

Get to Confession
Saturday eve. and
avoid Sunday crowd.

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Be on time for your
appointment with God
Sunday 6, 7, 8:30 & 10.

Won't Foul-mouth Be Surprised?

One visitor to the office thought yesterday's item "Won't Bill be Surprised" was not practical. The opposite effect of bad example on non-Catholics here at N.D., he agreed, was practical, particularly one case cited to him. So in the next few days there will be some incidents showing effects of bad example, especially filthy language and literature, Joe Foul-mouth's boasting, bad conduct in town, slurring remarks about religion. Most, not all, non-Catholics regard such slurs as alibis for the speaker's inability or unwillingness to live up to his Catholic religion.

Perhaps we had better put those statements, not in the Bulletin, but on the hall bulletin boards. We shouldn't wash our dirty linen in public, especially as it might reflect on the great majority of fine-living students here.

Saturday is Mary's Day.

You saw a good picture of the Blessed Virgin at work in last Sunday's Gospel. At the Marriage Feast of Cana, her Son wrought His first public miracle. It was at the request of His mother for her friends, who were in need. Christ seemed to protest that it was not yet time for public manifestation of His power and mission, but her love and her persistence won as they always will.

In Heaven now with her Son, she is even more powerful, even better than on earth; she can see and anticipate our needs. Students, especially Brownsonites and Carrollites, have finally discovered the facilities of the late chapels on Saturday; the 7:20 Masses in Cavanaugh, Dillon and Howard; Communion and Confession until 9:15 in Cavanaugh and Howard, until noon in Dillon.

Alert students more and more are using those same late chapel facilities on Monday also. They know now the value of starting the week with Communion in honor of the Holy Ghost. Look at the gifts they can ask the Holy Ghost for - Wisdom, Counsel, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord. The latter is really dread and fear of sin, not fear of a loving Father.

This Monday with exams starting there will be, of course, a huge turn out, but every Monday is dedicated to the Holy Ghost. The test of real Wisdom, Fear of the Lord, Fortitude - and gratitude - will come on the first Monday after the exams.

A Flying Exam Novena to the Infant of Prague.

The Infant Jesus of Prague has a reputation at N.D. as a great help in exams. One student two or three years ago wanted two pamphlets containing prayers to Him, one for a friend. They both reported success, also that they didn't need a "crib" for the Infant. He is always represented as standing - on His own feet.

We have no pamphlets now, but a nine-hour Novena prayer to the Infant appeared recently. You might wish to use it. Say for 9 consecutive hours the following:

"O Jesus, Who hast said, 'Ask, and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you' through the intercession of Mary, Thy most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. O Jesus, Who hast said, 'All that you ask the Father in My Name, He will grant you' through the intercession of Our Lady, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humble and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name, that my prayer be granted. O Jesus, Who hast said, 'Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away' through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted." (Theotokia Press, Box 1313, New Haven, Conn.)

FRATERS: (deceased) Mrs. Abraham Steers; friend of Don Fiegel (How.). Five sp. ints.