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1. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, December 8, 2000 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a HOLY DAY of Obligation. This year it falls on Friday, therefore, meat may be eaten at all meals on that day.

Masses on that day in the Abbey Church: 6:00 A.M. * * 8:00 A.M. * * 7:00 P.M.

NOTE WELL: Thursday, December 7, 2000 is the Vigil of the Feast and is a DAY OF COMPLETE FAST AND ABSTINENCE

2. This year - at Christmas Midnight Mass - Brianna Kelley and Andrew Winlan will bring in the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib.
3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels.
4. A few 2001 A.D. Calendars are still available:

As usual contact: Mrs. Paul Roy in Montgomery
Mrs. Pam Olson in Birmingham - (Mrs. Neibuhr is away)
Father Abbot Leonard in Cullman



5. NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BEGINS ON November 29, 2000.
6. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of December - - NO mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham.
7. Friday is First Friday and Saturday is First Saturday - Masses each day: 6:00 and 8:00 A.M.
8. Very soon - December 6 - is St. Nicholas Day. For some time, now, St. Nicholas Day has been looked upon as part of the Christmas Celebration and the Birth of our Lord. This is not correct, as St. Nicholas Day stands on its own merit and is celebrated simply as a charming and beautiful occasion when the beloved Saint from Asia Minor, visits the homes of wonderful little children, and places goodies in the little boxes or baskets which he finds outside the doors to their rooms. He gives goodies to grown-ups, too. Next morning all find their delightful surprise. Many people teach their children that Santa Claus is St. Nicholas in disguise. This is incorrect. St. Nicholas and Santa Claus have nothing in common. These lovely fairytales can be found in some of our oldest books of American Catholic Customs, and parents would be well advised to keep the beauty and charm of these old fairytales alive - as long as they can. In today's world these lovely stories have been replaced by a new collection of fairytales whose "beauty and charm" is found in our modern comic books and anyone who takes the time to look will find the new fairytales full of the most foul filth and corruption that can be thought of - and this is being fed to our children.

9. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Special Int. Anna Rita Huelskamp
TUESDAY:	Dec. Francis Brinkman
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Bill & Carol Loyd
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Edla Rozon
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Betty Connor
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Paul Roy Family



"WHEN YOU SEE THE
 ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,
 LET HIM
 WHO READS
 UNDERSTAND!!"

