

Religious Bulletin

March 1, 1929.

Today's Adoration For Father Walsh.

Father Walsh has been showing a gratifying improvement from day to day, but his condition is still serious and he needs prayers. The suggestion is offered that you offer your adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today for his recovery.

A Good Priest Goes To His Reward.

Father John Keller, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Mishawaka, died suddenly Tuesday night. He was a good priest, and God has taken him to his reward. A native of Wilkes-Barre, he came to the diocese of Fort Wayne when he was ordained, thirty years ago, and during those thirty years he did his share to the promotion of Catholic life in Indiana. He was a good friend of Notre Dame, and we owe him prayers. The Prefect of Religion owes him a special debt, and he asks you to help him pay it by prayers for the repose of his soul: it was Father Keller who taught him to serve Mass -- taking pity on him when the good Sisters ruled him out of the class as totally unreliable. You see, therefore, that Father Keller has a lot to answer for, and you will help him with your prayers.

"Why Stand You Here All The Day Idle?"

When the Master of the Vineyard asked that question of the idlers in the market place who were hired at the eleventh hour, they were able to answer: "Because no man hath hired us." They did their hour's work and got a day's pay.

Can you say as much? Year in and year out it happens: The last few weeks of school are crowded with interviews with students who have been here on the ground all year, who have needed for the correction of their defects all the graces the Sacraments can give, who have been insulted, cajoled, invited, lampooned, harpooned, and otherwise baited -- all to no avail. They cannot say, "No man hath hired us," for the grace of God has brought them to Notre Dame for their salvation, and they have been given no peace here. What they do say is, "Why was I so yellow?"

Why wait until Trinity Sunday to make your Easter Duty? Unless you are intending to leave the Church you will have to go to confession some time, and the load won't be any smaller in May than it is now. And how much good does it do you to get a spiritual diagnosis and prescription when you are going home and have little opportunity to correspond with it? Let's have a little common sense in these matters.

General Confession.

As has been said many times before, a general confession is good for the soul as an act of thanksgiving and an impulse to a larger spiritual life, -- provided one is not scrupulous. Scruples need other treatment, which will be given on request. Lent is a good time for a general confession if one is doing serious penance and thinking serious thoughts.

Stations Tonight.

The Way of the Cross will be held after the 7:30 Benediction tonight.

The BIG Novena.

The Novena for a Happy Marriage, the GREAT Novena of the year, will begin Sunday. During the nine days offer Holy Communion and recite the Litany of St. Joseph daily.

PRAYERS: A deceased aunt of James Digan (the mother of Leo and Frank Gartland, old students). Four special intentions. A deceased aunt of Louis and Robert Fisher. Carol Murphy asks prayers for his brother who was anointed the other day.