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FROM THE PASTOR



After last Sunday’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we move into the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. We return to the all so familiar green vestments and the “normal” days of the liturgical life. Unfortunately, we can also allow our spiritual lives to enter into a lackadaisical period after the busy-ness of Christmas and the beginning of Lent. We are in the depths of winter with less sunlight, although increasing daily, and our spiritual life can seem to be dragging us down.

Our Baptism is the beginning of our life in Christ. After celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord we ought to know the importance of our own baptism and how it affects our entire life. Ordinary Time is not meant to be a time when we lose the structure of our spiritual life but is meant to be the time when we see it grow, when we put into practice the graces merited during the other seasons. The green of the liturgical season reminds us of the growth we are to experience and the new life of grace that is meant to be growing in our lives. Those spiritual practices that we have put into place may become more difficult during these times, but this is where real growth begins.

I think of the grass that begins its new growth in the spring after the cold of winter, we don’t see it grow, but it slowly makes its growth spring up and before we know it is time to mow it again. Our spiritual lives are meant to grow in the quiet of our hearts as we continue to pray our rosary, or the liturgy of the hours, or our daily prayers that set the schedule of our spiritual life. We don’t see the growth, but when we step back and look, we are meant to see where God is working in our life.

Don’t let Ordinary Time pass you by and suddenly Lent is upon us. Put into practice the regular daily habits of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that waters and fertilizes the soil of our heart to make our faith grow. This is the time the Holy Spirit works the most, be open to what He is doing in your life and water that seed that has been planted so that the harvest may be abundant and God calls us to scatter the seed to those around us.

CHANGE OF PLANS: Fr. Brian will be here to do the WEEKDAY Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. NO MASS on Friday, though.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:

If you have someone or something that you would like the St. Joseph Students and Staff to pray for, please call the school, and the name or intention will be put in a prayer basket, and the students and staff will pray for them during their prayer services.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS:

Parish/Finance Council Meeting on Monday, January 20, at 5:30 pm at the rectory.

Oakley Adoration on Thursday, January 22, from 9 am – 7 pm.

ST. PAUL NEWS:

Due to conflicting schedules, the Angelus Altar Society will now meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 in the church basement.

Our Tithes from Last Week

Oakley: \$4,047.00 Angelus: \$1,065.00

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 17 – 5 pm Mass + Parishioners
 Sun 18 – 8:00 am Mass (Angelus) + Linda Zerr
 10:30 am Mass – Weber/Moorhous Family
 Mon 19 – NO MASS
 5:30 pm Parish/Finance Council Meeting
 Tues 20 – 8:30 am Mass + Jerry & Jeanie Gormley
 9:30 am Bible Study in the rectory
 7pm Angelus Altar Society
 Wed 21 – 7:30 am Mass (Angelus) + Donna Haffner
 7 pm CCD Classes
 Thur 22 – 8:30 am + Laura Goetz
 9 am – 7 pm Adoration at St. Joseph
 Fri 23 – NO Mass
 Sat 24 – 5 pm Mass + Ron Brenner
 Sun 25 – 8:00 am Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners
 10:30 am Mass + Rose Ziegler

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

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Saturday Jan 24 th 5pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Jan 25 th 10:30 am	Servers	Catholic Schools Week
	Lector	Cecilia Brungardt		Lector	Catholic Schools Week
	Gifts	Ben & Christie Kuhlman		Gifts	Catholic Schools Week
	Hospitality	Curt & Lila Thompson		Hospitality	Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, Jan 25 th 8 am	Servers	LaRynn, Lettie & Lawson Rumback
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Doug Robben
	Gifts	Mark & Bernice Rueschhoff
	Ushers	Bernard Dickman, Bob, Lee, and Clem Fellhoelter