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Prayers.

A request for prayers by Edward Murphy for his sick mother was mislaid over the week-end; Tom Kassis asks prayers for his sister who is quite ill. Two students ask prayers for friends who are ill, and a third for a pal who has just died. Four special intentions are recommended. Two former students asks prayers, one for an uncle who is reported to be dying, the other for a special intention. Walt Mulflur's mother is not well.

Novena to St. Jude Starts Tomorrow.

Desperate Cases are the special care of St. Jude Thaddeus, whose feast is nine days off. St. Jude's clients are numbered by the tens of thousand, and there is still room for more. You will find booklets of prayers to St. Jude at the pamphlet rack, and you can get his medals at 141 Sorin Hall.

If your intention is desperate, make this Novena, receiving Holy Communion for the next nine days and saying prayers to St. Jude each day.

Is This The Smartest Freshman Class?

The question of freshman dumbness was put recently, and the freshmen frankly assured us that they are not dumb. It must be then that they are exceptionally smart. Something differentiates them from the rest of the students, at any rate; they are clearly out of line. They are wising us up on many propositions:

1. They are starting their own set of street-car traditions;
2. They determine the movement of the line in the cafeteria;
3. They use tannery table talk in the dining hall of the Blessed Virgin's school;
4. They are going to see that the St. Mary's girls get more privileges;
5. They have decided that there is too much religion at Notre Dame;
6. They are demonstrating that South Bend liquor is not hard -- not very hard -- on the eyes;
7. They give lectures on sex problems.

Perhaps we should turn the University over to them and have it run right. We haven't followed the collegiate novels and magazines of late, so we don't exactly know what is expected of us. (Not all the freshmen are this way, however; some of them are making very good Notre Dame men. They must be the ones who have good mothers.)

The Daily Communion Rate.

We have been asked repeatedly how the daily average of Holy Communions compared with last year. Here's the answer. For the first four weeks, not counting Freshman Hall, the increase this year was 185 a day; counting Freshman Hall it was 170. There is some consolation in the fact that Freshman Hall is temporary.

Confirmation.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Fort Wayne will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Sacred Heart Church next Saturday morning at nine o'clock. All Catholics are required under pain of mortal sin to receive this Sacrament. Candidates for its reception should have handed in their names before this, to receive the proper instructions; if they have not done so as yet, there is still time.

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation should remember that this is a "Sacrament of the living," which means that they must be in the state of grace when it is received; the two days preceding should be spent in prayer that the Holy Ghost will come with the fullness of His Gifts.