

University of Notre Dame

Tomorrow: Adoration for
Morrissey, B-P, and St.
Edward's halls.

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Friday: Adoration for
Farley, Zahm and Cavanaugh
halls.

Tonight: The Lenten Series

Tonight at 6:45, in Sacred Heart Church, we begin the Lenten Series -- 5 Wednesday evening sermons by eminent campus speakers. This is the devotion prescribed by the Most Reverend Bishop to take the place of our Lenten fast and abstinence. You'll recall that the Bible mentions three forms of penance -- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some of you haven't started Lent yet; you forgot about Ash Wednesday. But you can make a start this evening -- better late than never! And don't think it is going to spoil your evening. You'll be out of church in ample time for any other activity scheduled. Remember: the entire campus waits for Sacred Heart Church; and that's as it should be. We turn to other things only after we have paid our respects to God.

Why a Lenten Series? It affords you a moment for a little serious thinking, as becomes the season. We profit by reading a good book, by listening to a good speaker, by studying some significant fact of life. If ever we are going to get serious in life, it should be during the Lenten season. This is the time when we are directed by the Church to do penance. We're told what to do, and why we should regard ourselves as fortunate to be able to do penance here and now.

Lest you think the Lenten Series involves merely penance, don't forget that it can be very enjoyable as well as profitable to listen to a good speaker. You came here for an education -- this Lenten Series could prove to be a very important part of that education, especially if it helps you to save your soul.

After all, Notre Dame is not content to get you into a cap and gown, tagged with an A.B. degree, or M.A., or even a Ph. D. That's only half the job. There's still that long eternity stretching out before you -- after you drop the M.A., or Ph.D., and take on that long-wearing, ever-clinging R.I.P. ~~This is where~~ the Lenten Series could prove to be the most valuable part of your stay at Notre Dame -- it could make you secure regarding spiritual values, and set you straight on a path that leads ultimately to the threshold of Heaven itself. That, you will admit, is eminently worthwhile.

Who knows -- it may be the last Lent you'll have to get squared away!

In any case, you'll have something to show for the Bishop's dispensation. This, and daily Mass, and Adoration, and almsgiving help to prove that we're interested in avoiding the terrible lot of those who have no time for penance. And so, if you'd rather not attend, treat it as a little penance eminently in order during this season of the year.

Shame On The Seniors!

The other three classes are making a wonderful record for themselves at the daily Adoration in Sacred Heart Church. The chapel is jammed at all hours. But the Seniors apparently forgot all about the day allotted to them. Let's hope it was an oversight. Next Monday will prove their zeal -- or lack of Lenten fervor!

PRAYERS -- Deceased: grandfathers of Joe McDonald of Alumni, of Richard Donovan of St. Ed's, of Jerry Shank of Dillon, of Dave Roller of Zahm, of Dan Halpin of Cavanaugh; grandmothers of Mike Haverly of Lyons, of Bill Robertson of Alumni; father of James C. Higgins (Alumnus); Frank Hughes; uncle of Eileen Connelly (Library), friend of Terry O'Laughlin of Cavanaugh. Ill: aunt of Ron Lipps of Cavanaugh; father of Bob Stevenson (Off-Campus); aunt of Bob Bennett of Old College; father of Prof. Duffy (English Dept.); sister of Bob Cahill (Athletic Dept.); aunt of Charles O'Brien of Dillon.