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News Section

● A LOT OF COOPERATION ON THE PART of many made the Parents' Weekend an all-around success. We wish the seating accommodations in the church could have been better, but the crowd at the 9:00 o'clock Mass was too much for the church.

● RESIDENTS OF SORIN, DILLON, AND PANGBORN take their turn at making a half hour of adoration in the Lady Chapel of the church tomorrow. On Wednesday, Badin, Howard, Lyons, and Keenan residents have the privilege.

● HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR LENTEN READING: (All are available on the Pamphlet Rack in Dillon.)

The Point of Catholicism--Hastings
The Christ of Catholicism--Graham
The Spirit of Catholicism--Adam
Religion and the Rise of Western Culture--Dawson
Introduction to a Devout Life--St Francis de Sales
Ascent of Mt. Carmel--St. John of the Cross
The Sign of Jonas--Merton
The Quiet Light--Wohl
The World's First Love--Sheen
More Than Many Sparrows--Trese
The Trapp Family Singers--Trapp

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Brother of Fr. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C.; uncle of Peter Maloney of Morrissey; friend of John Macheca of Zahm (the deceased, Mac Boland of St. Louis, had arranged to enroll at Notre Dame next fall). Ill: Father of Bill Martin of Dillon; Ellen Perle; friend of Ken Piccoli of Keenan; grandfather of Joe Caputo of Breen-Phillips; Freddy Ryan.

● ON MARCH 28, MARCH 30, AND APRIL 1, Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 29th Annual Bengal Bouts in Notre Dame Fieldhouse. Most are aware that the proceeds from the Bouts go to the support of Holy Cross missionaries in East Pakistan and Africa. The ticket you need can be purchased with the cigarette money you've saved during the first two weeks of Lent.

● THE FOLLOWING HYMN from the Roman Breviary might have been entitled: How to Keep Lent.

Henceforth more sparing let us be
Of food, of words, of sleep;
Henceforth beneath a stricter guard
The roving senses keep;

And let us shun whatever things
Distract the careless heart;
And let us shut our souls against
The tyrant tempter's art;

And weep before the Judge, and
Strive His vengeance to appease;
Saying to Him with contrite heart
And down on bended knee:

Much have we sinned, O Lord! and
Still we sin each day we live;
Yet look in pity from on high,
And of Thy grace forgive.

Remember that we still are Thine,
Though of a fallen frame;
And take not from us in Thy wrath
The glory of Thy name.

Undo past evil; grant us, Lord,
More grace to do aright;
That we may now and ever find
Acceptance in Thy sight.



SOMEONE has designated this week as "the week the cigarette sales go back up again". It's apparent, too, that some of those who started going to Mass every morning during Lent have fallen back into the habit of pulling the covers over their head instead of getting up. This is unfortunate, to be sure. But more unfortunate still is the fact that we continue to hear of a few who insist on staying away from the sacraments for months. They stay away for a variety of reasons. But underlying "the reason" can be found frequently one of the six sins against the Holy Spirit! What are they: Presumption of God's mercy; Despair of God's grace; Impugning the known Christian truth; Envy at another's spiritual good; Obstinacy in sin; Final impenitence.

Presumption gives rise often to despair. Judas, for instance, presumed too much when he sold Our Blessed Lord for thirty pieces of silver. He took the short-cut from presumption to despair when he realized Christ was not going to deliver Himself out of the hands of His enemies. So he hanged himself.

The Pharisees impugned the known Christian truth. They attributed the miracles of Our Blessed Lord to Be-elzebub. Today, there are still those who reject the truth even when it is manifest to them.

Envy of someone else's spiritual good is sometimes manifested by tell-

ing all the faults of daily communicants and none of their good qualities. In a sense, those who are guilty of this can be said to revel in evil and hate the good.

Obstinacy in sin is the sin of the man who refuses to repent when he can and who, sometimes, later finds that when he wants to repent he can't--he's forty miles from the nearest priest. This sin begins with presumption and becomes intermingled with despair. Later, it often happens that this kind of sinner impugns the truth in an attempt to gloss over his delinquency. He--if he is really obstinant--will envy the spiritual good of his room-mate or neighbor. Obstinacy, when allowed to go unchecked, frequently ends in final impenitence. To his last breath, the sinner continues to reject the mercy of God.

Each week, several thousand confessions are heard here on campus. Some weeks, as many as 20,000 Holy Communions are distributed here. And yet, some, we may be sure, have not received the sacraments at all this year. Only God knows whether these are obstinate in sin. God and themselves, that is.

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