

LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2018

LITURGY NEWS

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Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor

<https://www.sharejourney.org/>

OCP Parish Grants

The OCP Parish Grants program is a unique program of direct financial grants authorized by the OCP Board of Directors to provide assistance to parishes seeking to enhance the worship experience of their parish community. Grants are awarded annually, and the number and amounts given vary from year to year. It was established as a means of providing Catholic churches with financial support for religious, educational, and charitable purposes. For more information or to apply, go to:

<https://www.ocp.org/en-us/parish-grants>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election – **LAST CHANCE! REGISTRATIONS WERE DUE FEBRUARY 1**

Sunday, February 18, 3pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport)

Sunday, February 25, 3pm (St. Mary, Ottumwa)

Register at: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy/rite-of-election>.

Chrism Mass

Monday, March 19, 5pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport).

Ordination

Two seminarians are scheduled to be ordained this year, one to the diaconate and the other to priesthood. The ordination liturgy will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

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CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

Music Workshop: "Music Ministry: Spirituality and Skills for Choirs, Cantors, and Directors"

Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 1pm-4pm at St. Joseph, DeWitt.

This workshop, presented by Dr. David Pitt, PhD, of Loras College, will begin with an exploration of the role of music ministry in the liturgy, the distinction between being a 'music minister' and a 'musician,' and the spirituality of serving in music ministry. Then, Dr. Pitt will spend time reviewing the particular roles of, and skills needed to be, a choir director and a cantor. Dr. Pitt will direct the participants, demonstrating how one might approach directing a choir in singing hymns, psalms, and the parts of the Mass. Cantors will have the opportunity to practice their skills individually and receive feedback. Directors, instrumentalists, cantors, and choir members are invited to attend. There is no cost for the workshop.

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas in Davenport

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center, a ministry of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, will be hosting Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas for two events in March: an evening workshop and a weekend retreat.

- (1) Singing the Liturgy: Thurs, March 8 | 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral 422 E. 10th Street, Davenport
Explore the meaning of various elements of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of God's Word, Liturgy of the Lord's Table, Dismissal Rites. Discover music that helps the "full, conscious and active" participation of the faithful associated with these elements. Fee: Free will offering.
- (2) Roman Catholic Thought and Practice 50 Years after Vatican II:
March 9-10 | Fri, 12:00 pm – Sat, 12:00 pm
Fr. (Jan) Michael Joncas. Explore the meaning of the four great Constitutions of Vatican II 50 years after their publication: *Sacrosanctum Concilium* on the Liturgy; *Lumen Gentium* on the Church; *Dei Verbum* on Sacred Scripture; and *Gaudium et Spes* on the Church in the Modern World. Fee: \$125. More info: <http://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar/event/92>.

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients. To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.chmiowa.org.

One Bread, One Cup 2018

Each summer, Saint Meinrad hosts several "One Bread, One Cup" gatherings. At these five-day liturgical leadership conferences, youth and adults discover the Catholic Church's treasures of Word, Sacrament and Mission and enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun (team building, outdoor recreation, variety show and dance). Participants come to appreciate the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and recreation.

St. Meinrad will be holding these weeks on June 11-15, June 21-25, and July 6-10. In addition, a session of One Bread, One Cup will also be hosted at Conception Seminary College on July 16-20.

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For more information or to register, go to: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/youth/summer-conferences/>. Registrations are due by March 1.

2018 National Gathering on Christian Initiation: Liturgy and Catechesis

Save the Date! July 5-6 in Chicago! Please go to <https://www.ngci.org/2018> for details....

2018 Convention: National Association of Pastoral Musicians

NPM will gather in Baltimore on July 9-13 for their 41st Annual Convention. Please see their website for details: <http://npm.org/featured-content/2018-baltimore-convention/>. Early-bird registration is now open!

2018 Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Church Life Summer Institute

Online registration is now available for the 2018 Church Life Summer Institute Liturgy Symposia! This summer, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is offering three symposia for anyone involved in liturgical formation, catechesis, or liturgical music ministry (<http://liturgy.nd.edu/events/summerliturgy/>).

Liturgy and Life: June 18–22, 2018

Learn how to evangelize your parish, your school, and the world through the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Sacramental Catechist: June 25–29, 2018

Explore ways to renew catechesis in the Church through a Eucharistic pedagogy inspired by Sofia Cavalletti.

Liturgical Music Ministry: July 16–20, 2018

Discover how the Church's liturgical music deepens the Eucharistic life of your worshipping community.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis (or Mystagogy), a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the “neophyte Masses” in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA #244-251. The National Statutes for the RCIA (# 24) state that this period should last a year, with at least monthly meetings.

RESOURCES

CATICH SLATES

If any of your parishes or schools have art by Fr. Ed Catich that is in need of repair, refurbishment, or renovation, please contact Mr. Paul Herrera, a former student of Fr. Catich's, at Art Legacy League (paulh@artlegacyleague.org, 563-343-2868, www.artlegacyleague.org).

RECENT BLOG POSTS

Fr. Bruce DeRammelaere, who serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, came across a couple of engaging and helpful posts on the Aleteia blog site. The first has to do with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day... and the opportunities that affords couples (<https://aleteia.org/2018/01/04/ashes-for-your-valentine-fools-for-your-risen-lord/>). The second offers encouragement and advice to parents hoping to help their children participate in the Mass (<https://aleteia.org/2018/01/14/help-my-kids-never-participate-at-mass/>). Enjoy!

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

National Marriage Week (Feb 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Feb 11)

See our diocesan website for resources: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/marriage-family>.

March 25, 2018

Since March 25, 2018 is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, normally assigned to this date, is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018.

Easter Time and Pentecost

- The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave and on Pentecost; *not* for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. See the Liturgy Events webpage for resources.
- Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA #244-251.
- The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.
- The Easter Season is a great time to celebrate infant baptisms at the Sunday liturgy, and to use the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Penitential Rite.
- This is also a traditional time for home blessings (see Book of Blessings #1597-1621).
- Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”

Eastertime and Judaism

Excerpted from *God's Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching* (Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September, 1988); full document at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/jewish/upload/God-s-Mercy-Endures-Forever-Guidelines-on-the-Presentation-of-Jews-and-Judaism-in-Catholic-Preaching-1988.pdf>.

26. The readings of the Easter season, especially those from the book of Acts, which is used extensively throughout this liturgical period, require particular attention from the homilist in light of the enduring bond between Jews and Christians. Some of these readings from Acts (e.g., cycles A and B for the Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter) can leave an impression of collective Jewish responsibility for the crucifixion ("You put to death the author of life...." Acts 3:15). In such cases, the homilist should put before the assembly the teachings of *Nostra Aetate* in this regard (see no. 22 above), as well as the fact noted in Acts 3:17 that what was done by some individual Jews was done "out of ignorance" so that no unwarranted conclusion about collective guilt is drawn by the hearers. The Acts may be dealing with a reflection of the Jewish-Christian relationship as it existed toward the end of the first century (when Acts was composed) rather than with the actual attitudes of the post-Easter Jerusalem Church. Homilists should desire to convey the spirit and enthusiasm of the early Church that marks these Easter season readings. But in doing so, statements about Jewish responsibility have to be kept in context. This is part of the reconciliation between Jews and Christians to which we are all called.

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) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(4) 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>

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