

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There **will** be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, is the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Abbey Church (1995).
4. Friday, April 25, 2008, is the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. It is also a Rogation day. The Rogation Procession with the Litany of the Saints (outdoors, weather permitting), will start in the Abbey Church immediately **after** the 6:00 AM Mass.
5. Saturday, April 26, 2008, is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (Roman calendar).
6. **EARLY NOTICE:** We will have First Communion for children during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2008 (Pentecost Sunday). Anyone attending Church at Christ the King Abbey who has a child they feel is ready for this awesome Sacrament, please see Father Francis, OSB. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 4, 2008).
7. Also on Mother's Day, we will have our usual Ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady's statue in the Abbey Church before the 10:00 AM Mass. Miss Rebecca Meilleur will crown Our Lady this year.
8. **N.B.:** There **WILL** be Mass (at the usual time) at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Mothers' Day.
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER.
10. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Jean Rentschler
TUESDAY:	Welfare of Mr and Mrs Stephen Holup
WEDNESDAY:	Anniversary of the Dedication of our Abbey Church
THURSDAY:	Special intention Robert McKenna, OP (<i>Name day</i>)
FRIDAY:	Deceased Priests in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Deceased J. E. Haydel

THE NUN

The young woman, on being called by her God to be a nun, immediately leaves all her earthly possessions. She leaves her father and her mother. She leaves her brothers and sisters. She leaves all else, and this not just willingly only, but joyfully. The nun does not care where God takes her, or what God will do with her. She care not how much she might have to suffer in the company of God. Her love for Him is such that the cost of that love means nothing to her. In pure love and simplicity of mind, in the submission of her will, in her holy obedience to her superiors and the Holy Rule of her convent, in the love that she has for her superiors and the love that her superiors have for her, that young woman finds companionship with her God.

The convent is not a reformatory where women go and where women are poured and shaped in a plaster mold, where women are cut into shape by superiors who demand a certain look they think proper for "nuns." It is understood that the young lady must learn how to comport herself properly as a nun, but the principal purpose of religious formation is directed to the interior formation of the soul. This is accomplished best by the love that motivates those who live in a convent.

To be with God and to belong to God, for the nun – whether she be assigned to scrubbing floors or placed in a place of authority – that is enough.

— By the grace of God —

Next Sunday, April 27, 2008, during the 10:00 AM Mass in our Abbey Church,
Miss Tori Henderson will begin her novitiate as a novice of Saint Joseph's Convent.
Please pray for Tori and for all the Sisters.

A Thought To Remember

PRAYER! PRAYER! PRAYER!
If ever we have prayed,
now is the time for real and serious prayer!