

Practice saying NO
(You may need to
some day.)

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Return Adoration cards
Wednesday evening
at the latest

All Catholics Must Hear Mass Thursday.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holyday of obligation. (The vigil, tomorrow, is not a day of fast and abstinence.)

For Notre Dame men this feast is the greatest one of the year in honor of their heavenly Patroness. Although the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was not proclaimed until twelve years after this school was founded, it was always a matter of Catholic belief (as must be, of course, any doctrine formally proclaimed, since nothing can be added to the original public revelation). This proclamation must have been welcomed with joy by the little family that then constituted Notre Dame - and Father Sorin must have taken this new formal honor as a sign of God's benediction on his work.

Good Notre Dame men receive Holy Communion on this day, and they pray that God's holy Mother, whom He preserved from original sin from the first moment of her conception, will obtain for them from God the graces necessary to imitate her purity.

For The Next One Of Us To Die.

James Manion received the benefit of the Mass and the 1464 Holy Communions offered on All Saints' Day for the next to die. The 7:00 Mass on Thursday, feast of the Immaculate Conception will be offered for the next one. Which one of us will it be? God alone knows. Let us pray that the one chosen will be as well prepared for judgment as were the other three who have gone this year - two professors and a student.

Don't Squander Your Cuts.

Ever year, in January, the infirmary is host to the commiseration squad - the miserable souls who have taken their cuts to go home early or come back late at Christmas, and have none left for sickness. Get this straight: the two-weeks cuts are intended to cover all ordinary eventualities, including sickness. The loss of a semester's work is serious business - but it is characteristic of a squirrel that he does all his thinking after it is too late.

When Is Drunkenness a Mortal Sin?

The Indiana Catholic gives the following adequate reply to this question:

"If a man deliberately drinks to such an extent that he loses reason he is guilty of mortal sin. If he knows from experience that he uses impure or profane language, or falls into other sins through drunkenness, he is guilty of those sins though he may not be in command of his reason at the time they are committed. The drunkard is not only guilty of mortal sin, but one who entices or urges another to drink to excess is also guilty of mortal sin. A person who would sell or give liquor to one who he knows will become intoxicated deliberately co-operates in the grievous sin through drink even though he does not drink to excess. When he knows that drinking causes distress to his family, that he is squandering for drink the money which is needed for their support, he is guilty of a mortal sin against charity and justice. It may be that the love of drink will lead a man to neglect payment of lawful debts in order that he may secure drink. Such a one is guilty of grievous sin if the deferred debts are of a serious character, and grave injury to the persons to whom he is indebted. The great evil of drunkenness is not so much the sin itself as the horrible results that so frequently follow it.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Archbishop Daeger, of Santa Fe; Clement Studebaker, Jr.; Terrill Austin's father; a student's family physician; an aunt of Paul Gray; Phil Meisterhain's grandmother. Ill - John McArdle's mother; Dick Chapman's mother (operation); Prof. Downey (Still in need of prayers). Four special intentions.