for Life Leaders’ Toolkit

- Bulletin Insert
- Pulpit/Bulletin Announcements
- Novena
- Graphics
- Leaders’ Guide for Ministry to Young People
- More!
Intercessions for Life

January 1st
May every expectant mother encounter loving support as she awaits the birth of her child; 
We pray to the Lord:

The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 7th
For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need; 
We pray to the Lord:

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 14th
For all people: May God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances; 
We pray to the Lord:

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21st
For public servants: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; 
We pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22nd
For unborn children in danger of abortion: May they be given the chance to live the life God has planned for them; 
We pray to the Lord:

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 28th
For those who feel alone in their grief following an abortion: May they deeply experience the Lord’s mercy and healing; 
We pray to the Lord:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
### Bulletin Quotes

**January 1st**

“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption,” [www.goo.gl/srj6L3](http://www.goo.gl/srj6L3)

**January 7th**

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. … Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Life is Worth Living” Prayer Card, [https://goo.gl/iF9daj](https://goo.gl/iF9daj)

**January 14th**

“Pray with a multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, bonus information, and suggested actions each day. Sign up now & participate Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26: [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
[www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

**January 21st**

“When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?” Find out in “What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion: [www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**January 28th**

“If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”: [www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”
**WORD OF LIFE - JANUARY 2018**

**Bulletin Art**

*You are welcome to use these and other downloadable images from the online Respect Life image gallery, provided they are not altered in any way, other than the size. Thank you!*

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**Sunday, January 1st, 2018**

**Featuring “Living out Christmas in the New Year”**

- Download Text: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
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**Sunday, January 14th, 2018**

**Featuring “9 Days for Life”**

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Intercesiones por la Vida

1° de enero
Que toda mujer gestante
encuentre el consuelo amoroso
mientras espera el nacimiento de su hijo;
roguemos al Señor:

7 de enero
Por las veces que tememos acoger la vida:
para que el Señor colme nuestros corazones con
confianza en su cuidado amoroso
y satisfaga cada necesidad;
roguemos al Señor:

14 de enero
Por todas las personas:
para que Dios nos conceda el valor de abrazar
su preciado don de la vida,
inecluso en las circunstancias más difíciles;
roguemos al Señor:

21 de enero
Por los funcionarios públicos:
Para que Dios les conceda la humildad, sabiduría
y valor para defender toda vida humana;
roguemos al Señor:

22 de enero
Por los niños en el vientre materno
en riesgo de un aborto: que se les conceda la posibilidad
de vivir la vida que Dios planeó para ellos;
roguemos al Señor:

28 de enero
Por quienes se sienten solos en su dolor
después de un aborto:
Que vivan profundamente
la misericordia y sanación del Señor;
roguemos al Señor:

Octava de la Navidad
Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen
María, Madre de Dios

La Epifanía del Señor

2° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

3° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Día de Oración por la protección legal del niño por nacer

4° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Citas para boletines

1° de enero

“Una mujer que queda embarazada inesperadamente puede sentir que es el fin del mundo. Pero, dice Maya, ‘esto es superable; tenga esperanza’”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
“Acompañamiento de madres gestantes que estén considerando dar en adopción”,
www.goo.gl/32HLKg

7 de enero

“Padre celestial, gracias por el preciado don de la vida. Ayúdanos a valorar y proteger este don, incluso si hay temor, dolor y sufrimiento. … Concédenos la humildad de aceptar ayuda si la necesitamos, y enseñanos a ser misericordiosos con todos”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
Tarjeta con oración “Cada vida merece vivir”

14 de enero

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21 de enero

“Cuando una mujer enfrenta un embarazo difícil, la reacción de la primera persona a la que se lo dice suele influir en su toma de decisiones. ¿Cómo respondemos a nuestra amiga de una manera amorosa que exprese la afirmación de la vida para ella y su bebé?” Entérate en “Qué hacer si una amiga piensa en abortar”: http://bit.ly/piensa-abortar.

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28 de enero


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“Cómo hablarle a una amiga que ha tenido un aborto”

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Domingo, 1 de enero de 2018

Presenta “Viviendo la Navidad en el Año Nuevo”

- Bajar texto: inglés | español
- Bajar imagen: inglés | español

¿Cómo vivimos el mensaje navideño en el Año Nuevo?

Domingo, 14 de enero de 2018

Presenta “9 Días por la Vida”

- Folleto para el boletín: color | escala de grises
- Bajar imagen: inglés | español

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