Wait! It’s not yet time to take down those Christmas trees, lights, and decorations! The Christmas Season doesn’t end until after The Baptism of the Lord, celebrated on January 13.

Q: When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized, John the Baptist exclaimed “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (Matthew 3:14) If Jesus was sinless, why did he need to be baptized?

A: [Link to an article explaining the meaning of Jesus’ baptism]

Here’s your chance to be trained as a Eucharistic Minister before Lent begins!

Pre-registration is required, so contact the Liturgy Office to sign up.

The Policy for this ministry from the Archdiocese of Dubuque states: Those who are invited to serve in this ministry shall be baptized and confirmed Roman Catholics who regularly share in the Eucharist... committed to the faith, devoted to the Eucharist, respected by the community and demonstrate interest and involvement in the community’s life.
Ordinary Time begins January 14

“Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

“Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.” – usccb.org

Presence
THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Choose a day for each episode as we prepare for our Lenten Adoration.

Episode 1: Sat., Feb. 9th 3:45-4:15pm; Sun., Feb. 10th 9:45-10:15am; Tues., Feb. 12th 7-7:30pm; Thurs. Feb. 14th 7-7:30pm
Episode 2: Sat., Feb. 16th 3:45-4:15pm; Sun., Feb. 17th 9:45-10:15am; Tues., Feb. 19th 7-7:30pm; Thurs., Feb. 21st 7-7:30pm
Episode 3: Sat., Feb. 23rd 3:45-4:15pm; Sun., Feb. 24th 9:45-10:15am; Tues., Feb. 26th 7-7:30pm; Thurs., Feb. 28th 7-7:30pm

What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Calendar

January
12-13 The Baptism of the Lord (end of the Christmas Season)
14 Ordinary Time begins

March
6 Ash Wednesday - Mass at 6:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm; Word & Communion Service at 12:15pm
During Lent: Stations of the Cross each Friday at 5:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m. on Good Friday)
   Evening Prayer each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
   Eucharistic Adoration Sundays from 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (March 10 – April 7)
   Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday

April
13-14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
18 Holy Thursday
19 Good Friday
20 Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil
21 Easter Sunday

HOLY WEEK