

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.  
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It Was St. Christopher; St. Michael is Saved for Nebraska.

Dear Father:

October 25, 4:15 p.m.

Why not head tomorrow's Bulletin with a big U.N.D. for St. Michael. I was so excited at the grid-graph that I forgot who the patron for the game was, but I took a chance and prayed to St. Michael and St. Joseph both. The trick was turned.

A Senior.

Note.---When you see the St. Michael medal you will know why it is saved for Nebraska.

Thanks.

The number coming late to the first Mass on Sunday was just as large as last week, but more students returned for the second Mass in order to fulfill their obligation.

Also:

Overgrown children will not be admitted at the Children's Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Campus students should know this as well as off-campus students.

The Novena.

Add the following intentions:

Edward Broughel's father, who is very sick.

Prof. Hamel's mother, who died Saturday.

The conversion of non-Catholic relatives.

Perseverance of two persons.

A religious community.

This Novena will end Saturday. Intentions may still be included. Leave them at the pamphlet rack.

The Seal of Confession.

Dear Father: I ran into an argument last year on the seal of confession, and I never had a satisfactory solution. The case was this: A man goes to a priest to confession and tells him that whenever he sees an open knife lying around he has a practically uncontrollable desire to kill the first person he sees. The next day he is walking along the street with this same priest, when both of them see an open knife lying on the sidewalk. Can the priest run away? The solution given by the amateur theologians involved was that the priest should run, to protect the other man who will otherwise be guilty of murder. What about it?

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Neither to protect his own life nor to prevent all the sins in the world is a confessor allowed to make use of knowledge obtained through the confessional, if there is the slightest danger of revelation. There is no case on record of direct revelation of the secrets of the confessional, even by priests fallen away from the Church. There have been many victims of the seal, and it were far better that there should be many more than that anyone should be deterred from confession. The priest takes the place of Christ in the confessional, and with the grace of God he finds it very easy to forget what he hears; and what he draws from the confessional for himself is edification, and not scandal.

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