

The Calendar for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

The saving work of Christ is celebrated throughout the Church in its general calendar of liturgical days. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph observes supplementary days as indicated herein.

The Catholic Church's general table of liturgical days includes these as proper solemnities (4):

1. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, that is, the city or state.
2. Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary.
3. Solemnity of the title of a particular church.
4. Solemnity of the title, or of the founder, or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation.

These are proper feasts (8):

1. Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
2. Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
3. Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
4. Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
5. Other feasts proper to an individual church.
6. Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of an order or congregation.

These are proper obligatory memorials (11):

1. Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, nation or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
2. Other obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.

The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar further makes these points:

“45 On Rogation and Ember Days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labor, and to give thanks to him publicly.

“46 In order that the Rogation Days and Ember Days may be adapted to the different regions and different needs of the faithful, the Conferences of Bishops should arrange the time and manner in which they are held.

“Consequently, concerning their duration, whether they are to last one or more days, or be repeated in the course of the year, norms are to be established by the competent authority, taking into consideration local needs.

“47 The Mass for each day of these celebrations should be chosen from among the Masses for Various Needs, and should be one which is more particularly appropriate to the purpose of the supplications.

“48 The ordering of the celebration of the liturgical year is governed by a calendar, which is either general or particular, depending on whether it has been laid down for the use of the entire Roman Rite, or for the use of a Particular Church or religious family.

“49 . . . Particular calendars, however, are to be drawn up by the competent authority and approved by the Apostolic See.

“50 In drawing up a particular calendar, attention should be paid to the following:

“a) The Proper of Time, that is, the cycle of Times, Solemnities, and Feasts by which the mystery of redemption is unfolded and honored during the liturgical year, must always be kept intact and enjoy its rightful preeminence over particular celebrations.

“b) Proper celebrations must be combined organically with universal celebrations, with attention to the rank and precedence indicated for each in the Table of Liturgical Days. So that particular calendars may not be overburdened, individual Saints should have only one celebration in the course of the liturgical year, although, where pastoral reasons recommend it, there may be another celebration in the form of an Optional Memorial marking the *translatio* or *inventio* of the bodies of Patron Saints or Founders of Churches or of religious families.

“c) Celebrations granted by indult should not duplicate other celebrations already occurring in the cycle of the mystery of salvation, nor should their number be increased out of proportion.

“52 A particular calendar is prepared by the insertion in the General Calendar of proper Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials, that is:

“a) in a diocesan calendar, besides celebrations of Patrons and of the dedication of the Cathedral church, the Saints and Blessed who have special

connections with the diocese, e.g., by their birth, residence over a long period, or their death...

“54 Proper celebrations should be inscribed in the Calendar as Obligatory or Optional Memorials, unless other provisions have been made for them in the Table of Liturgical Days, or there are special historical or pastoral reasons. There is no reason, however, why some celebrations may not be observed in certain places with greater solemnity than in the rest of the diocese or religious family.

“55 Celebrations inscribed in a particular calendar must be observed by all who are bound to follow that calendar and may only be removed from the calendar or changed in rank with the approval of the Apostolic See

“58 For the pastoral good of the faithful, it is permitted to observe on Sundays in Ordinary Time those celebrations that fall during the week and that are agreeable to the devotion of the faithful, provided the celebrations rank above that Sunday in the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of such celebrations may be used at all the celebrations of Mass at which the people are present.

Parish Solemnities

Each parish celebrates its patron day as a solemnity each year. If a feast of higher rank displaces it (e.g., a Sunday in Advent), the patron solemnity is moved to the next available date on the liturgical calendar. A parish that celebrates its patron on a weekday in Ordinary Time may transfer the solemnity to the nearest Sunday and observe it with the appropriate readings and prayers.

