

Novena Services at 6:45
tomorrow evening as
usual.

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Saturday is the day for
Fatima devotions in private.
Masses in Sacred Heart Church
as on Sunday.

The Other Irish Victory.

Here's something you may not have heard regarding the aftermath of the Irish victory over Texas, not long ago --

Winning football games is one thing. Being good sports is another, and a bigger thing. Being ambassadors of good will is a gentlemanly asset. Being apostles of our Catholic household here may appear as though we are stretching a point, and hardly credible -- you might think -- but it's true: you can be just that on such an occasion. And here's a letter to prove it. This note was written from Austin by an eye-witness to a G-I relative. Of course it was a great game, but -----

"More wonderful to us was something we shared after the game. As we turned the corner and headed in the direction of St. Mary's Cathedral, we saw 2 busloads of N.D. players pulling up and, of course being cheered. The singing of the Victory March was happy, not boisterous... As we entered the church, we saw that the middle aisle was filled on both sides with the groups of boys and folks who came to give thanks to Our Blessed Lady and Her Son.

"So many of the boys went quietly to offer vigil lights and after a silent thanksgiving, all, including a priest, left. It was really inspiring to see all those fine young men come and humbly offer their gratitude.

"One player will always stand out in my memory. As he was walking out, a lady in the pew opposite Mom and me congratulated him. He was most modest about it all -- entirely without conceit.... On his well developed 'chest expansion' was a medal and chain...

"Honestly, Bill, it was wonderful to see such a fine, young man outstanding in his sport and in the good impression he left with me.

"That the Notre Dame team walked up a side street to first give homage and thanks to Our Lady, their patroness, was so much more eloquent and also more charitable than any ballyhooing up and down Main street..."

It's Your Turn Now.

This week you take to the road -- 1200 of you -- in the name of Notre Dame. That's too large a crowd to go un-noticed -- in the stadium and throughout the city of Cleveland. On your conduct our good name stands or falls in the eyes of all who come in contact with you. A victory by the team on the field will be small potatoes compared to the impression you create. The kind of letters we receive next week will depend entirely on you.

Someone has said: "No victory is a victory if you lose your good name; and no defeat is a defeat if you win a good name." Think it over. We could stand a repetition of the Texas story -- on the field and off it!

The Navy will provide a genuine goat. Be conservative -- one is enough!

Remember: Saturday is a Holy day of Obligation. Hear Mass at St. John's Cathedral on Superior Street.