



Spring 2015 Newsletter

Information for Parishes from the Meeting of the
Diocesan Worship Commission (DWC)

UPCOMING EPISCOPAL LITURGIES

Liturgies will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Unless Otherwise Noted

- Priests' Jubilee Mass ... Mon, June 15th at 4:00 pm
- Freedom Mass...Tues, June 30th at 6:30 (Holy Family Church, Saginaw)
- Commissioning/Missioning of Ecclesial Lay Ministers ... Sun, September 13th at 2:30 pm
- The Red Mass ... Thurs, October 15th at 5:00 pm
- Priests' Parents Mass ... Tues, October 20th at 11:00 am (Center for Ministry)
- Parish Bookkeeper's Mass...Friday, October 23rd at 9:00 am (Center for Ministry)
- Mass for all Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons ...Thurs, November 5th at 11:00 am (Center for Ministry)

DIOCESE DEBUTES NEW LITANY OF SAINTS

A new Litany of Saints, including the names of all new parishes in the Diocese, was debuted at the recent Ordination liturgy of Fr Robert Kelm.

This new litany will be fine-tuned and then made available to parishes to use. Look for a link on the Diocese of Saginaw Office of Liturgy website.

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DIOCESE OF SAGINAW OFFICE OF LITURGY WEBSITE

<http://www.saginaw.org/liturgy/office-of-liturgy.html>
OR from the Diocese of Saginaw Homepage,
Click on "Offices & Ministries", then "Office of Liturgy"

Latest Additions to the Website include:
Guidelines & Protocols for Liturgical Ministers,
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass,
Sample Rite for Distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound, and
Pastoral Guidelines for Mourning the Loss of an Unborn Child

DECEMBER 2014 DWC NEWSLETTER

If you thought that you missed the last edition of the Office of Liturgy Newsletter, you did not! A December edition was not published.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 8, 2015 YOUTH EVENT

The Bishop is planning a second MYE Faith Youth Event on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Saginaw Valley State University. The theme of the event is "Got Love?"

For more information, contact your Event Coordinator of your parish or Catholic high school or visit www.myefaith.com.

We are in need of adult volunteers for the event ... visit the "Get Involved" link of the website for more information.

A Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church's "mission to be a witness of mercy."

"I frequently have thought about how the church can make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy he said during his homily; that is why he decided to call a special Holy Year, which will be celebrated from December 8, 2015 (the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican Council II), until November 20, 2016 (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe).

The biblical theme of the year, he said, will be "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," an admonition that applies "especially to confessors," the pope said with a smile.

Traditionally, every 25 years the popes proclaim a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy years, like the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

Further information as to how the Diocese of Saginaw will celebrate this Holy Year of Mercy will be forthcoming.

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RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election for the Diocese was held at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, February 22nd. This was the first time this rite was held with the new parish structure. At those liturgies, 122 Catechumens and 66 Candidates, representing 38 parishes were presented in preparation for full communion at the Easter Vigil.

RECOGNITIO DELAYED

The new English translation of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Second Edition* was sent to the Vatican for approval. To date, the *recognitio* has not been received. Once approved, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) will conduct workshops to familiarize liturgical leaders and instructors in the new features of the rite. Dates and locations of these regional workshops will be announced by the FDLC.

USCCB COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP WEBSITE

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS (NPM) WEBSITE

<http://www.npm.org>

FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

"Mystagogical Reflections on the Texts of the Roman Missal, Third Edition"

<http://fdlc.org/Mystagogy/default.htm>

NEED HELP?

Members of the Office of Liturgy and/or the Diocesan Worship Commission are available for advice and help with liturgical matters in your parish. Especially during this time of mergers, please do not hesitate to contact the Office as needed.

Contact: Office of Liturgy at 989-797-6665

VICARIATES TO ROLL OUT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOPS

Bishop Cistone has recently promulgated the "Guidelines & Protocols for Liturgical Ministers" for use in the Diocese of Saginaw.

These guidelines will affect the formation of all liturgical ministers and the management of those ministers within the Diocese.

The initial focus of catechetical workshops will be for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). These workshops for all EMHC throughout the Diocese are by invitation of their pastor or pastoral administrator and will be conducted on a Vicariate basis. There is a cost of \$5 per EMHC for the training/certification but this will be paid by the parishes.

The Office of Liturgy is planning this process and coordinating the locations and dates with the Vicars who will host all the mandatory workshops.

WATCH FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF THE OFFICE OF LITURGY NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED IN LATE JUNE 2015

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UPDATE OUR CONTACT DATABASE

To increase the coverage of communications from the Office of Liturgy, we are updating our contact lists. It would help enormously, if each parish could send a list of current staff and volunteer contacts who would benefit from receiving this Office of Liturgy Newsletter. Please include their name, email address and role (e.g. Trainer of Altar Servers, Director of Music, Pastor, etc). Send this information to Joe Plevyak, DWC Executive Secretary at joe.plevyak@gmail.com and we will update our distribution list.

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