

older and more mature souls. It is found in souls of education and erudition, who mindlessly commit themselves to an alternate way of dedicated wickedness. How absolutely wonderful it is when the prayer of some unknown soul and the grace of God together rescue a good intentioned, suffering soul and keep that soul well directed on the road of holiness and truth and salvation.

God spare us of improper prudence on the part of anybody! The properly constructed Catholic way of life does not paralyze good and healthy religious growth. True Catholic living is refreshing and wholesome. It is a life of true freedom. Parents and religious superiors must be persuaded that good example, family love, mutual trust, prudent family prayer, wholesome discipline consistently applied, humility, and a good religious atmosphere, all discretely promoted, are most effective in acquiring grace for the parents and superiors themselves, but especially for the children and those under their guidance. As they grow more experienced, they will take notice and will observe that a life where the Triune God and His most blessed Mother and the saints and angels play a major part, is after all a very normal, free, happy, and sanctifying life. They will come to the realization that that which is good and holy can be as delightful, even more so, and more fulfilling, than the unquestionably bad things found elsewhere. The family home and the religious community should be the safest and most heart warming of places. It is simply wonderful when goodness and happiness pervade the atmosphere. A family home or monastic religious community where there is peace and silence and love and prayer and joy is the very foyer of heaven. □

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Sunday Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon at 5:00.
3. Today is the Feast of Saint Monica. It is also the Name day of our Mother Mary Monica, OSB. Please keep Mother Monica in you special prayers today.
4. Tomorrow is the Feast of Saint Pius V (Roman calendar). Please pray for our Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham and for the good of us all.
5. Let us not forget the ongoing Novena to the Holy Spirit.
6. Remember the May Rosary procession starting in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM each day of May.
7. Saturday is the Vigil of Pentecost and is a day of fast and partial abstinence. Meat may be eaten once only.
8. Next Sunday is the great Feast of Pentecost. Let not only ask the Holy Spirit to come to us, but let us be sure not to turn Him away when He does come. Self-will and God's will cannot coexist in a soul.
9. Next Sunday is also Mothers' Day. Let us thank God of His Mother and for all mothers everywhere.
10. Next Sunday, Clare Potter and William Patterson will receive their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church.
11. Also next Sunday, Miss Rebecca Meilleur will crown Our Lady during the Ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady's statue in the Abbey Church immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass.
12. **EARLY NOTICE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI CEREMONY** (Sunday, May 25, 2008.): The ceremony will take place outdoors at the Abbey Church (weather permitting) immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON THAT DAY. If anyone on the following list is for any reason unable to fill his or her assignment, please notify Father Abbot IMMEDIATELY.**
  - ◆**Celebrant:** Father Sebastian, OSB
  - ◆**Acolytes:** Isaac Olson; Stefen Roberts
  - ◆**Masters of Ceremonies:** Father Francis, OSB; Father Michael, OSB
  - ◆**Censor Bearers:** Isaac Olson; Stefen Roberts
  - ◆**Eucharistic Standard Bearer:** Brother Louis, OSB
  - ◆**Torch Bearers:** Bernard Morin; Danny Henderson
  - ◆**Organist:** Father Bernard, OSB
  - ◆**Chanters:** Father Joseph, OSB; Frater Matthew, OSB; Christopher Spray
  - ◆**Baldachin Bearers:** Thomas Girardi; Alan Olson; Danny Meilleur; Don Mullan
  - ◆**Cross Bearer:** Ronald Roberts
  - ◆**Flowers:** Elizabeth Smith; Clare Potter; William Patterson
  - ◆**Banner Bearers:** Stephen Stanford; Albert Patterson, III; Albert Patterson, IV; Louis Glentz; Matthew Smith; Herman Bishop; Steve Larsen
  - ◆**Photographers:** Michael Winland; Terri Winland
13. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
14. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: Welfare of Saint Joseph's Convent
  - MONDAY: For Mother Mary Monica, OSB (*Name day Mass*)
  - TUESDAY: Special intention Angela Fong
  - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Jean Bonace
  - THURSDAY: Special intention of Donor
  - FRIDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
  - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family