In the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, some parish patron days are already solemnities on the general calendar:

- Annunciation, Kearney; St. Mary the Virgin, Carrollton
- Christ the King, Kansas City
- Cathedral of St. Joseph, St. Joseph; St. Joseph, Easton, Parnell, and Trenton
- Good Shepherd, Smithville (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
- Holy Spirit, Lee’s Summit (Pentecost)
- Holy Trinity, Urich and Weston
- Immaculate Conception in Kansas City (cathedral), Independence (St. Mary’s), Lexington, Montrose, Nevada (St. Mary’s), and Richmond
- Sacred Heart in Hamilton, Norborne, and Warrensburg; and Sacred Heart-Guadalupe in Kansas City
- St. Mary’s, Higginsville; St. Mary, St. Joseph (December 8)

- St. Peter in Kansas City and Stanberry; St. Paul in Tarkio (June 29)
- Blessed Sacrament in Bethany (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ)

In addition, each parish celebrates the anniversary of its dedication as a solemnity each year. If the anniversary date falls on a weekday in Ordinary Time, the parish may transfer it to the nearest Sunday.

Special Days of Prayer in 2021

January 1 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. However, the texts for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are used for the liturgy.

February 4 is the diocesan Day of Prayer at Seedtime.

April 26 is the diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse.

June 2 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for Nature's Blessings.

August 3 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for Farm Animals.

JANUARY		
2.	Munchin, bishop	Solemnity at St. Munchin, Cameron
4.	Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious	Feast at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City (secondary patron)
14.	1998 Dedication 1900 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Therese North, Kansas City Solemnity at St. Mary, Nevada
16.	1972 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph
19.	1986 Dedication	Solemnity at Annunciation Church, Kearney
22.	1949 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Patrick, Holden
24.	Our Lady of Peace	Feast at Our Lady of Peace, Kansas City (Titular Solemnity on December 26)
30.	1949 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Kansas City
FEBRUARY		
1.	Bridget, religious	Solemnity at St. Bridget, Pleasant Hill and Rich Hill
4	Day of Prayer at Seedtime	
6.	1977 Dedication 1966 Dedication	Solemnity at St. John LaLande, Blue Springs Solemnity at Church of the Santa Fe, Buckner
11.	1960 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown
12	Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11, transferred to this date because of dedication)	Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrisonville and Raytown
14.	Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop	Solemnity at St. Cyril, Sugar Creek
16.	1985 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of the Presentation
17.	1960 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Gabriel, Kansas City
22.	2003 Dedication of the Cathedral	Solemnity at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
23	2003 Dedication of the Cathedral	Feast in all parishes of the diocese except the cathedral
MARCH		

7.	2004 Dedication 1971 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Mark, Independence Solemnity at St. Rose of Lima, Savannah
17.	St. Patrick	Solemnity at the Oratory of Old St. Patrick, Kansas City; and at St. Patrick in Butler, Ford City, Forest City, Holden, Kansas City, and St. Joseph
19.	Joseph, husband of Mary, Secondary Patron	Solemnity
21.	1965 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Joseph, Trenton
27.	2004 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Ann, Independence
APRIL		
5.	1992 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Jude, Oak Grove
9.	2005 Dedication	Solemnity at St. George, Odessa
16.	Bernadette, religious	Solemnity at St. Bernadette, Raytown
17.	1983 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Thomas More
18.	1964 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Benedict, Burlington Junction
22.	1930 Dedication 2002 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Mary, Higginsville Solemnity at St. Catherine, Osceola
23.	George, martyr	Solemnity at St. George, Odessa
24.	1983 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Gregory Barbarigo, Maryville
26.	Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse Our Lady of Good Counsel	Solemnity at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Kansas City
29.	Catherine, virgin and doctor	Solemnity at St. Catherine, Osceola; and St. Catherine of Siena, Kansas City
MAY		
1.	St. Joseph the Worker	Solemnity at St. Joseph the Worker, Independence
2.	1982 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Joseph the Worker, Independence
3.	Philip and James, Apostles	Solemnity at St. James, St. Joseph; St. James, Kansas City; and at Twelve Apostles, Platte City
4.	1924 Dedication	Solemnity at Guardian Angels, Kansas City

