

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.
Dec. 5, 1924.
Feast of St. Nicholas.

Your Eucharistic Christmas Gift.

Prepare now your spiritual bouquet for mother and father for Christmas. A card designed for this is now in the hands of the printer. It has an appropriate message and lists the following good works:

Novena for Christmas
Masses heard
Holy Communions
Spiritual Communions
Visits

Form your intention now and perform your good works. The Novena for Christmas will start next Tuesday.

Console the Sacred Heart.

The Hour of Adoration in the Catholic Church is practised in memory of the hour of agony Our Blessed Lord spent in the Garden of Olives the night before His crucifixion. The sorrow that caused the Blood to ooze from His pores that night was caused by the sight of those who would be lost eternally in spite of His sufferings and Death. The consolation that came at the end of this terrible hour was the sight of the souls saved. Your soul was present before the mind of Christ that night. Was it in the sanctuary or was it on the road to hell?

"The Gimme Prayer".

We have just had a Mass of Thanksgiving, the First Friday Communion is an act of reparation, your privilege today is adoration, and a freshman offers us some considerations on the prayer of petition:

"The form of prayer most familiar to us is the 'gimme' prayer, for whenever we want something that seems particularly hard to get, we retire to a secluded spot and pray for it. But did you ever think of the advantage you would have if you were ahead of your schedule in 'gimme prayers'? Suppose something worth while popped up before your eyes. You haven't time to make a Novena or say special prayers. Wouldn't it be nice to look back and think of the Nine Fridays, or the visits you made to the church on All Souls' Day, or the extra Masses heard, or the candles burned at the Grotto, and then say: 'Dear God, may I have this favor?'"

"Out of the mouths of infants Thou hast perfected praise." Start your savings account in the sanctuary today.

Petitions.

In your charity pray for the souls of the following: Father McKeon's father, Martin Conley's sister, Frank J. McGrath, an old student, three other deceased persons. Also for two persons who are sick, one of them a brother of Joe Loughran, of Walsh Hall; and for three special intentions.

A Christmas Present for Van Wallace.

Poor Van's broken neck is not healing very fast. Why not include him in your Christmas novena and send him a spiritual bouquet, whether you know him or not? You don't want to feel mean on Christmas morning; you want your heart to be full of Faith and Hope and Charity, to say nothing of Courage and Cheerfulness. Make Van a Christmas present and leave the Christmas spirit to God.

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