

Religious Bulletin

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Wednesday a Fast Day.

Wednesday, the Vigil of All Saints', is a day of fast and abstinence. Our privilege from the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Fort Wayne permits us the use of meat once a day on such days, and dispenses us from the fast. This applies off-campus as well as on. Get this straight then: We are allowed meat only once on Wednesday this week.

It's Hell, Not Heaven, They Object To.

The Ave Maria carries the following pointed article this week: "The Rev. Frederick Lynch, a prominent Protestant clergyman, says that when he was in Rome in 1925, he heard something from the lips of Pope Pius XI. which struck him very forcibly. His Holiness was speaking to a group of pilgrims at one of the audiences which marked the Holy Year, and what he said was in substance this:

"You will find in every country today men who hate the Christian Church and are attacking it. They will tell you that they are opposed to or indifferent to it because of its doctrine. Do not let them deceive you. It is not the Church's doctrine or theology that disturbs them; it is her morality that they hate. It is the demands of the unselfish, sacrificial, sinless life that keep them out or make them antagonistic, not her theology."

"Commenting on these words of the Holy Father, Mr. Lynch says: 'I am inclined to think that the Pope hit the nail on the head; I am more inclined to think so since I have noted the covert or even open attacks on the fundamental Christian morality found in many of the religious books and articles by our clever intellectuals. Personally, when I find a man who begins telling me that he does not have anything to do with the churches because they repeat the Apostles' Creed, I am very much inclined to ask him if it is not rather because they repeat the Ten Commandments.'

"Mr. Lynch's comment is one the justice of which is borne out by the experience of a great many other observers. It is not so much a broadening of the mind as a loosening of morals that does the mischief."

Which is all another way of saying what the Bulletin has often told you: every false philosophy is just another excuse for sin. If you want to sin, you will find plenty of people who will justify you, agree with you, pat you on the back. And if you want to sin, find all the excuses you can: keep remorse as far from your conscience as you can now, because there is no use worrying about it both now and at the hour of death -- and it is sure going to worry you then.

St. Jude Today.

Today we commemorate the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles; it was transferred from yesterday because it conflicted with a greater feast.

Get To Confession Early.

Those who receive the Sacraments only ^{on} the great feast days will be out in force Thursday, the feast of All Saints'. Make room for them at the confessionals that morning. The Masses will be short, as there will be no sermons, and those who go to confession regularly should take care of their needs beforehand, so that the "solemn-occasion Catholics" can satisfy their religious needs.

Prayers.

Jos. Becker, '26, died Saturday morning; he leaves a widow and a four-months-old baby. Eight special intentions have been recommended since Saturday.