

First Friday Holy Hour:
4:30 to 5:30. . . Pray for
vocations from Notre Dame.

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"The thoughts that absorb you
are the thoughts that mould
you."

The First Friday.

It's later than you think. These semesters roll around! And how! Instead of looking for the next big snow we're looking for the big thaw. . . In particular we'd like to see those thaw out whose religion dropped to zero with the temperature thaw out--or warm up. . . put it anyway you want.

Tomorrow is a good chance to get going. . . Confessions tonight in all hall chapels. In Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh until 10 o'clock.

The Blessing Of Throats.

The feast of St. Blaise, February 3, falls on Sunday. The traditional blessing of throats will be imparted in the hall chapels on Sunday at hours to be announced by the Rectors--also after Benediction Sunday night in Sacred Heart Church.

According to tradition, Saint Blaise, a physician and later a bishop, performed a wonderful cure on the throat of a child who had swallowed a fish bone. He died a martyr about the year 316. On his feast it is the custom for Catholics to receive a blessing for their throats, which the priest gives by holding two wax candles against the throat of the recipient and reciting the following prayer:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free you from every evil of the throat and from all other evils. . ."

The Bengal Bouts.

The Bulletin wishes to register its hearty approval of the annual boxing bouts which the local Knights of Columbus sponsor for the benefit of the Bengal Missions.

You know that this cause is a worthy one--the support of Notre Dame men, Holy Cross priests and brothers, who have had the courage to leave home and country to spread the Kingdom of God in Bengal, India. Living conditions are not what you might call comfortable. Few missionaries get by without periodic sicknesses arising from primitive living conditions and improper sanitation. But they take all this in stride. If they were looking for comfort they would have stayed home.

The work goes on, and as some die off, others take their places. The money you give to them through your participation in the Bengal Bouts helps these missionaries to instruct and baptize in the name of Him Who said: "Go ye into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

From all reports it's pretty tough sledding in India. This year the Bengal Bouts promoters are going all out to interest every student in this missionary charity. If you are not a boxing devotee buy a ticket anyway. . . buy two, or three, or four, or more. You can't lose. The ticket you buy may save a soul.

The 7:20 Mass Daily.

Not so many students are aware of the fact (advertised on the calendar) that there are daily Masses in Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh chapels at 7:20--and an 8 o'clock Mass in Dillon. This facility offers an excellent chance for a real thanksgiving after the morning Holy Communion. . . Confessions are heard during these Masses too.

(First Friday Tomorrow)

Prayers: (deceased) Herbert J. Burt, '26. Seriously ill, father of Rev. Jerome Boyle, C.S.C.; Mr. Charles Williams, trustee of the University; son of Mr. Jos. LaFortune, trustee; father of Jim Guardino, Bob Kelly, '48. Convalescing, Miss Ann Marron, night nurse-Student Infirmary. 12 sp. ints.