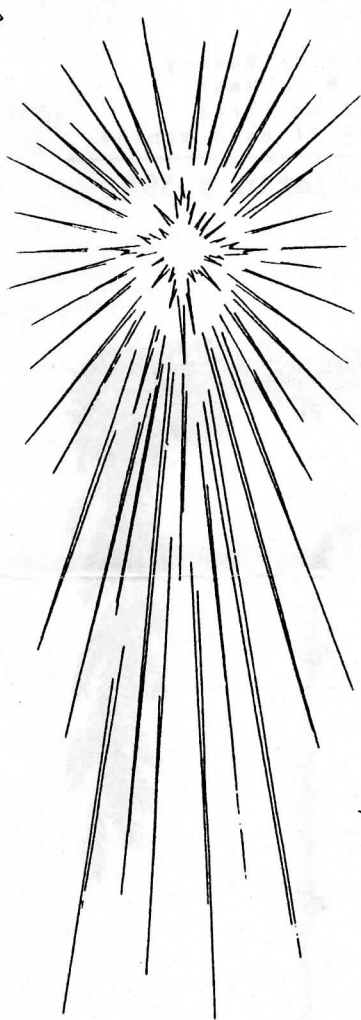
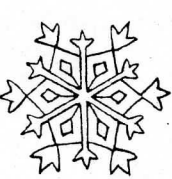


Merry Christmas



OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU —

The 10:00 a.m. (C.S.T.) Mass on Christmas Morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- (1) For the welfare of all benefactors, and for those who contributed toward the construction of our Abbey Church, our monastery, and our life.
- (2) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- (3) For the welfare of all those who are on the mailing list of our monastery, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the Members of our Benedictine Family.

*May God Keep You
One and All!!!*

Prayer to Jesus in the Manger

O Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before Thy crib, I believe Thou art the God of infinite Majesty, even though I do see Thee here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank Thee for having so humbled Thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank Thee for all Thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for Thy poverty and humility, for Thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

Would that I could show Thee that tenderness which Thy Virgin Mother had toward Thee, and love Thee as she did. Would that I could praise Thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before Thee with the faith of St. Joseph, the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib I offer Thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that Thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul. Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of Thy admirable nativity. Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted Thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward I may in all things seek Thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will. Amen.

Happy New Year

