

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.  
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The February Calendar of Communions.

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| 860  | 601* | 677  | 737   | 750   | 1020* | 703* |
| 932  | 784  | 826* | 752*  | 765   | 785   | 881* |
| 917  | 776  | 767  | 764   | 742   | 757   | 763  |
| 749* | 516  | 682  | 1130* | 1065* | 1058  | 1102 |

\* The following dates will stand some explanation:

2. Registration day. Loss of 370 from preceding Monday.
6. First Friday in a bad week. Loss of 118 from December First Friday.
7. The morning after the Sophomore dance. Drop of 317.
10. The morning after the Bulletin item about "guts". Gain of 42, mostly Brownson. The Butler game that night caused a loss of 74 the next morning.
14. Plea for Van Wallace answered by all but Badin. Gain of 96.
- 22, 23 Washington's Birthday. Loss of 423 from preceding Sunday and Monday.
25. Ash Wednesday. Gain of 448.
26. Blizzard. Loss of 65 ( revised figures, correcting those issued last week.)

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The month of St. Joseph started yesterday with 1218 Communions. That was a good start. St. Joseph is a manly saint, especially notable for chastity, obedience and humility. Say a little prayer to him for those virtues every day.

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From present indications the daily average of Communions during Lent will be about two short of 1000. Bring two inert but good-natured slackers with you every morning and we will be saved from the appearance of a bargain sale.

Thanksgiving After Holy Communion.

If there were no law of the Church on the matter, common decency would suggest that one who has received Holy Communion should remain in prayer at least during the ten minutes or so that are required for the dissolution of the Sacred Host. But there is a law. It states: "But whereas the Sacraments of the New Law, though they take effect ex opere operato (by virtue of their very reception), nevertheless produce a greater effect in proportion as the dispositions of the recipient are better, therefore care is to be taken that Holy Communion be preceded by careful preparation, and followed by a suitable thanksgiving, according to each one's strength, circumstances and duties."

St. Alphonsus states: "Many persons communicate frequently and yet draw but little fruit from their Communions, because they remain for a short time only with Jesus Christ."

St. Theresa says: "After Communion Jesus Christ remains in the soul as on a throne of grace, and appears to say to her what he said when on earth to the man who was been blind, 'What wilt thou that I do for thee?'"

Ivan Kepner.

Life seemed full of promise to this poor fellow when he left us last June, after four years at Notre Dame. Never rugged, yet never sick, he seemed one of those wiry men who live to bury all their robust friends. He had a good constitution: it proved itself in the long fight against a lingering sickness. But a good constitution is not everything: a good preparation, a lifelong preparation for death, is better. He was well-prepared. Pray God that he will soon join the Notre Dame colony in heaven.

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