9.	1954 Dedication	Solemnity at Christ the King, Kansas City
10.	1915 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Patrick, Ford City
12.	1912 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City
16.	1971 Dedication	Solemnity at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton
25.	1997 Dedication 2013 Dedication	Solemnity at St. John Francis Regis, Kansas City Solemnity at Church of the XII Apostles, Platte City
Saturday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton and Mary immaculate, Gallatin
JUNE		
2	Day of Prayer for Nature's Blessings	
4.	1961 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Paul, Tarkio
7.	1980 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Trinity, Urich
9.	Columba, priest	Solemnity at St. Columba, Conception Junction
10.	2004 Dedication	Solemnity at Visitation Church, Kansas City
13.	Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor	Feast at St. Anthony, Kansas City (Titular Solemnity on August 15)
15.	1913 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Mary, St. Joseph
16.	John Francis Regis, priest, Secondary Patron	Solemnity at St. Regis, Kansas City; Memorial at all other parishes in the diocese
18.	Gregory Barbarigo, bishop 1961 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Gregory, Maryville Solemnity at St. Bernadette, Raytown
21.	Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	Solemnity at St. Aloysius, Maysville
22.	John Fisher, bishop and martyr, and Thomas More, martyr	Solemnity at St. Thomas More, Kansas City
27.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Solemnity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City
28.	1889 Dedication	Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Norborne

30.	1913 Dedication observed (actual date June 29, transferred)	Solemnity at St. James, St. Joseph
JULY		
4.	1950 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City
11.	Benedict, abbot	Solemnity at St. Benedict, Burlington Junction
12.	1896 Dedication observed (actual date of cornerstone, dedication date unknown) 2003 Dedication	Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Kansas City Solemnity at St. Sabina, Belton
19	2014 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Bartholomew, Windsor
25.	James, apostle	Solemnity at St. James, Liberty
26.	Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary	Solemnity at St. Ann, Excelsior Springs, Independence, and Plattsburg
AUGUST		
1.	2004 Dedication 1949 Dedication (date of first mass in church, dedication date unknown)	Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrisonville Solemnity at Church of the Holy Martyrs
3	Day of Prayer for Farm Animals 2019 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Family in Kansas City
4.	1974 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Andrew, Kansas City
5.	1962 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Clinton
22.	1950 Dedication The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity at Mary Immaculate, Gallatin Solemnity at Coronation of Our Lady, Grandview
23.	Rose of Lima, virgin	Solemnity at St. Rose of Lima, Savannah
24.	Bartholomew, apostle 1913 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Bartholomew, Windsor Solemnity at St. James, Kansas City
25.	Louis	Solemnity at St. Louis, Kansas City
27.	Monica	Solemnity at St. Monica, Kansas City
28	St. Augustine	Solemnity at Church of the Holy Martyrs (Dedicated as St. Augustine), Kansas City
29.	Sabina	Solemnity at St. Sabina, Belton
SEPTEMBER		

2.	1962 Dedication 1945 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Patrick, Butler Solemnity at St. Louis, Kansas City
3.	1956 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Charles, Kansas City
6.	1925 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of Peace (formerly St. Stephen), Kansas City
7.	2007 Dedication 1996 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Catherine, Kansas City Solemnity at Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph
8.	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1946 Dedication	Solemnity at Nativity of Mary, Independence Solemnity at St. Peter, Kansas City
14.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 1968 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Cross, Kansas City Solemnity at Blessed Sacrament, Bethany
15.	Our Lady of Sorrows	Solemnity at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City; and Seven Dolors, Hirlingen
16.	1923 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City
17.	Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor	Solemnity at St. Robert Bellarmine, Blue Springs
21.	1961 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City
24.	2006 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Spirit, Lee's Summit
29.	Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels	Solemnity at St. Gabriel Archangel, Kansas City
OCTOBER		
1.	Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor	Solemnity at St. Therese Little Flower, Kansas City, and St. Therese (North), Kansas City
2.	Guardian Angels	Solemnity at Guardian Angels, Kansas City
4.	Francis of Assisi	Solemnity at Santa Fe, Buckner
5.	1919 Dedication	Solemnity at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kansas City
6.	1974 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Cyril, Sugar Creek
7.	Our Lady of the Rosary	Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Kansas City
13.	1922 Dedication observed (actual date of cornerstone, dedication date unknown)	Solemnity at St. Anthony, formerly Assumption Church, Kansas City

