

In silence and solitude does the Word of God dwell with the monk: He eats and drinks with them; He works with them; He prays with them; He recreates with them; and since they are His own, He take delight in them – they are His Children.

It is because the monks enable one another to live more easily and peacefully in silence and solitude, because they provide for one another an atmosphere of recollection and prayer, because they provide for one another every need of food and shelter and care, that they are able to achieve the important ends of monastic life, one of which is, in truth, a very spiritual and hidden banquet, away from the world and its cares and countless vicissitudes and uncertainties. The monks truly enjoy a feast, not so festive, perhaps, as the festive feasts of the world, but a feast no less. It is a feast at which the Word sits down at table with His chosen ones and finds pleasure and consolation in their company.

In spirit of the many cares and daily annoyances that cannot be avoided (little tests sent by God to prove one's love), the monk is free and enjoys a freedom that is far above the freedom enjoyed in ordinary life elsewhere. The monastery is truly a "Tabernacle", it is a "Gate of Heaven", a place where God comes down in His infinite charity to let Himself be seen and known by men.

Everything that is vital, everything that is important in life, everything that is meaningful and uplifting and "interesting", takes place in a monastery, and all things derive their vitality from the fact that all things contribute to the one and all-important end: UNION WITH GOD.

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# Happy Fourth of July!

Tomorrow is our National Holiday – the Fourth of July. Let us all pray for the welfare of our country, and that our leaders will lead us by the principals of honest and upright government. Let us pray for all – especially those who belong to us – who are dying in our present state of war. May God deliver us from those, whoever they are, who do not follow through with the correct interpretation of the Holy Will of God.

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1. There will be *NO* Catechism class This morning.
  2. Thursday, July 7, 2005, is the first Thursday of July, with 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.
  3. On Monday, July 11, 2005, the Solemnity of our Holy Father Benedict, our Frater John, OSB, will pronounce his Final Vows as a Benedictine Monk. These are the Life Vows of Frater John. Please pray for Frater John.
  4. 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.
  5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
    - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
    - MONDAY: Deceased Anne Kilpatrick
    - TUESDAY: Deceased Ned Kellner
    - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Ethel Cole
    - THURSDAY: Deceased Norbert Lax
    - FRIDAY: Special intention Martha Brueggemann
    - SATURDAY: Deceased Nancy Bosch

**!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!**

**ST. PIUS V CHAPEL — BIRMINGHAM**

During the Month of August, 2005, we have been asked to vacate the Chapel  
by 10:00 A.M. each Sunday.

Therefore, Mass will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M.

**NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 8:50 A.M.**