

It is extremely easy to be zealous about external activities of the Catholic apostolate, and yet forget the interior activity – the interior life – of the soul. “The most difficult task of all is the one that has to be undertaken within oneself, self-conquest,” says St. Teresa of Avila. “That living death is worth more for the salvation of souls than all the others put together.” Now, there is nothing wrong with wanting to uphold and propagate the truth, but there is something wrong if we think that our words, learning, or eloquence will convert the world. For it has always been true that the soul which more perfectly reflects Christ will draw more souls to Him, for it is not what we say, but how we live. It is not so much the truths we possess that will convert others, but the truths which possess us. The preaching of an Athanasius, Francis, Dominic, or any other saint, would not have had such a powerful and fruitful effect on others if they were not so personally holy. The saints knew that the most effective defense of the Faith was their own uncompromising, personal, loving devotion to Jesus Christ. They knew that the greatest apologetic proof for the divinity of Christ was to live for Him so deeply, so fully, so intensely, that their life would not make sense unless Christ were truly God. What the Church needs most of all today is the bold, uncompromising expression of the life of Christ, the sanctity of holy men and women. If we believe Christ to be God, then all He said is true, and we are fools if we do not follow Him as closely as possible and take seriously the interior life of the soul.

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. Saturday, May 26, 2007, is the Vigil of Pentecost and is a day of fast and partial abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE (at the main meal).
4. Remember the ongoing Novena to the Holy Spirit.
5. Remember our daily Rosary procession in honor of Our Lady during the month of May. The Rosary begins each evening in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM, followed immediately by Compline.
6. **EARLY NOTICE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI CEREMONY** (Sunday, June 10, 2007): The ceremony will take place at the Abbey Church (weather permitting) immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON THAT DAY. If anyone in the following list is for any reason unable to fill his or her assignment, please notify Father Abbot IMMEDIATELY.**

• Celebrant:	Father Michael, OSB
• Acolytes:	Brother Louis, OSB; Frater Boniface, OSB
• Masters of Ceremonies:	Father Sebastian, OSB; Father Francis, OSB; Father Bernard, OSB
• Censor Bearers:	Isaac Olson; Stefen Roberts
• Torch Bearers:	Brother Louis, OSB; Frater Boniface; OSB
• Organist:	Patrick Williams
• Chanters:	Father Joseph, OSB; Frater John, OSB; Frater Matthew, OSB
• Baldachin Bearers:	Thomas Girardi; Don Mullan; Alan Olson; Mark Smith
• Cross Bearer:	Ronald Roberts
• Flowers:	Clare Potter; Matthew Kelley; James Winland
• Banner Bearers:	Stephen Stanford; George Niebuhr; Peter Sawyer; Glen Diehl; Danny Henderson; Chris Christen; Jerry Kelley
• Photographer:	Michael Winland

7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Mark Smith Family
TUESDAY:	Special intention Scott Potter Family
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Kenneth Waldeck
THURSDAY:	Special intention Ann Roberts
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Welfare Mrs. Gerry Russnak

A Thought To Remember ...

There are those who are committed to traditional Catholic life – but only up to the point where traditional Catholic life agrees with their own private preconceived thinking.