

Religious Bulletin
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Prayers.

A student asks prayers for his baby sister, who is very ill with mastoiditis; two others for deceased persons; Leo Schroll for his brother-in-law, who died a few days ago; two other students for special intentions. Thanksgiving is also offered for the recovery of a relative who was ill.

Examinations.

Nine days from tomorrow the examinations, or spring quarterly tests, begin. There are two possibilities open to you in the way of Novenas. Those who have failed as yet to thank God for the help given them in the past would do well to devote these nine days to thanksgiving, hoping that God will not forget them in their need when they are so fresh from thanking Him for past favors. Those who have been faithful to their thanksgiving in the past can properly make a Novena for help.

Will This Lent Wreck You?

This question is asked seriously, and it is not physical wreckage (of the starvation kind) that is meant. You were told at the beginning of Lent that every special season of grace implies an invitation from God for you to behave yourself and do penance for your sins. Every grace rejected is another obstacle in the way of your saving your soul.

If you are not a better man by the end of this Lent you will be a worse man than you were at its beginning. If you make no progress in the path of virtue you will surely make progress in the path of vice.

Twice during the past week there were sermons on purity. Each night the absentees were enough to fill a good-sized country church. Those who rejected the grace of this sermon will have to seek in some other way to obtain the grace God had waiting for them.

There are four more weeks of Lent. This is a good time to take stock and see what you are going to pull out of the fire. Perhaps you know more about resolution now than you did on Ash Wednesday. If your good resolutions have gone to the bad you can very well fear for the result of Lent.

Self-Denial and Self-Control.

There is an inseparable connection between these two things. The man who cannot deny himself legitimate things cannot keep himself from forbidden things. Any one who has difficulty with temptations must needs learn control of his impulses.

Town. How much difference is there now in your habits of running to town? Has Lent kept you on the campus more? Has it sent you off on walks through the country or along the river bank? Do you still engage in the silly promenade up and down Michigan St.? Do you still keep the LaSalle chairs dusted off? Do you still hold up the sagging walls of the car station or the drug store or the bank across the way? Do you still feel that it is a mortal sin to miss a bill at the Palace? Or have you taken on the Strand as a Lenten penance?

Guts. Is your life still as purposeless as it was three weeks ago? Do you still move through the day's monotonous drill as a convict would? Are you still too cowardly to think, to face an issue? Are you still burning with ambition just to get by? Have you done anything of which you can be proud this Lent? Patch up what you can in the four weeks that remain.