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WHAT INTENSE HAPPINESS IS TO BE FOUND AT THE SIDE OF THE MANGER!

The very absence of everything calculated to please the senses LEAVES THE SOUL FREE to enjoy itself more largely. In Bethlehem little concession is made to the body! Bethlehem is the setting FOR THE SOUL! It is not of that which benefits the body, but of that which benefits the soul that all men stand in need!!! All that this earth can give us is nothing. All that the life with God can give us IS EVERYTHING!!!

1. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY - - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
 ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - - ONLY - - 6:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.
2. Wednesday is the Feast of St. Stephen - - First Martyr;  
 Thursday is the Feast of St. John the Apostle;  
 Friday is the Feast of the Holy Innocents.
3. The 1991 Calendars are now available
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday - - NOT BEFORE MIDNIGHT  
 MASS ON CHRISTMAS.
5. ESPECIALLY during these very Holy Days let us please pray for all the sick and shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs (Cullman); Paul Roy (Montgomery) and Woody Fleming (Birmingham).

On Christmas Morning, we, the Monks of the Monastery of Christ the King, will ask the Infant Jesus to make your happiness greater through the prayers we offer Him for You. In our Masses and Holy Communions, your intentions will be remembered in a very special way to express our profound gratitude for your goodness to us. We pray also for your Families, your sick and your departed loved ones.

Especially do we greet you, our loved ones of Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, St. Pius V Chapel, and St. Francis Chapel, who are such a great part of our love and prayer. One thing we hope for - - with all our hearts do we hope for it - - and that is that by our EXAMPLE ( if not, indeed, by our word) we might have been the reason for a greater degree of joy and peace and security for you and those whom you love best.

6. Let us not forget to express our sincere gratitude to Almighty God, to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Terese for having given us such help that permitted us to complete our Monastery. Without them it would have been quite impossible.

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!

7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
  - SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors  
 9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
 12:30 P.M. Special Intention Maryanne Glentz
  - MONDAY: Dec. Sister Regina Campbell, O.S.B.
  - TUESDAY: 12:00 A.M. For our Monastery and the Monks
  - CHRISTMAS 8:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
 11:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors
  - WEDNESDAY: Special Int. of Mary Urban
  - THURSDAY: Dec. Walter Roberts
  - FRIDAY: Dec. Erskine Rice
  - SATURDAY: Special Int. of Edward Sautner