

Religious Bulletin

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At Twelve-Thirty for the Team.

The Rosary Devotions will be held at twelve-thirty on Saturdays during October, to enable those who wish to do so to offer them for the football team. The medal for today's game is the Miraculous Medal -- the Blessed Virgin under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Pray especially for the protection of the team against injuries. -- Two students ask prayers for special intentions.

Why Sin?

It is certainly an insult to your Catholicity to have South Bend papers advertise a public football dance on Saturday night when the statutes of the diocese forbid public dancing on Saturday and Sunday nights. It simply means that it is calmly assumed by the management that there are enough bad Catholics at Notre Dame to make the sponsor of the dance a harvest of money. Are they right?

Last year a student was killed on the way home from a dance. It was a class dance, and he was the sort of boy who would be ready to go straight from a dance floor to heaven; a fellow doesn't carry his rosary in a dress suit unless he has use for it, and Edwin Rowley's rosary was in his pocket when he was picked up after the auto struck him.

A few years ago another student, while returning from the Junior Prom, lost consciousness and remained unconscious until his death, which came about twenty-four hours later. Sarge Owens was another fine character; his Holy Communion on the morning before the dance was his last one. We have no assurance that the next student who is taken from the dance floor to the Judgment Seat of God will be so well prepared to go; but our future is in our own hands.

Why drink tonight? Within very recent times two students have had very narrow escapes from death when they were not masters of themselves. What assurance have we that the next accident of this kind will not be fatal?

There is nothing quite so incongruous as a mortal sin in celebration of a victory won by the team of Our Lady. Be yourselves tonight.

More Crucifixes.

Lyons Hall students who have to make their thanksgiving after Holy Communion in their rooms have a new supply of crucifixes from which to choose. Come to the alcove of room 141, Sorin Hall. There are also enough rosaries there to supply all delinquents. These articles are blessed; the crucifixes with the Happy Death and Way of the Cross Indulgences, the rosaries with the Dominican, Crosier, Apostolic and Briggatine Indulgences.

Caution.

Why not use your heads a bit and avoid the necessity of disciplinary measures in the enforcement of your duties as Christian gentlemen? If you make a practice of promptness in coming to Mass, there will be no necessity for locking doors when tardiness becomes a public nuisance. If you use discretion in going to shows it will not be necessary for the university to place a ban on shows. Every disciplinary regulation of recent years is a result of gross violation of privileges extended by the university under the feeling that you were men. When all-night lights were allowed in Sorin Hall a few years ago, five seniors in one course were dropped for low scholarship which had resulted directly from an abuse of this privilege; so it is with other things.