

Mass with all liturgical
ceremonies, in Church,
Thursday at 6, Friday at 8.

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Tenebrae Services: Wed.
Thurs., Fri., Church, 7:30.
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Notre Dame -- The City of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are twenty-one tabernacles on the campus, twenty-one different places in which our Blessed Lord is truly present. There are nine residence halls for the students. Each hall has its own chapel in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved at all times throughout the school year. The university Church has its tabernacles, the Log Chapel too, and the Students' Infirmary and all the houses in which the Holy Cross priests, brothers, seminarians and nuns live.

No matter where you might be on the campus, you are scarcely more than a minute away from the nearest chapel. Your golf game brings you close to Dillon and Alumni Chapels. Your swim in the lake is enjoyed with the Infirmary of the Holy Cross Community on the north of you and the Infirmary for the students south of the pier. In the winter, you ice skate off shore from the Log Chapel where Christ first came to Notre Dame in His Eucharistic Presence. You play softball and football near your hall -- it may be Walsh, Zahm or Cavanaugh, or Breen-Phillips, and you are still within a few paces of the tabernacle. The shores of both lakes are dotted with religious houses with their chapels. Whether you stroll about St. Mary's or St. Joseph's back of the Dome, you are practically accompanied by the Presence of Christ.

There are chapels within the shadow of the classroom, the stadium, the gymnasium and the Rockne Memorial. Christ is living in the hall with you. You sleep, study and take recreation under the same roof with Him. It can be said that as long as the Notre Dame student is on the campus, in his room, at play or at class, he never leaves the Presence of his Blessed Savior. And it can be said, with truth, that the student fairly lives within the embrace of his Master, for the many residence halls with their chapels form a circle, an enclosure, about the university grounds.

This Eucharistic Presence of Christ on the campus is a sanctifying Presence. When our Lord walked the streets of Palestine, His shadow passing over diseased persons often cured them. The presence of Christ on the Notre Dame altars has brought innumerable blessings to each student, blessings for which they never prayed. Our Heavenly Father is pleased with all the places in which His Divine Son is present, and He sends blessings to those who make a home, a tabernacle for His Son. And the Presence of Christ with us is not a silent Presence. Christ prays for Notre Dame, from each Host wherever It is. He prays for you. He has prayed many times for you. And many times that prayer has been said without your asking, don't forget.

Name the blessings you have received? Most of them are intangible. Some of them are very evident, and you think they came from your prayer alone, whereas Christ added His petition to yours. Why is there seldom a student death at Notre Dame? And if there is one, why is the student well prepared to die? The Notre Dame Spirit is in no small wise a spirit of charity, a brotherly spirit. That too must find its origin in the Sacrament of Charity on the altar.

So you have profited by living with Christ your Savior, Friend and Brother, and you will continue to receive those extra blessings all during your stay on the campus. Your residence in the City of the Blessed Sacrament has brought you many favors. Because of your increased wealth, both spiritual and temporal, you cannot overlook Thursday of this week. The day is called Holy because it is the yearly commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist. Christ instituted the Blessed Sacrament on the Thursday, the day before He died. For every Notre Dame student this must be a day of GRATITUDE. There will be ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT ADORATION on Thursday. Express your love and gratitude by means of a period of Adoration, at least one, a half-hour in length. On Thursday every citizen of the City of the Blessed Sacrament meets Christ -- on his knees.

HOLY THURSDAY MASSES: In civilian halls, at usual time. Dillon and Walsh at 5 for servicemen.