

March 23, 1928

"God The Creator."

When they opened Charlie Casey's room Wednesday night after his life had been snuffed out, they found his Religion text lying open on the table where he had been studying before he went to town. At the top of the open page appeared the heading,

"God The Creator."

He read there that God created heaven and earth and all things in them; that He created them all by one act of His Omnipotence; that He created them for His own honor and glory that the good of His creatures.

Charlie now knows more than is in all the books and in the minds of all the philosophers, for he has gone back to the God from Whom he came.

It is a fearful thing to appear before God, but Charlie went before Him not as a stranger and not empty-handed. He knew Him here and loved Him. He sought Him out. In Catholic schools he strove to learn what the books say of Him, what His Church teaches of Him, what He revealed of Himself to man. And in Holy Communion, Which he received frequently and with devotion, he sought the closest union it is possible for man to have with His Almighty Creator.

"At what hour you know not the Son of Man will come," was the warning Our gentle Saviour gave us of the Judgment; "Watch ye therefore and pray." Charlie heeded the warning, and although death was farthest from his thoughts when it came, it did not find him unprepared. His daily Communions this Lent were his strongest safeguard against the terrors of Judgment.

He knows now the God he worshipped by Faith; he sees now the object of his love in Holy Communion. And if God in His Mercy found it necessary to drive home the lesson of preparedness to the rest of us, we may thank His Divine Providence that He chose one who lived in friendship with Him and not an enemy.

Tomorrow morning at 6:20 we will have a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul. Offer Holy Communion for that intention, and check below the offerings you will make for the consolation of his parents:

Masses heard

Holy Communions

Way of the Cross

Masses said

Rosaries

Visits to the Blessed Sacraments

to the Grotto

Prayers: Father McGinn asks prayers for his brother and a friend who are ill; Henry Stallkamp's uncle is very low.