

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Today is also the Feast of Saint Bernadette of Soubirous, and is the Name day of our Sister Mary Bernadette, OSB. Please pray especially for Sister Bernadette today.
4. Tuesday, February 21, 2007, is **MARDI GRAS** – “Fat Tuesday.” Let us recognize the correct religious and meaningful purpose of this day. Mardi Gras has its roots in good Catholic tradition, and it is a day of good and proper celebration and prudent feasting. It is also the day that marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Let us not hesitate to enjoy Mardi Gras with a lovely family party, and let us make amends for all the brutality that brutalist people have brought into Mardi Gras. Let us pray for all those who place dedicated emphasis on such brutality.
5. Wednesday, February 21, 2007, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is NOT A Holyday of Obligation, but it is a day of solemn fast and abstinence, which must be observed by all who are obliged to observe the fast and abstinence regulations. ASH WEDNESDAY IS A NO-NONSENSE DAY. It is a time to reflect and to do penance.
6. **MASSSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, AND 7:00 PM, WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AFTER EACH MASS.**
7. *Ashes will be distributed at all Masses next Sunday (February 25, 2007). The usual little packets of Blessed Ashes will be available at these Masses, and are to be taken home and used as sacramentals.*
8. This Friday, February 23, 2007, the usual Friday evening Stations of the Cross during Lent begins, starting each Friday evening at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
9. Saturday, February 24, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle.
10. The Lenten regulations and suggested Lenten readings are attached to today’s Bulletin.
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, **especially remembering Mr. Louis Glentz and Mr. Mark Hand**. 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. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded 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. Our only duty is to pray for souls. We make **no** judgments concerning such matters.
12. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For Sister Mary Bernadette, OSB
TUESDAY:	Special intention Ellen Scheeler
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention our Monastic Communities (Ash Wednesday)
THURSDAY:	Special intention Louise Ratay
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention Regina Gilliam

“And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. And if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing!”

