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"Choecken!"

Say that to yourself when the temptation comes these cold mornings to forget your Lenten resolution to hear Mass every day.

Prayers.

Albion Griffin's mother died yesterday. Three special intentions; three sick persons.

Lenten Reading.

A new supply of pamphlets for Lenten reading arrived Wednesday. And for Lenten reading don't forget your own Notre Dame Religious Survey; the ideas of your classmates may be of great spiritual profit to you. Read and meditate on the answers in Chapter II. There is material on prayer there that would make the world sit up and take notice. You are lucky enough to have it and to live in its atmosphere.

The Novena For Vocations.

You were told yesterday that this Novena starts Sunday, and that you should pray that God will give the Church all the priests and religious needed for the great work of religion, as well as for the intention that you will know the Will of God in your own regard.

It's serious business, this choosing a state in life. You haven't had a lot of experience to guide you, and you are asked to make a decision that will affect your whole life. Prayer will help you to make a wise decision; prayer will help you carry out your decision in spite of obstacles.

"You're Losing Half Your Gas."

You have been told before that you can't get an education at Notre Dame unless you live in the state of grace. Mortal sin is the leak in the gas tank.

You don't have to be told that you can't get full benefit out of the gas you use if the engine is choked with carbon. Venial sin is the carbon on your soul.

You get most mileage out of your gas when the car moves smoothly, when the parts are well oiled. Spiritual reading, spiritual advice, sermons, meditation, visits -- these are the oil that lubricates the soul.

Your gas costs you fifty cents a gallon instead of twenty-five when you get out of it only half the mileage it is supposed to yield. It costs a dollar a gallon if the results are twice that bad. It's bum economics to live in the state of sin.

Mass Begins At Six-Thirty.

You can't hear Mass in five minutes. The Mass in the basement chapel begins at 6:30 sharp; these boys who arrive at 6:45 and think they are hearing Mass daily are kidding themselves. At least during Lent don't be sloppy in your service of God.

Prices And The Rack.

A correspondent suggests that prices be marked on books and pamphlets at the rack. Life is too short for that. The rack is not a store. It is maintained by free-will offerings. So far this year it has cost between \$600 and \$800 more than you have put in. \$60 worth of missals went last week and \$6.00 came in. But help yourself.