



## Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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### Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

♦ **NOTE:** items particular to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are printed in red.

#### APRIL 2021

01 April, Thursday of Holy Week, morning and afternoon

- ♦ No Mass is permitted
- ♦ Lent ends just before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

01 April, **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**, at the Evening Mass

- ♦ Gifts are gathered for the poor this evening

01-03 April, Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening, **The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ♦ The Sacraments are not celebrated except the non-communal forms of Penance and Anointing of the Sick, and the Sacraments of Initiation within the Masses of Easter
- ♦ A Funeral Mass is not permitted

02 April, **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

- ♦ A day for fast and abstinence; all are encouraged to maintain the Paschal Fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)
- ♦ **Special collection: Holy Land**

03 April, **Holy Saturday**

- ♦ **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** [RCIA, nos. 185-205]; these do not include sacramental Penance or convalidation of Marriage
- ♦ All are encouraged to maintain the Paschal Fast until the first Mass of Easter (the Vigil)

03 April, Saturday, **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

- ♦ "...the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday" [UNLYC, no. 21]
- ♦ This new translation of the UNLYC strengthens the former language from "should...begin" to "must take place at night". There is really only one way to answer the question, "How early can a parish start the Easter Vigil?" **Nightfall in Central Daylight Time this year begins at 8:52 PM in Effingham, 8:58 PM in Springfield, and 9:06 PM in Quincy.** The vigil may begin later. It must conclude before dawn.

04 April, **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- ♦ **Special diocesan collection: Diocesan Seminarians [Easter Sunday]**

05-11 April, Monday through Sunday, **Days within the Octave of Easter**, Solemnities

- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ♦ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used on Monday through Saturday only
- ♦ A Funeral Mass is permitted on Monday through Saturday only

9 April, Friday within the Octave of Easter, **Ordination of Deacons (in transition to Priesthood)**

- ♦ 6:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

25 April, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- ◆ Special diocesan collection: Catholic Home Missions [Last Sunday of April]