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Dear Parish Family,

It's official. In a few days our most favorite time of the year will be over. I mean really over.

Driving around the neighborhood after December 25, one can see some discarded Christmas trees, which means Christmas for some people is done already. But not for many of us and certainly not for me. The Christmas season officially ends at the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is this coming Sunday. Then we can put down our Christmas decorations and store them away.

After we say so long to another Christmas season that God has given us, we start what the church calendar calls Ordinary Time. It would be good to remind us that short weeks in the church calendar are not ordinary in the sense that they are common place, mundane or less important than the other seasons of the church calendar. The statement merely designates the numbered weeks that walk us through Jesus' public life.

Yes, we will be in 'Ordinary Time', but we are off on an exhilarating new adventure with Jesus our Savior. Is that really ordinary?

Peace,

Fr. Dwight

P.S. We have a couple of events coming up. The Knights Chicken Sunday is this weekend. You can pre-order at www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens and the Catholic Daughters Chicken Spaghetti Dinner and raffle is on January 24. Again you can pre-order the dinner at www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/cda