

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. Monday, April 4, 2005, is the transferred Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. Tuesday, April 5, 2005, is the transferred Feast of our Holy Father Saint Benedict.
4. Thursday, April 7, 2004, is the first Thursday of April, with the usual Holy Hours and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
5. *Alfred and Aurora Krebsbach are moving to Texas. May God bless them in every way. For the many years they have been with us their religious observance and way of life have been an inspiration to everyone. How much we all hate to see them leave us. We ask them for their continuous prayers, and we assure them of ours.*
6. **Important note for Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery:** In order to add more solemnity to the first Sunday in May at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery (on which day we honor Our Lady with a simple crowning of her statue after Mass), the annual Montgomery spring picnic will be moved from the first Sunday in May to the first Sunday in June. **Therefore, from henceforth, the annual spring picnic at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery will be held after Mass on the first Sunday in June.**
7. **EARLY NOTICE:** On Sunday, May 8, 2005, Mother's Day, we will have our usual Ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady's statue in the Abbey Church before the 10:00 AM Mass. Miss Sarah Renee Smith will crown Our Lady this year. **However, there WILL be Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Mother's Day.**
8. **EARLY NOTICE:** Sunday, May 29, 2005, is Corpus Christi Sunday (the Feast of Corpus Christi itself is the Thursday before: May 26, 2005), with the usual Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass at the Abbey Church. **Therefore there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on that day (Sunday, May 29, 2005).**
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. 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.
10. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare Alfred and Aurora Krebsbach
TUESDAY:	For our Benedictine Communities
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Mike Dolan
THURSDAY:	Welfare Thomas Girardi Family
FRIDAY:	For Angie Baker
SATURDAY:	For Fran Herman

~ ~ ~ IN THE MIND OF SAINT BENEDICT ~ ~ ~

The monastic enclosure, as envisioned by our most Holy Father Benedict, is a place where souls are lost in the sight of God. All the souls in the monastery are called to union with God. Because all the souls in the monastery alike seek the Face of God, they are fused together like iron in the fire. They are transformed together in the Light of God. All the monks are one with one another, and they live together in the Charity of Christ and in the purity of the Spirit of God. Their life is totally built on mutual respect and complete trust – in God and in each other. They live under the guiding hand of their Father in Christ, the Abbot, whose part it is to have for his sons a concern that is much more than ordinary solicitude. Even though difficult at times, the monks bear one another's burdens and they help one another to find themselves in Christ. In truth, they are at least beginning on earth to build the heavenly city.

If the monk is ever to build a solid and enduring foundation of the heavenly city, if he is ever to reach the reality of the heavenly city, he must first work to make himself real. He must discover the reality of the truth about himself, humbly acknowledging to himself that all that is evil within him must be cast away. The foundation of the monastic edifice – a sacred edifice indeed – is the humility of all its living stones. Only by building on truth can such a place as a monastery be built at all. Because the monastery is built on the love that is begotten in Christ, the monk who lives in such a temple cannot but taste the goodness of God in everything he undertakes to do.

Whatever is here said for monks who live in monasteries can in all truth be said for nuns who live in convents.