

Thanksgiving Day,  
Mass in main church  
at 7:25; breakfast at 8.

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Italian Club asked by the  
President to receive  
Communion Wednesday for  
Fr. Hope's mother.

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War and Autos.

Last year nearly 40,000 people in this country were killed in, or as a result of, automobile accidents. Many of them never had time to say, "May the Lord have mercy on my soul!"

In the last fifteen years, according to statistics gathered by our Census Bureau, close to 400,000 people were slaughtered in automobile smash-ups in the United States.

Whenever the daily papers state that this country seems to be on the verge of war most of our citizens throw up their hands in holy horror. Why massacre the flower of our youth for greed and misunderstanding? Nothing, they believe, can be serious enough to involve us in another war. They agree with Abraham Lincoln who said that it would be better for us to settle our disputes by tossing up a coin than by going to war.

Do you know that 150,000 more people have been killed in automobiles in the last fifteen years than have been killed in all our wars since 1776? Why, then, are we so fearful of war when we think nothing of riding in autos? Every time we step into an auto there is a possibility that we shall never come out of it alive.

The Fool.

The man who rides in automobiles in the state of mortal sin is as great a fool as the man who goes into war with the stain of sin upon his soul. If death comes suddenly he is finished. He won't have another chance to rectify his errors. Recall the acquaintances of yours who have been killed in autos in the last year if you believe we are overstating the facts.

Civilization will probably not give up the auto and go back to the horse and buggy. And it may be that no way will be found to make autos any safer than they are today. It isn't necessary, however, to stop driving a car, or riding in one, if you are sure you are in the state of grace. You will be prepared no matter what happens to you.

Ease of Mind.

As we have said numerous times before, the best way for a man to keep himself in the state of grace is by receiving Holy Communion frequently. It is impossible for darkness to live with light. If you bring a light into a room the darkness has to get out. If you receive Holy Communion worthily into your heart satan has to get out. If you bring Christ into your heart frequently, and keep Him there, satan will have to stay out.

If you are in the habit of riding in autos frequently you had better get into the habit of receiving Holy Communion frequently. It's the best insurance against auto wrecks and all other accidents that may happen. Think it over.

Get Set.

Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, a most important novena begins. It is the annual novena to Mary Immaculate for the holy virtue of purity. To receive the full grace of this novena you should (1) offer Mass daily. The self-discipline of getting up on time will show Our Blessed Lady that you are really in earnest. (2) Receive Holy Communion devoutly every day. (3) Visit the Grotto daily.

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PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Ned Hofner, '35. Ill, James Hogue, New York; Professor Wm. F. Wall, former Notre Dame professor; friend of Bill Bayer; father of Thomas McCarthy (Alumni); uncle of Dan Finn (Alumni).