

Religious Bulletin

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Why Not Mass?

The fact that Holy Communion is distributed every few minutes in the basement and Sorin Hall chapels should not be interpreted as an invitation to miss daily Mass.

Waiters, and others having duties or rising late for one reason or another make such frequent distribution desirable; a bit of work left over till morning or the need for a walk around the lake may also cause a man to leave the chapel without hearing Mass. In any case, there is not, of course, any law of God or man requiring you to hear Mass on week days. However.....

if you were present in Jerusalem on the first Good Friday, would you have been present at the tragedy that was taking place on Calvary? The Mass is the same sacrifice. It is full of graces for you. You will need them some time, if not now. Why not get them now?

Prayer Books And Lorgnettes.

We have discovered this about prayer books and lorgnettes -- neither are used as much as they used to be. But in most other things they are dissimilar. Lorgnettes draw attention to the user; prayer books draw attention to God. Lorgnettes serve their useless purposes best when they are spick and span; prayer books look best when they are worn and shabby. Lorgnettes represent treasure on earth; prayer books, treasure in heaven. Lorgnettes bring to mind dowagers; cowboys may use prayer books.

Your mother packed a prayer book in your trunk. We expect an odor of camphor in church next Sunday.

They Don't Need The Novena.

If we find time we may give you some statistics on the number of men who were on probation last November who are not making the Novena for Studies because they don't need it, and the number of men dropped in February and back now who are neglecting it because "they didn't get a break last year." We have observed quite a few of this class in peregrinations that have taken us to other places than the chapel; a glance at the list will recall many more.

Joe Lauterbach Is Desperately Ill.

Another letter from Joe Lauterbach's family tells us that he is begging you for your prayers and that the doctors give little hope for his recovery. Joe was a sophomore in Morrissey Hall last year, and was enrolled in Chemical Engineering. When you read this, go to the nearest chapel and say a prayer that "if it's God's Will he'll be spared," to quote his sister's words.

Crucifixes.

More crucifixes have been ordered; they should arrive soon. Keep this in mind about them; they cost money, and they can be had only when money comes in. Nothing at the pamphlet rack is sold, and all religious articles there are blessed. The gross of large crucifixes that went out over the week-end cost \$116; about \$20 came in through the contribution box at the rack those two days, and \$406 through the Sunday collection. The September bills amounted to \$600; approximately \$350 came in to pay for them.

Prayers.

Bill Mooney's mother died Tuesday afternoon; Mat Trombley's mother is very ill. Thos. Ewing, a freshman last year, lost his sister Monday. Four special intentions. An aunt of J.F.J. Hand is not expected to live.