DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2020-2021
SUNDAY YEAR B (MARK)
WEEKDAY YEAR I

✠ *Bolded dates indicate holy days of obligation (that are not Sundays)*
✠ *Key for funeral and proper ritual Masses (such as Marriage, Confirmation):* **+** *= yes* **-** *= no*

November 29	First Sunday of Advent **-** *funeral Mass;* **-** *ritual Mass*
December 8	**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity/holy day of obligation in 2020/patroness of the United States)** **-** *funeral Mass;* **-** *ritual Mass*
December 15	Anniversary of Installation of Bishop Siegel (2017)
December 25	**Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers and readings/ holy day of obligation)** **-** *funeral Mass;* **-** *ritual Mass*
January 1	**Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity/patroness of the diocese/holy day of obligation)** **-** *funeral Mass;* **-** *ritual Mass*
January 3	Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers) **+** *funeral Mass;* **-** *ritual Mass*
January 10	Baptism of the Lord (Feast) **+** *funeral Mass;* **+** *ritual Mass*
January 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – *Abide in My Love…You Shall Bear Much Fruit (cf. John 15:5-9)*
January 19	Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Siegel (2010)
January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children — Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (#48/1A or B) from "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" (white vestments); or "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (#30) (violet vestments)
January 24	Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
February 2	Presentation of the Lord (Feast)/World Day for Consecrated Life **+** *funeral Mass;* **+** *ritual Mass*

February 11	World Day of the Sick
February 14	World Marriage Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
February 21	First Sunday of Lent Rite of Election (2:00 PM CT, Saint Benedict Cathedral) Call to Continuing Conversion (4:00 PM CT, Saint Benedict Cathedral) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
March 28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
March 29-31	Holy Week + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
March 30	Chrism Mass (Saint Benedict Cathedral, 5:30 PM CT)
April 1	Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) (no Masses prior to Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
April 2	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) (no Masses)
April 3	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (no Masses prior to Vigil)
April 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Solemnity) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
April 5-11	Days in the Octave of Easter (Solemnities) + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
April 11	Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Gettelfinger (1989) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
April 25	Fourth Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 16	Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers – transferred from Thursday, May 13, replacing the 7th Sunday of Easter) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
May 23	Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers and readings) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*

May 24	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial) Day of Prayer for the Church in China + *funeral Mass;* + *ritual Mass*
June 11	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity/holy day of obligation/proper Vigil prayers and readings) - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
August 18	Anniversary of death, Bishop Francis Shea (1994)
September 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
September 20	Catechetical Sunday
October 3	Saint Theodore Guérin (not observed in 2021)
October 5	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin (optional Memorial; newly added to the General Roman Calendar on 18 May, 2020)
October 24	World Mission Sunday
November 1	All Saints (Solemnity/not a holy day of obligation in 2021) + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
November 1-7	National Vocation Awareness Week
November 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
November 6	Anniversary of Dedication of Saint Benedict Cathedral (Solemnity in cathedral, Feast in the diocese) + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
November 14	World Day of the Poor (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
November 21	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity/last Sunday of Ordinary Time) + *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*
November 28	First Sunday of Advent 2021 - *funeral Mass;* - *ritual Mass*

Calendar Notes

- **Ritual Masses –** Days on which a proper ritual Mass may not be celebrated does not mean that the particular ritual (Matrimony, Confirmation, etc.) may not be celebrated. It means that it is celebrated in the context of the Mass of the day, using the proper prayers, readings, and liturgical color of the day.

- **Funeral Masses –** On those days which a funeral Mass may not be celebrated, one may celebrate the funeral liturgy outside Mass instead.

- **Proper Vigil Prayers and Readings –** Some Solemnities noted above and in the *ordo* have their own proper Vigil prayers/readings which should be used for Masses celebrated the evening before the feast day (as opposed to anticipated Masses which use the prayers/readings of the following day, which is what is done for most Saturday evening Masses).

- **Celebrating Patrons/Titles –** The celebration of the title/name of a parish or church should be treated as a Solemnity in that parish, and may be transferred to an adjacent Sunday if that Sunday does not outrank proper Solemnities in the Table of Liturgical Days.
    - Example – Holy Rosary Parish may wish to move their patronal feast day from Thursday, October 7, to Sunday, October 10, since the Solemnity of the parish patron would take precedent over a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

- **Celebrating the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church –** The anniversary of the dedication of a church is celebrated as a Solemnity in that church.

- **Celebrating the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral –** With the dedication of the renovated Saint Benedict Cathedral on November 6, 2019, the prior dedication date of April 11 is no longer in effect. The anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral is celebrated as a Solemnity in the cathedral church, and as a Feast for the rest of the diocese.

- **Ember Days –** The bishop has not designated specific days as Ember Days for the diocese, so it is a local parish choice on the timing and celebration of these customary seasonal practices.

- **For More Information –** This calendar is only intended as a quick reference to local celebrations. For more detailed information, please consult your *ordo* or contact the Office of Worship.