The Year of Grace 2027: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Lectionary: Sunday Year B (Mark)/Weekday Year I

An asterisk (*) denotes a weekday holy day of obligation

Advent

November 29, 2026: First Sunday of Advent
*December 8 (Tuesday) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 12 (Saturday): Our Lady of Guadalupe

Christmas Time

***December 24-25 (Thursday-Friday): Christmas Vigil/Day**
December 27 (Sunday): Feast of the Holy Family
*January 1, 2027 (Friday): Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 3 (Sunday): The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil/Day
January 10 (Sunday): The Baptism of the Lord

Ordinary Time

January 17-24: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Friday, white or violet)
January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25: Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Joseph Charron, C.PP.S. (1990)
January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2 (Tuesday): Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas; white) Optional Memorial, St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats
February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent

February 10: Ash Wednesday
February 13-14 (Saturday-Sunday): Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, February 13 at St. Peter, Council Bluffs and February 14 at St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines
February 14: First Sunday of Lent
February 21: Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite)
February 28: Third Sunday of Lent (First Scrutiny)
March 7: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Second Scrutiny)
March 14: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Third Scrutiny)
March 26: Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Richard E. Pates (2001)
March 18: Chrism Mass, Thursday, 5 p.m., SS Peter and Paul, Atlantic
March 21: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: March 25
Good Friday: March 26
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: March 27 (Earliest Easter Vigil start time: 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday: March 28

Easter Time

April 4: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
April 5 (Monday): Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, (Since March 25 is Holy Thursday, the Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to Monday, April 15)
May 8: (Thursday): Anniversary of Election of Pope Leo XIV (2025)
May 8-9: Solemnity of the Ascension Vigil/Day, tr. from May 6; replaces 7th Sun. of Easter
May 16: Pentecost Vigil/Day

Ordinary Time

May 23 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 30 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 4 (Friday): Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 11 (Friday): Transitional Diaconate Ordination, 5 p.m., Basilica of St. John, Des Moines
June 20: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 24 (Thursday): Nativity of the Birth of John the Baptist
June 24: (Thursday): World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
June 25 (Friday): Presbyteral Ordination, 5 p.m., Basilica of St. John, Des Moines
June 29 (Tuesday): Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles
August 12: Anniversary of the Foundation of the Diocese (1911)
August 15 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Assumption BVM Vigil/Day
August 22 (Friday): Queenship of Mary, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Des Moines, Feast
September 8 (Wednesday): Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 14 (Tuesday): Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 27: Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop William M. Joensen (2019)
October 11: Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral, Feast in Diocesan Churches; Solemnity in Cathedral
November 1 (Monday): Solemnity of All Saints (not a holy day of obligation)
November 2 (Tuesday): The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 9 (Tuesday): Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 21 (Sunday): Solemnity of Christ the King

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Calendar Notes

1. Holy Days of Obligation (Weekday)

December 8, 2026 (Tuesday): Immaculate Conception
December 25, 2026 (Friday): Christmas
January 1, 2027 (Friday): Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Solemnity Ascension of the Lord: Transferred to Sunday, May 8, 2027
This solemnity replaces the 7th Sunday of Easter. Thursday, May 6, 2026, becomes Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter.

2. Chrism Mass: Thursday, March 18, 5 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul, Atlantic

3. The Easter Vigil: *In the Diocese of Des Moines, the Easter Vigil is to begin no earlier than 8:00 p.m. on March 27, 2027.*

From the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (#21):
"The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the "mother of all vigils." Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ's resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before dawn of Sunday."

From the Ordo: "This rule is to be taken in its *strictest* sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses."