

Christmas Prayer Schedule

*Midnight Mass begins
December 24 at 11:15 pm with
Vigils.*

6:25 a.m. Lauds
7:45 a.m. Terce
8:00 a.m. Mass
11:45 a.m. Sext/None
5:00 p.m. Vespers
7:30 p.m. Vigils & Compline

You are invited to join us.

**Christmas Visit & Vespers
Sunday, December 28, 2008**

12:30 Admire crèches that show how the Incarnation is depicted in various cultures & by various artists
• Meet the Benedictine nuns
• Enjoy homemade cookies
1:30 Carols sung & accompanied by Mark Eidemiller on guitar
3:30 Sing carols with the Nuns
4:00 Sung Vespers with the Nuns

A spiritual way to celebrate Christmas—

after Christmas – during the Octave!
RSVP benedictinenuns@stemma.org
or 724-834-3060

You are our guests!

Please note: this card is our winter 2008 *Benedictine Touchstone* —
in a condensed format! www.stemma.org





*“The eternal Word, born of the Father before time began,
today emptied himself for our sake and became man.”
(Antiphon from 1st Vespers Christmas)*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year the celebration of Christmas causes us to marvel anew that Jesus did not consider equality with God a status to be clung to, a safe position of prestige from which to regard the plight of us humans on earth. Rather, He set aside the prerogatives of divinity and was born a Baby to take on our humanity and to save us from sin and, ultimately, death.

Each month a Mass is offered especially for you, our friends and benefactors. You are included in our prayer and the offering of our consecrated lives every day. Blessed Christmas!

Mother Mary Anne Noll, OSB
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And Benedictine Nuns