

Last Chance: Drop in at  
the Lady Chapel in Sacred  
Heart Church, this week...

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...Visit the city of Beth-  
lehem, and the beautiful crib  
assembled by Bro. Boniface.

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### Sound Theology For This Week

Next week, there will be a rush of prayers to St. Jude. In some instances, you may even discover a trace of chain prayers -- the kind that guarantee "favorable-results-or-your-money-back" implications.

Remember this: the poor illiterate who wears a rabbit's foot for a watch charm, and a horseshoe for a tie pin, and carries a witch's tooth, and looks at the moon over his right shoulder -- is no worse a theologian than the Catholic who looks for charms in his religion; or who gets involved in chain-prayer fads.

There are no infallible prayers, and no infallible religious articles, and no infallible religious practices. God does not destroy your free will. If you go to Holy Communion every day, and then go right back to the occasion of sin -- a drink, a girl, a show, a book, a story-teller -- or loafing -- you will go right on sinning.

It is superstition to ask God to work for you instead of with you.

If you're looking for success in the coming exams, you will do well to frequent the Sacraments and daily Mass, this week; and work like mad at the books. God will bless our efforts -- but we have no right to expect miracles such as the loafer is looking for. The combination (work and prayer) is the secret of success.

### The Holy Father's Intention For January

This month, the Holy Father asks us to pray for "Christian Unity" throughout the world. This is the intention that we specify each day in our "Morning Offering."

In the 11th Century, some churches of the Eastern Rite broke from the Roman Church. They retained the true Sacraments and priesthood, but refused obedience to the Bishop of Rome who, by Christ's plan, is the Supreme Head of the Church, the center and foundation of unity.

In the 16th Century, groups of Catholics in Western Europe, led by the so-called "Reformers" left the Church and instituted their own form of personal religion. Today in the United States alone there are 256 separate sects that call themselves Protestants.

To bring all Christians together again into one fold under one shepherd seems impossible. Yet it is the Will of Christ that we work patiently and untiringly to achieve it through prayer and apostolic action. We do this especially from the 18th of the month to the 25th -- an eight-day interval called the "Chair of Unity Octave." Details for the campus observance of this Octave will be given later this week.

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Query: "Dear Father: How do you go about converting a girl friend?"

Reply: Prayer is the first and most important means. Good example comes next. Sound and thorough knowledge of your own religion comes third. Then, send her pamphlets that answer the particular questions on her mind. You might drop in for some instructions that will suit the particular case.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: 2 uncles of Jim Holzbach of St. Ed's; uncle of Ed Kellog (O-C); uncle of Ren Farley of Lyons; father of Louis Buckley, '28; father of Donald, '40, and Dick, '48, Hosinski; John B. Morgan, '40; father of Sister Nazarita, CSC; mother of Joe McDonald, '39; father of Bill Maleck of Stanford; John Patton, '27; grandmother of Eugene, '51, William, '52, and Allan, '57 Riley. Ill: Frank C. Walker (Trustee)