

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JULY 2016

LITURGY 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 late 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 27 = Iowa City (St. Patrick, IC)

Sept 3 = Ottumwa Deanery (St. Patrick, Ottumwa)

Sept 17 = Keokuk Deanery (Holy Family, Fort Madison)

[NOTE DATE CHANGED]

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 diocesan website (on a new "New Order of Celebrating Matrimony" page).

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

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; 10:30 a.m.)

DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM: CLASS VIII

The application and formation process for Deacon Class VIII will begin this fall. Formation for the (permanent) diaconate is divided into three phases: inquiry, aspirancy, and candidacy. During the inquiry phase, those discerning a possible call to the diaconate begin a period of purposeful reflection on this calling. To help them in this process, we will host "information days" in each of the six deaneries. The purpose of these inquiry sessions is to introduce men to the diaconate, explain our formation program, and answer any questions that they or their wives might have. The application forms will be distributed only to those who attend one of these sessions. The table below lists the dates, times, and locations for these Inquiry Sessions. Please call the office (563-888-4257) or e-mail the Director (agnoli@davenportdiocese.org) to reserve a place at one of these meetings.

September/Septiembre 2016	
18 (Sun/Dom) - English/Inglés - 1-5 pm	St. Mary 216 N. Court Street, Ottumwa
24 (Sat/Sab) - English/Inglés - 1-5 pm	Sacred Heart 1115 S. 8th Ave E., Newton
25 (Sun/Dom) - English/Inglés - 1-5pm	SS. Mary & Joseph Church (Holy Family Parish) 1111 Ave. E, Fort Madison
October/Octubre 2016	
22 (Sab/Sat) - Español/Spanish - 2-6 pm	St. Patrick 4330 St. Patrick Dr., Iowa City
23 (Sun/Dom) - English/Inglés - 1-5 pm	St. Patrick 4330 St. Patrick Dr., Iowa City
29 (Sat/Sab) - English/Inglés - 1-5 pm	Chancery 780 W. Central Park, Davenport
30 (Sun/Dom) - English/Inglés - 1-5 pm	St. Joseph 417 6th Ave., DeWitt
November/Noviembre 2016	
19 (Sab/Sat) - Español/Spanish - 2-6 pm	Chancery 780 W. Central Park, Davenport

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Pope Francis has raised the celebration of the Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to the dignity of a liturgical Feast, recognizing the importance of her role as the “apostle to the apostles.” In the modern Church calendar, saints may be commemorated with a memorial (optional or obligatory), feast, or solemnity. By making the commemoration of Mary Magdalene a feast, it is elevated to the same grade as that of the apostles.

The new rank of celebration does not involve any change of the day on which the celebration itself takes place and, as for the liturgical texts, the following is to be observed:

- a) The day dedicated to the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene remains the same as it appears in the Roman Calendar, that is, 22 July.
- b) The texts to be used in the Mass and in the Divine Office remain the same as those contained in the Missal and in the Liturgy of the Hours on the day of the Feast, with the addition in the Missal of a proper Preface (currently available only in Latin; it will need to be translated and then included in the next reprint of the Roman Missal.
- c) Where, according to particular law, Saint Mary Magdalene is legitimately celebrated on a different day and as a Solemnity, this day and rank remains as before.

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.)

World Day of Prayer for Creation (Thursday, September 1)

Pope Francis has asked that we mark September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for Creation – a day that we now observe in common with the Orthodox. We posted a resource from the FDLC on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/litWorldDayofPrayerforCreation2015.pdf>

Additional resources to help observe this special day may be found at:

- Global Catholic Climate Movement: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>
- USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

Labor Day (Monday, September 5)

Parishes may wish to celebrate the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (#26; readings from #907-911) on this day. Preface V for Sunday is used, and white vestments are worn.

On Labor Day weekend, intercessions for workers ought to be included in the Universal Prayer; for example:

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those seeking work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For migrant workers and all who work the land and the waters, so we might be fed; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in the service of their sisters and brothers; that they would not be discouraged by lack of support or progress; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Pastoral visits could be made to places of work, and the following rites could be used: (18) Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory; (23) Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment, and (26) Blessing of Fields and Flocks.

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed, and (24) Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work be used. Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should those who are treated unjustly in the workplace, as in the examples above.

Sunday, September 11

This year, September 11 falls on a Sunday. The cycle C readings that will be proclaimed this year are the same readings that we heard on the Sunday following 9/11 – readings strong in the theme of forgiveness.

During the week before or after September 11, parishes may wish to celebrate a special Mass for “first responders” – such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics – using the Mass for Those in Public Office (#22) or the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30).

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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