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FROM THE PASTOR



The mystery of Christ’s baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord’s birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us. At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus’ Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the ‘Christification’ of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary’s spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and ‘Christified’ that human nature with which He became incarnate. In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ’s manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord’s incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus’ Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father’s voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of ‘Christification,’ Jesus of Nazareth’s spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the ‘Christification’ of Jesus’ humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord’s Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *‘And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men’* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ. The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam’s guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *‘Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind’s guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners’* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).  
 —Excerpted from the Dicastery for the Clergy

**Fr. Jesse Ochs will be on retreat from January 20–23, 2026, so there will be NO WEEKDAY OR SCHOOL Masses in Oakley or Angelus during that time.**

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

School Council Meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 12th.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be on Monday, January 12th. 3rd-grade parents will deliver.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:**

Oakley Adoration on Thursday, January 15, from 9 am – 7 pm.

If anyone would like a Poinsettia, please take one after the 10:30 A.M. Mass this weekend. Those left will be in the main vestibule the following week-help yourself to them. Any left will be thrown away.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest this Sunday, January 11, at 1 P.M.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

Angelus Adoration on Wednesday, January 14, from 8 am – 7:30 pm.

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

Oakley: \$4,237.00 Angelus: \$1,411.00

We welcome all our guests to our parishes. If you have moved here, we encourage you to register on our website.



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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 10 – 5pm Mass + Margie Schoenfeld  
 Sun 11 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass + Ron Kuhlman  
 Mon 12 – NO MASS  
 5:30pm School Council Meeting  
 St. Joseph Pizza Hut Fundraiser  
 Tues 13 – 8:30am Mass + Sr. Judy Stephens  
 9:30am Bible Study in the rectory  
 Wed 14 – 8am Adoration (Angelus)  
 7:30pm Mass (Angelus) + Leon Fellhoelter  
 7pm CCD Classes  
 Thur 15 – 8:30am + Mildred Kuhlman  
 9am – 7pm Adoration  
 Fri 16 – 7am Mass + Debra Campbell  
 Sat 17 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners  
 Sun 18 – 8:00am Mass (Angelus) + Linda Zerr  
 10:30am Mass – Weber/Moorhous Family

Confessions are available 30 minutes before weekend Masses, by appointment, or as indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am	Servers	CYO MASS
	Lector	Mike Kuhlman		Lector	CYO MASS
	Gifts	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Gifts	CYO MASS
	Hospitality	Dennis & Jane Schwarz		Hospitality	CYO MASS

Sunday, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Nick Robben
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Jay & Elizabeth Rietcheck
	Ushers	Bernard Dickman, Bob, Lee, and Clem Fellhoelter