

Candlemas Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, which commemorates the fulfillment by the Blessed Virgin of the Jewish Law that forty days after the birth of the firstborn son the mother should present it in the temple and offer for its redemption a lamb or two turtle doves. The blessing of the candles used in the divine service takes place on this day.

The blessing of candles and the procession about the church will take place before the Mass, which will follow at 6:20. Students are invited to attend these services, but they are not required to do so. Holy Communion is especially appropriate for Notre Dame students on this great feast of the humility of the Blessed Virgin.

And the Novena Tomorrow.

The Novena for the Sick begins tomorrow. This Novena will be made to Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of the sick. Hand in the names of those you wish remembered (a basket for this purpose will be found in the rear of the basement chapel) and each day of the Novena receive Holy Communion and say the Lintany of the Blessed Virgin.

Get to Confession Early.

Confessionals will be crowded for the First Friday again this week, for the simple reason that there has been a bit of interruption, and it is usual for students to want to go to confession if they have missed Holy Communion for a day or so. A bit of headwork will solve the difficulty. You know that confessions are heard every night in the hall chapels at night prayer; many of you do not know that confessions are heard every night in the basement chapel from 6:15 to 7:00; many students in Brownson and Carroll Halls do not know that confessions are heard in the Main Building chapel for a few minutes after nine each evening.

And Go to Confession.

There may be a student here or there who found the bit of vacation last week too much for him. If you have slipped, rise quickly; renew your good resolutions; take precautions to avoid falls in the future. It does no good to kick yourself all over the lot and stay away from the Sacraments because you are unworthy. The devil finds this kind of despondency a particularly fine field for his cultivation; if he can get you into this mood he can lead you into almost anything.

It takes pretty much of a boob to simply stay seated on the ice if he has slipped in skating; most any clown has brains enough to get up again. Apply this in the moral order, and use as much common sense as a clown would in the material order.

Basketball.

Franklin will come nosing around here again before long, and you expect to be entertained and thrilled. Help the boys now with your prayers. They want it, and they deserve it.

Tracks

Some of the track men have been feeling sad -- and without reason -- about the invasion of Northwestern a week ago. These men want your prayers, too, and they are perfectly reasonable in wanting more competition to bring out what they've got. Bow-legs and spindle shanks have their place out there; they'll pep up present contenders.

PRAYERS: three special intentions, two sick and two deceased relatives of students.