

Religious Bulletin
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Prayers - Rosary Indulgences.

Bob Tyler's father, Elmer Zapf's grandmother, and a relative of Prince Slavin, all died Tuesday. Here are three visits you can make to the church for the Rosary Indulgences today. Robert Jackson will undergo an operation for appendicitis this morning. Three other sick persons are recommended.

Friday and Saturday for the Team.

Include the football team in your Holy Communions on Friday and Saturday. Arrangements have been made for the players to receive Holy Communion in Minneapolis on these days, and it will help them to feel that the men of this year, as in years past, are with them at the altar. Pray for them also at the Rosary Devotions.

Morrissey Hall.

In addition to the facilities offered by Howard Hall, the Sorin Hall chapel can provide space for students in Morrissey Hall at their morning devotions. The seniors in Sorin are not using all the space at the 6:30 Mass, and at the end of the Mass the celebrant will distribute Holy Communion to those who wish to receive. At five minutes to seven (or thereabouts) a third Mass will begin in the basement chapel, and Holy Communion will be distributed there at intervals of two or three minutes.

Lyons Hall.

Since it happens that three times as many students as the chapel will accommodate are receiving Holy Communion in the Lyons Hall chapel, it is necessary for students to return to their rooms for their thanksgiving after Holy Communion. There should be a crucifix in each room thus used as a temporary chapel, and the Sorin Hall pamphlet rack has crucifixes blessed for this purpose.

Mencken.

One hesitates to mention on the Religious Bulletin this son of moral turpitude who has made money out of everything from filthy stories to sticking out his tongue at motherhood and patriotism and God, but one finds lack of discrimination among freshmen, and it is sometimes necessary to underscore the obvious. Chesterton recently said of him

"There is a great deal to be said for him, and it is all quite negative. His own philosophy is the sort of Nihilistic pride, which belongs to a sensitive race and a dead religion. He has nothing to defend, and he defends it splendidly. To be just with him, we must remember the vast prairies of flat and vulgar sentiment with which he is surrounded. It is only just to remember that he has to put up with America, and it is only just to America to remember that it has to put up with Mencken.

"We should normally be in sympathy with the Americans who are defending morality, on that the Americans have such an extraordinary morality to defend. We believe that Mr. Mencken, who makes himself a champion of Nietzsche and delights in shocking the Christian as well as the Purity sensibility, is quite capable of praising works which we would not touch with a pitchfork."

And an editorial in a San Diego newspaper concludes an argument on American taste in music with this remark: "Of course Nathan, and his partner Mencken, being public entertainers themselves, have to keep a shrewd business eye on their own box office receipts. Sneering is the line they put out, and public taste being a vast natural resource supplying their raw material, no one with a sense of humor would think of calling them indignantly to account."