

Noteworthy Liturgical Days 2023-2024
Diocese of Grand Rapids
(revised 11/17/23)

December 8, 2023 (Friday)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 24, 2023 (Sunday)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the (Vigil of) the Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2023 (Monday)

The Nativity of the Lord

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 31, 2023 (Sunday)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Holy Family; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of Mary

January 1, 2024 (Monday)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- Not a holyday of obligation this year, but Mass must still be offered in each parish/cluster
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

January 8, 2024 (Monday)

The Baptism of the Lord

- When the Epiphany is observed on January 7, this feast is celebrated on the following Monday (January 8), with only one reading before the Gospel

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- After this feast, Ordinary Time begins

February 14, 2024 (Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

March 24-30, 2024

Holy Week

- Funeral Mass permitted only Monday-Wednesday
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- The Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to after the Octave of Easter

March 28, 2024 (Thursday)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

- Only one (evening) Mass per church, unless for pastoral reasons the local Ordinary permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside Mass

March 29, 2024 (Friday)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Only one Celebration of the Passion of the Lord per church, unless due to the size or nature of the community the Diocesan Bishop permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside the celebration of the Lord's Passion

March 30, 2024 (Saturday)

Holy Saturday

- Holy Communion only given as Viaticum

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The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night; based on local twilight, **the 2024 Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45 p.m.**

March 31-April 7, 2024

Easter and its Octave

- Easter Sequence permitted throughout the Octave
- Funeral Mass permitted Monday-Saturday
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- On Divine Mercy Sunday, evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the Sunday

April 8, 2024 (Monday)

The Annunciation of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

May 12, 2024 (Sunday)

The Ascension of the Lord

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

May 19, 2024 (Sunday)

Pentecost Sunday

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

June 23, 2024 (Sunday)

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of John the Baptist

June 24, 2023 (Monday)

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

June 29, 2024 (Saturday)

Saints Peter and Paul

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of Peter and Paul

August 13, 2024 (Tuesday)

Blessed Michael McGivney

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Bl. Michael McGivney is not inscribed on our diocesan liturgical calendar and therefore may not be commemorated in most liturgies. However, in accordance with [liturgical directives](#) shared by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Walkowiak permits gatherings of Knights to celebrate a votive Mass in honor of their founder on this day and on other liturgical days without an obligatory observance.

August 15, 2024 (Thursday)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

November 1, 2024 (Friday)

All Saints

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

November 2, 2024 (Saturday)

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- All priests permitted to offer three Masses:

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- one for the priest's intention
- one for the faithful departed
- one for the intentions of the Holy Father
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate All Souls
- Each parish/cluster must offer an evening Mass

* Proper texts for recently added or revised feasts may be found at the USCCB's webpage for the [Liturgical Year & Calendar](#).

November 9, 2024 (Saturday)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate the Feast of the Dedication

December 8, 2024 (Sunday)

The Second Sunday of Advent

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the Sunday

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Not a holyday of obligation this year, but Mass must still be offered in each parish/cluster
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 25, 2024 (Wednesday)

The Nativity of the Lord

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 31, 2024 (Tuesday)

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers observe Mary, the Holy Mother of God