



DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2025-2026
SUNDAY YEAR A (MATTHEW)
WEEKDAY YEAR II

✠ *Bolded dates indicate holy days of obligation (that are not Sundays)*

✠ *Key for funeral and proper ritual Masses (such as Marriage, Confirmation): + = yes - = no*

<u>November 30</u>	First Sunday of Advent <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>December 8</u>	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity/holy day of obligation in 2025/patroness of the United States) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>December 15</u>	Anniversary of Installation of Bishop Siegel (2017)
<u>December 25</u>	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers and readings) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>December 28</u>	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Conclusion of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope
<u>January 1</u>	Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity/patroness of the diocese/holy day of obligation in 2025) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>January 4</u>	Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers) <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>January 11</u>	Baptism of the Lord (Feast) <i>+ funeral Mass; + ritual Mass</i>
<u>January 18-25</u>	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – <i>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling (Ephesians 4:4)</i>
<u>January 19</u>	Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Siegel (2010)
<u>January 22</u>	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)
<u>January 25</u>	Sunday of the Word of God (3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

<u>February 2</u>	Presentation of the Lord (Feast)/World Day for Consecrated Life <i>+ funeral Mass; + ritual Mass</i>
<u>February 8</u>	World Marriage Day/World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
<u>February 11</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick
<u>February 18</u>	Ash Wednesday <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>February 22</u>	First Sunday of Lent Rite of Election of Catechumens and of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion (2:00 PM CT, Saint Benedict Cathedral) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>March 29</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>March 30-April 1</u>	Holy Week <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>March 31</u>	Chrism Mass (Saint Benedict Cathedral, 5:30 PM CT)
<u>April 2</u>	Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) (no Masses prior to Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>April 3</u>	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) (no Masses)
<u>April 4</u>	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (no Masses prior to Vigil)
<u>April 5</u>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Solemnity) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>April 6-11</u>	Days in the Octave of Easter (Solemnities) <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>April 11</u>	Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Gettelfinger (1989)
<u>April 12</u>	Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>April 26</u>	Fourth Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayer for Vocations
<u>May 17</u>	Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers – transferred from Thursday, May 14, replacing the 7 th Sunday of Easter) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>

<u>May 24</u>	Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity/proper Vigil prayers and readings) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>May 25</u>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial) <i>+ funeral Mass; + ritual Mass</i>
<u>June 12</u>	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>July 26</u>	World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly
<u>August 15</u>	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity/ <u>not a holy day of obligation in 2026</u> /proper Vigil prayers and readings) <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>August 18</u>	Anniversary of death, Bishop Francis Shea (1994)
<u>September 1</u>	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
<u>September 20</u>	Catechetical Sunday
<u>September 27</u>	World Day of Migrants and Refugees
<u>October 3</u>	Saint Theodore Guérin (optional Memorial in the Diocese of Evansville) <i>+ funeral Mass; + ritual Mass</i>
<u>October 4</u>	Respect Life Sunday
<u>October 18</u>	World Mission Sunday
<u>November 1</u>	All Saints (Solemnity/on a Sunday in 2026) <i>- funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>November 2</u>	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) <i>+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass</i>
<u>November 1-7</u>	National Vocation Awareness Week
<u>November 6</u>	Anniversary of Dedication of Saint Benedict Cathedral (Solemnity in cathedral; Feast in the diocese) <i>+ funeral Mass; + ritual Mass</i>
<u>November 15</u>	World Day of the Poor (33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

November 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity/last Sunday of Ordinary Time)
+ funeral Mass; - ritual Mass

November 29 First Sunday of Advent 2026
- 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 – Saint Bernard Parish may wish to move their patronal feast day from Thursday, August 20, to Sunday, August 23, since the Solemnity of the parish patron would take precedence 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** – 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.