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First Sunday of Advent 2025 to Feast of Christ the King 2026 Cycle A

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

That we may always remain awake and aware to the Lord's voice and that those called to serve him as a priest or consecrated religious will respond with generosity, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2025

For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2025

For men and women discerning a call from the Lord to be priests, and consecrated religious, that they are able to respond freely with joy and patience, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2025

For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2025

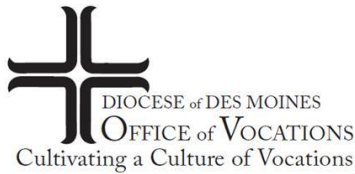
That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 28, 2025

That all families will be open to encouraging their children to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2026

That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.



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The Epiphany – January 4, 2026

For all those seeking to serve Christ through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, that they may be open in their discernment with a willingness to offer the treasure of their lives to God, we pray to the Lord.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

That all baptized Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the unique calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2026

For all those called to the vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will show God's kindness and mercy to the world, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25, 2026

For all the priests, deacons and religious now serving our diocese, that they may be united in the same mind and the same purpose through Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement and strength through the beatitudes and teachings of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2026

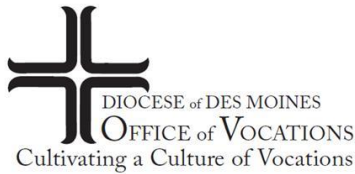
That Jesus' light in the world will inspire many men and women to give themselves to God as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15, 2026

That the Holy Spirit who scrutinizes everything, will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life in discovering the truth of God's call, we pray to the Lord.

First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

That prayer, fasting and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.



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Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

That through grace, more men and women will see the glory of God as they are led to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026 *(National Catholic Sisters Week)*

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2026

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

For all those being called forth to glorify God through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 29, 2026

For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

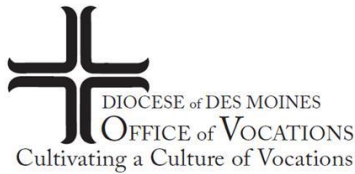
That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) – April 12, 2026

For all our priests, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to bring God's peace and mercy to the people of our diocese, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

For all whose hearts are burning within them as they discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, may they find peace and courage to answer the call, we pray to the Lord.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026 (*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*)

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter– May 3, 2026

For a deeper faith among all Christians Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, especially among those called to the vocation of priest, or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026 (*Mother's Day*)

That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, we pray to the Lord.

The Ascension of the Lord – May 17, 2026

That seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will generously share His spirit of wisdom with all those now discerning their vocation and open the eyes of their hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2026

For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as the Spirit leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

The Most Holy Trinity – May 31, 2026

Through the example of relationship given to us through the Most Holy Trinity, that the faithful may be an encouragement to those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – June 7, 2026

That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ at the hands of His priests and that those chosen to nourish His body as priests will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 14, 2026

That the Master of the Harvest will send laborers for his harvest in the form of men and women with a vocation to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21 2026 (Father's Day)

That Catholic fathers will foster vocation awareness among their children, knowing that they will be helping to reveal the Heavenly Father's love by their prayer, guidance and example, we pray to the Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2026

For all our priests, that they may find courage and peace as they announce the praises of God who calls us out of the darkness into his wonderful light, we pray to the Lord.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2026

That more men and women will learn from Jesus and discover that the yoke of their vocation is perfectly suited to them and respond with humble, gentle service as priests, and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026

That the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2026

That even with faith the size of a mustard seed, men and women will recognize the call of the Lord to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese, we pray to the Lord.



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2026

For a greater awareness of the treasure of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2, 2026

That filled with the word that comes forth from the mouth of God, men and women will recognize the voice of God as they discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 9, 2026

That those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life may respond with trust and be comforted and reassured through any fears they are facing, we pray to the Lord.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 16, 2026

That more men and women will have the faith to hear God's call in their lives and respond with hope in His promise and love for the Savior by following Him as priests, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2026

That trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, and in the consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2026

That none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6, 2026

For a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2026

For all those chosen to take up their cross in union with Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life that others might have eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2026

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Des Moines, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2026

For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2026

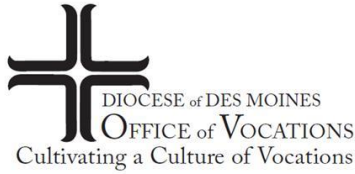
That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2026

That God will enlighten the hearts of those discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they may know the hope that belongs in the call, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2026

For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call, we pray to the Lord.



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 25, 2026

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

All Saints – November 1, 2026

That the Church will be continually blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons, we pray to the Lord

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026

That those called to serve the Lord and His people as priests, and in the consecrated life will stay awake and aware of God, who called them, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2026

For confident trust in the Lord as He leads and guides all those discerning a call to serve Him and His people as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 22, 2026

For a deepened understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.