

# Religious Bulletin

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## Saint Francis Xavier

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the great missionary to India, who is said to have carried the faith to more than a million souls. The football trip this week and the game next Saturday are dedicated to him and to Our Lady of Victory. Pray to St. Francis Xavier for the protection of the players. Theirs is a missionary journey -- far different from that of their patron, but a missionary journey nevertheless. The Bulletin has given you glimpses of what they do to spread devotion to Holy Communion and to encourage right ideals of living. That work will continue this week, and it will be intensified in its effect by the fact that they will have daily Mass on the train, going and returning, by virtue of a privilege granted them by His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate.

## November in Retrospect.

The number of Holy Communions received during the month of November was 44,137. During the same month a year ago the number was 39,843. The total number this fall, up to and including November 30, was 107,957.

Losses and gains in the hall chapels, on a percentage basis, were as follows (the comparison is with the November, 1929 figures, not October, 1930):

Gains - Corby.....	70%	Losses - St. Edward's.....	31%
Sophomore.....	44	Badin.....	20
Walsh.....	40		
Lyons.....	28		
Morrissey.....	18		
Freshman.....	12		
Howard.....	4		

A week-by-week comparison of the total number of Holy Communions this year and last should not be without interest:

<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>
2824	3275	8016	10607
9869	10424	11224	12044
11735	12794	10790	11535
10351	9927	9371	10150
10616	8868	7584	7905
9957	9783		

You may be interested in knowing what caused the slump in the fourth week this year, bringing a loss that was not recouped for four weeks. The patent cause was Founder's Day, which fell on Monday this year, bringing a week-end vacation and a consequent interruption of devotional practices. There was no corresponding holiday last year, as Founder's day fell on Sunday.

## The Two Novenas.

The Novena for Purity began yesterday; it is directed to the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. The Novena of Thanksgiving for the decree on Daily Communion will begin on Wednesday of next week. It will coincide with the Novena for Christmas, and it will consist of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and daily Benediction as well as prayers and Holy Communions.

PRAYERS: A student's mother is ill. Four special intentions. Ronald Zudock's mother underwent a serious operation yesterday morning. Don Reighard, Carroll hall, underwent an operation Friday, in Pittsburgh.