

1. There will be NO Catechism class after Mass until the third Sunday of this month.
2. Thursday, January 6, 2005, is the first Thursday of January, with Holy Hours and Benediction from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
3. This Thursday is also the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. The Blessing of the Epiphany Chalk will follow the 6:00 AM Mass. The Blessed Chalk will be available at the following Sunday Masses. (The Blessing and instructions for Epiphany Chalk were attached to last week's Bulletin - # 863).
4. Friday, January 7, 2005, is the First Friday of January, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
5. Next Sunday, January 9, 2005 - The Feast of the Holy Family (Roman calendar) - at the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church, Miss Mollie Deptuch will enter the Novitiate of Saint Joseph's Monastery. We ask the special prayers of everyone for the welfare of Miss Deptuch and of Saint Joseph's Monastery.
6. N.B.: Because of the reception of Miss Deptuch into the Novitiate next Sunday, THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM NEXT SUNDAY.
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE - ESPECIALLY LET US PRAY FOR EVERYONE SUFFERING FROM THE DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI IN THE INDIAN OCEAN THIS PAST WEEK. 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. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose who He was dying for. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race - even His enemies - from the Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. 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 alone. We are NOT the ones to do the sifting.

8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Victims of the tsunami
TUESDAY:	Welfare Father James Wathen
WEDNESDAY:	For the Jim Brueggemann Family
THURSDAY:	For our Religious Communities
FRIDAY:	Special intention
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory



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## *Prayer is Something Supernatural*

*Prayer is something supernatural. Prayer is a supernatural reality, and this is ever so important to understand with profound understanding. When we say that prayer is a reality, it is to say at the same time that there is a soul, because prayer is the language of the soul; and it is to say at the same time that there is a God, because prayer is the only language understood by God. When we pray, we do, in fact, imply that we are not just bodies, that there is something in us that is not body that wishes to express itself and make contact with Someone elsewhere, Someone that is not body. When we pray we imply the unreality of the body, acknowledging the reality of the soul which has only a temporary residence in that physical body which is inevitably destined for the grave.*