16.	2004 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Margaret, Lee's Summit
18.	1967 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Columba, Conception Junction
19.	Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests, martyrs, and their companions, martyrs 2019 Dedication	Solemnity at St. John LaLande, Blue Springs Solemnity at St. James, Liberty
21.	2000 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Monica, Kansas City
23.	2008 Dedication	Solemnity at Old St. Patrick Oratory, Kansas City
Sunday before November 1	1975 Dedication on February 9, moved here by Bishop Helmsing Dedication observed 1977 Dedication on March 13, moved here by Bishop Helmsing Dedication observed	Solemnity at Cathedral in St. Joseph Coronation of Our Lady, Grandview
25.	1894 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Munchin, Cameron
27.	1912 Dedication	Solemnity at Holy Trinity, Weston
28.	Simon and Jude, apostles 1995 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Jude the Apostle, Oak Grove Solemnity at St. Patrick, Kansas City
30.	2011 Dedication	Solemnity at Good Shepherd, Smithville
31.	1865 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1872 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1887 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1888 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1898 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1907 Dedication observed (day unknown)	Solemnity at St. Mary's, Independence Solemnity at Seven Dolors, Hirlingen Solemnity at St. Joseph, Easton; and Immaculate Conception, Richmond Solemnity at St. Ann, Plattsburg Solemnity at Immaculate Conception, Lexington Solemnity at St. Patrick, Forest City Solemnity in other churches where date is unknown
NOVEMBER		
3.	1890 Dedication observed (actual date November 2, transferred)	Solemnity at St. Aloysius, Maysville

4.	Charles Borromeo, bishop 1917 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Charles Borromeo, Kansas City Solemnity at Holy Cross, Kansas City
16.	Margaret of Scotland	Solemnity at St. Margaret of Scotland, Lee's Summit
17.	Elizabeth of Hungary, religious	Solemnity at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City
21.	Presentation of Mary	Solemnity at Our Lady of the Presentation, Lee's Summit
Thanksgiving Day	1949 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Therese (Euclid), Kansas City
23.	1879 Dedication 1975 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Columban, Chillicothe Solemnity at St. Ann's, Excelsior Springs
24.	Columban, abbot (transferred because of solemnity of dedication on November 23) Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions 1872 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Columban, Chillicothe Feast at Church of the Holy Martyrs, Kansas City (Dedicated as St. Augustine) Solemnity at St. Mary the Virgin, Carrollton
26.	1925 Dedication 1914 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Joseph, Parnell Solemnity at St. Peter, Stanberry
28.	1907 Dedication 1912 Dedication	Solemnity at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Kansas City Solemnity at Immaculate Conception, Montrose
30.	Andrew, apostle	Solemnity at St. Andrew the Apostle, Kansas City
DECEMBER		
3.	Francis Xavier, priest	Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City and St. Joseph
4.	1999 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Bridget, Pleasant Hill
7.	1873 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Patrick, St. Joseph
8.	Immaculate Conception, Principal Patroness	Solemnity
9.	1998 Dedication observed (actual date December 8, transferred)	Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Warrensburg
11.	2004 Dedication	Solemnity at Nativity of Mary, Independence

12.	Our Lady of Guadalupe 1921 Dedication	Solemnity at Sacred Heart-Guadalupe, Kansas City; and Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Hamilton
15.	1985 Dedication	Solemnity at St. Robert Bellarmine, Blue Springs
26	St. Stephen	Solemnity at Our Lady of Peace (Dedicated as St. Stephen), Kansas City
30.	Holy Family (when Christmas falls on a Sunday)	Solemnity at the Church of the Holy Family, Kansas City; and at Whiteman Air Force - Holy Family Base Chapel

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