



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.

FEBRUARY 2021

02 February, Saturday, **Presentation of the Lord**, Feast, and the blessing of candles

17 February, Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**

- ♦ Lent begins today; a day of fast and abstinence
- ♦ Anticipation of the Mass of Ash Wednesday or the giving of ashes is not permitted
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ♦ A Funeral Mass is permitted
- ♦ Although it is not forbidden, the **Parish Rite of Sending to the Bishop** is best celebrated on other days [RCIA, nos. 106-117, 434-445, or 530-546] so that the blessing and giving of ashes may be used to the full advantage of the faithful and the catechumens
- ♦ Special collection: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe [Ash Wednesday]
- ♦ Special collection: Operation Rice Bowl begins [begins Ash Wednesday and concludes Wednesday of Holy Week]

21 February, Sunday, **First Sunday of Lent**

Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

- ♦ Saturday, 7:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield – for parishes within 50 miles of the cathedral church
- ♦ Sunday, 2:30 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield – for parishes beyond 50 miles of the cathedral church
- ♦ The parish **Rite of Sending to the Bishop** may be celebrated at a time prior to the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion [RCIA, nos. 108, 436, and 533]

28 February, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Lent**

- ♦ **Penitential Rite (Scrutiny)**, optional rite for baptized and uncatechized adults and children of catechetical age [RCIA, nos. 459-472]
- ♦ Special diocesan collection: Catholic Charities [Second Sunday of Lent]
- ♦ Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday of March