## The Year of Grace 2023: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Lectionary: Sunday Year A (Matthew)/Weekday Year I
An asterisk (*) denotes a weekday holy day of obligation

### Advent
November 27, 2022: First Sunday of Advent
*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 (Thursday) Holy Day of Obligation
December 12 (Monday): Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Christmas Time
*December 24-25 (Saturday-Sunday): Christmas Vigil/Day
December 30 (Friday): Feast of the Holy Family

January 1, 2023 (Sunday): Mary, Mother of God

January 7-8 (Saturday-Sunday): The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil/Day
January 9 (Monday): The Baptism of the Lord

### Ordinary Time
January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Monday, white or violet)
January 25 (Wednesday): Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
February 2 (Thursday): Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas; white) Optional Memorial, St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats

### Lent
February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday): Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, February 25 at St. Patrick, Council Bluffs and February 26 at St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines

February 26: First Sunday of Lent
March 5: Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite)
March 12: Third Sunday of Lent (First Scrutiny)
March 13 (Monday): Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis (2013)
March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Second Scrutiny)
March 25 (Saturday): Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord,
March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Third Scrutiny)
March 26: Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Richard E. Pates (2001)
March 31: Chrism Mass, Friday, 5 p.m., SS Peter and Paul, Atlantic

April 2: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

### The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Holy Thursday: April 6
Good Friday: April 7
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: April 8 (Earliest Easter Vigil start time: 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday: April 9

### Easter Time
April 16: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday,
May 20-21: Solemnity of the Ascension Vigil/Day, tr. from May 18; replaces 7th Sun. of Easter
May 27-28: Pentecost Vigil/Day

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**Ordinary Time**

June 9 (Friday): Diaconate Ordination (Seminarians), 5 p.m., Christ the King, Des Moines
June 4 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 11 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 16 (Friday): Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 24 (Saturday): Nativity of the Birth of John the Baptist
June 24: (Saturday): World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**June 23 (Friday): Priesthood Ordination, 5 p.m., St. Ambrose Cathedral**

June 29 (Thursday): Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

August 12: Anniversary of the Foundation of the Diocese (1911)

*August 15 (Tuesday): Solemnity of the Assumption BVM Vigil/Day (Holy Day of Obligation)*

August 22 (Tuesday): Queenship of Mary, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Des Moines, Feast

September 8 (Friday): Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 14 (Thursday): Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross


October 11: Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral, Feast in Diocesan Churches; Solemnity in Cathedral

*November 1 (Wednesday): Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of obligation)*

November 2 (Thursday): The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 9 (Thursday): Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**November 26 (Sunday): Solemnity of Christ the King**
1. **Holy Days of Obligation (Weekday)**
   - November 1, 2022 (Tuesday): All Saints Day
   - December 8, 2022 (Thursday)
   - December 25, 2022 (Sunday): Christmas

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

Solemnity Ascension of the Lord: Transferred to Sunday, May 21, 2023

This solemnity replaces the 7th Sunday of Easter. Thursday, May 18, 2023, becomes Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter.

2. **Chrism Mass:** Friday, March 31, 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 April 8, 2023.*

   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.”