1. Tomorrow is the Feast of the great St. Michael the Archangel. It is also the feast day of our Father Michael. Please keep Fr. Michael in your very special prayers on this day.
2. Thursday, October 2, 2003, is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, and is a patronal feast of the Benedictines of Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph's Monastery.
3. This Thursday is also the first Thursday of October, with the usual Holy Hours and Benediction in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
4. Friday, October 3, 2003, is the Feast of St. Therese the Little Flower, and is a patronal feast of the Abbey Church.
5. This Friday is also the First Friday of October, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
6. Saturday, October 4, 2003, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is also the feast day of our Father Francis. Please keep Father Francis in your very special prayers on this day.
7. This Saturday is also the First Saturday of October, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
8. **All Souls' Day envelopes are now available. Please fill them out and return them <u>before</u> November 1, 2003.**
9. *After the 10:00 AM Mass this morning we will have the Baptism of a new baby. Therefore there will <u>NOT</u> be Catechism class today.*
10. Next Sunday, October 5, 2003, is the first Sunday of October. Therefore there will be <u>NO</u> Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham on that day, *and there will <u>NOT</u> be Catechism class in Cullman next Sunday.*
11. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Needless to say, we must return to a more dedicated devotion to the Holy Rosary. During the Month of October the Religious Communities of Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph's Monastery will, as is customary, recite the Rosary while processing to and from the Shrine of our Most Blessed Mother – weather permitting. If the weather does not permit us to go outdoors, we will remain inside the Church. The Rosary begins in the Church each evening of October at 7:10 PM.
12. The Sponsors for Confirmation on the Feast of Christ the King are John and Rita Dumbacher.
13. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. We must make no judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself <u>alone</u>. <u>We</u> are **NOT** the ones to do the sifting.
14. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare of our Religious Communities (St. Michael)
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Bette Riddle
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Guardian Angles)
FRIDAY:	Welfare of our Religious Communities (St. Theresa)
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

We should all pray for the very special grace to realize and fully comprehend the really perilous condition of our present existence: culturally, socially, economically, politically, intellectually, and especially <u>RELIGIOUSLY</u>. We must stop grabbing willy-nilly at the straws of our false hopes and of our dream world and fantasyland. We must learn to work with the unfortunate realities of our day – as they are. We must put aside all of our empty make-believe solutions which we come upon and depend upon as we move about in the exclusivistic false securities of our cardboard houses.

And then, we must place our entire trust in God; we must place our entire prayer in God, for He, ALONE, (<u>not us</u>) can put an end to our suffering and affliction. However, God must first see in us the humble genuineness of our disposition and our total dependence on Him!