

Religious Bulletin

October 4, 1929

Today's Program.

The spiritual program for today, the First Friday, includes the following items:

1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day.
2. Rosary devotions at 5:00 p.m.
3. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30.

For The Team.

By request of a lay professor a Mass will be offered tomorrow for the football team. The members of the team will receive Holy Communion at a Mass said in Martinsville by a Franciscan Father who will accompany the team from Indianapolis for this purpose.

The students should remember that they have a duty in charity to pray for the team. Your Holy Communion on the morning of a game may help to prevent accidents.

The Rain Helps.

Although a morning rain reduces the number of Holy Communions by fifty or a hundred, the rain yesterday should have the effect of dusting off the brains of these spiritual mill-hands who have applied to Notre Dame for an education this year.

This is not the first time that we have had to put up with a dazed freshman class, but the situation this year seems worse than usual, and we can blame the weather for that, as we do for most things in Indiana.

Here are a few facts: With St. Edward's Hall using the Basement Chapel this past week, the number of Holy Communions in the chapel is no larger than it was a year ago, when most of the communicants were from Brownson and Carroll; and lest the freshmen miss the mathematical implication, be it stated that the number of communicants from these two freshman halls is forty or fifty a day smaller than last year.

The daily average for Freshman Hall has dropped in five years from 110 to 60; the drop has been gradual through those years; the number this year is fifteen below last year's average. And facilities in these two chapels have been the same these two years.

That remark about the weather is not strictly baloney; there's something in the weather. Humidity such as we have had since the opening of school, with little rain or lightning to clear the atmosphere, plays havoc with brains and nerves. Let's hope that's all it is, and that what with storms and frost the cleared atmosphere will clear up the mental difficulties that interfere with spirituality.

Instructions.

Students who have had little or no instruction in their religion are requested to see the Prefect of Religion, 141 Sorin Hall, for reading matter and instructions that will give them the knowledge they need.

Prayers: The father of an alumnus of last June is very ill. Five Special intentions. Two men killed in auto accidents.

Confirmation.

Only four students have applied for Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered a week from tonight, at St. Joseph's Church, Mishawaka, and those who have not been confirmed have an obligation in conscience to apply for admission to this class.