

1. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph - the First Family according to the direction of God the Father. In recent years the Family unit has been devastated, and as a consequence, Society in general has reached the point of no return that we witness today. The unit of the Family should be the center of all activity of its members. This does not mean that each Family should surround itself in a cocoon. After all, common sense, is required here, as in all cases. But it does mean that the Family should be given the elements of some kind of unity of religion, of thought, of interest, of LOVE, of obedience, of authority, and all such like. If the Family can ever again be placed in the ORDER of God, the world will once again follow suit.

2. Tuesday, January 13, 1998 is the Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord.

3. EPIPHANY CHALK is available at all Masses Today. Please take a piece or two and use it according to the suggestions that have been given at earlier times.

4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Do not put aside the necessity of the Sacrament of Penance.

5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.

6. Do not forget the existence of the STORM LAMP which burns constantly in the Abbey Church. In like manner, do not forget the prayers of our Religious which petition God for protection against the onslaughts of furious storms. We are again entering that time of the year when storms are at their worst. In faith join our religious communities and pray together with them as they ask for God's protection. St. Scholastica is one to ask for favorable weather.

7. As the Holy Season of Lent is soon to be on its way, let us give renewed thinking on the subject of Home Monasteries. The elements of reparation, mortification, humility, reverence, Supernatural Charity, seem somewhat nebulous in the program now called "Renew 2000". If we are to be renewed in the next millenium, the above mentioned must be the foundation stones. Our Monastic Homes, based on the Faith which the above qualities will surely nourish - - THAT IS WHERE ANY KIND OF RENEW IS GENERATED! Awareness of the SUPERNATURAL RATHER THAN THE MERELY NATURAL is what our youth is in desparate need of!

It should be remembered that prayer - simply because it is prayer - is not necessarily Supernatural.

8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Scheduly Only)

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| SUNDAY:    | For the People of the Chapels    |
| MONDAY:    | Special Int. Anna Rita Huelskamp |
| TUESDAY:   | Special Int. Lois Nichols        |
| WEDNESDAY: | Welfare Dianne Peterka           |
| THURSDAY:  | Dec. Francis Kapusta             |
| FRIDAY:    | Dec. Frank Peterka               |
| SATURDAY:  | Dec. Rose Gaugen                 |

*Like a flame of fire  
that star glittereth  
yonder, revealing God,  
the King of kings: the  
wise men, when they  
beheld it, offered presents  
unto the mighty Ruler.*

*Son, why hast thou thus dealt  
with us? Behold, thy father  
and I have sought thee  
sorrowing. How is it that ye  
sought me? Know ye not that  
I must be about my Father's  
business?*