

“Our Divine Lord was not lifted up on the Cross in order to secure for us a life of wild dissipation here, to be conveniently closed by a final absolution, and to be followed by unending bliss hereafter. Christ’s blood was not poured forth in order that Christians, trading on its purifying powers, might freely give themselves up to a life which, in all its external social features, bears a not too unfaithful resemblance to paganism. In fact, it is an insult to paganism to describe what we see around us by that name. This masquerading Christianity is worse than paganism. Paganism passes frankly for what it is – the false worship of false gods. It has that much truth in it – the truth of being what it is. Falsehood is not as false a thing as truth perverted and corrupted. And the world of Christians who, calling themselves Christians, make pleasure their God and reject the lesson of the cross have corrupted the truth. Such Christians (and they are now many) turn the truth of God into a lie, and that is the great crime. The negation of truth, which is falsehood, is not as baneful a thing as the perversion of truth – the living truth of God – and making it a lie.” *(To be continued)*

Due to the age and health ailments that are now of concern to her and to us all, Reverend Mother Mary Monica, OSB, has asked that all responsibility in the running and ruling of Saint Joseph’s Convent be taken from her. She asks only that she be allowed to lead a quiet life of prayer and contemplation. Always willing to work, she welcomes whatever small Convent work might, from time to time, be assigned to her. With grave reluctance, but with profound gratitude for and appreciation of the wonderful and sacrificing labor performed by Mother Mary Monica, her request has been granted to her. Mother Monica is the one really most responsible for the founding of Saint Joseph’s Convent, and in the early years the hard work only she could be capable of contributed greatly to the formation of Saint Joseph’s Convent. How fortunate we are to have such a one be our very first Nun. May God bless her. Her smile and kindness and charm and good works have helped those we know not of. Father Abbot and the Monks and Nuns are most grateful to her.

Mother Mary Monica will retain the title of Mother as long as God gives life amongst us to her.

Sister Mary Veronica, OSB, has been appointed Superior of Saint Joseph’s Convent.

Please keep Mother Mary Monica, OSB, and Sister Mary Veronica, OSB, in your special prayers.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There will be NO 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
3. **Our Oblates will meet with Father Sebastian in the Abbey Church after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.**
4. Tomorrow, September 3, 2007, is Labor Day. May everyone have a safe and happy and relaxing Labor Day!
5. Thursday, September 6, 2007, is the first Thursday of September, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
6. Friday, September 7, 2007, is the First Friday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
7. Saturday, September 8, 2007, is the Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
8. **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL IN MONTGOMERY:** Next “Montgomery Sunday” (October 7, 2007), we will have our annual pot-luck fall picnic after Mass in Montgomery. Please see Mrs. Pam Olson for more information.
9. **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL IN MONTGOMERY, EARLY NOTICE:** Mass in Montgomery for the Month of November will be on the **SECOND Sunday of November — November 11, 2007** — due to the fact that our Novices will be making their Triennial Vows in the Abbey Church during the 10:00 AM Mass on November 4, 2007 (the first Sunday of November).
10. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
11. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased George Spinach
TUESDAY:	Special intention Gerry Keaveney
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Mary Gilmor
THURSDAY:	Special intention Jean Henderson
FRIDAY:	Special intention Joan Landry
SATURDAY:	Deceased of Henderson and Brazell Families

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A Thought To Remember ...

Effective spiritual direction presupposes cooperation with the operation of grace in one’s soul.