

Religious Bulletin
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Give the Democrats a Chance.

One glance at the Bulletin posted yesterday shows that only the Indiana Republicans filled it out. Perhaps the Democrats were too busy to be bothered about prayers yesterday, but that doesn't help John Egan any. Step aside, please, and let the Democrats fill out the spiritual bouquet for John Egan. We have to pray to keep away the complications that might cost him his life.

Holy Communion

Masses heard

Rosaries.

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Adorations

Visits to Grotto

The Vagaries of Lyons Hall.

For three Saturdays, at considerable inconvenience, the church was opened on Saturday mornings to enable the students of Lyons Hall to hear Mass. On the first Saturday, with Morrissey as well as Lyons Hall in attendance, the number of Communion showed an increase of 52 over the previous day. The following Saturday showed a decrease of 44 Communion as compared with Friday of that week. Last Saturday there was an increase of 5 over Friday -- and the crush at the cafeteria started earlier than usual.

Five additional students can be cared for very easily in the basement chapel on Saturday morning; fifty can be accommodated with a little crowding. There is no intention to crowd unfortunate Lyons Hall out of a chance to hear Mass in honor of the Patroness of Notre Dame on Saturday morning -- if Lyons Hall wants that chance. No one wants to have Prefects take the juniors by the hand and lead them past the Cafe. The experiment will be tried on two more Saturdays. If it does not prove a success by that time, it will be dropped, and the Saturday Mass will be returned to the basement chapel, which is much more convenient than the church for the accommodation of those who wish to receive the Sacraments.

Prayers.

A student asks urgent prayers for a special intention, which involves his continuance in school (this is a matter of health, not of disciplinary action). A student makes a special request for prayers for his father, the anniversary of whose death occurred last Sunday. A third student requests a memento for a friend who is dying of tuberculosis -- a Catholic college man. Herman Centlivre's father continues in critical condition. Three deceased persons and two who are ill are recommended to your prayers.

How About That Absolution?

Last week your attention was called to the common practice of telling your troubles to your friend who can offer sympathy, but not absolution. Can't you find a priest here who will be as good a friend as your chum? If you can't trust a priest, who is bound by his life to protect the secrets of the confessional, and who has had four years of theory and a lifetime of practice in other people's troubles, you certainly are glib to entrust your secrets to a frail mortal like yourself, who has no particular state of grace either to help you or to preserve your secret.