

Names of sick will be placed in Grotto. Leave lists in envelope on hall bulletin board.

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Draftees: Visit Pref. of Religion for Special Blessing before you leave.

The First Miracle at Lourdes.

Louis Bourriette was a poor stonecutter who lived in the village of Lourdes in Southern France. While at work in one of the marble quarries of that district, his right eye was half crushed by a chip of stone. For twenty years he suffered blindness in that eye. Medical science could do nothing to restore Bourriette's vision.

When this good man learned of the supernatural events taking place at the grotto in Lourdes, he sent his daughter to bring some of the water which flowed from the miraculous fountain that had sprung up near the cave. Bourriette, after making the sign of the Cross, took a little of the water and rubbed the affected eye. His sight returned instantly. He continued to pray and rub the eye with the water, and very soon all objects became clearly visible to him.

"Impossible," replied Bourriette's doctor when the stonecutter informed him that the eye was cured. With an air of defiance the eminent physician said, "If you can read this, I will believe you." Immediately, without hesitation and with his left eye covered, Bourriette read the words: "Bourriette has an incurable amaurosis and he will never recover." The evidence was too convincing. The doctor admitted supernatural intervention. He called another doctor to examine the case, and he, too, called the cure a miracle.

Our Lady of Lourdes has not ceased to work wonders for those who call upon her. Her feast is kept on February 11, the anniversary of her first appearance to Bernadette. At Notre Dame a Novena FOR THE SICK precedes this feast. Our Lady cures bodies and souls. Bring your sick friends to her, especially those who have been injured in the war. Bring sinners to her, yourself, if you are caught in the snares of some sin. The Novena begins Friday, February 2. Assist at Mass, receive Holy Communion and visit the Grotto, a replica of the grotto at Lourdes in France, during the nine days before the feast. You will find a special prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes for the sick at the pamphlet rack.

Mass At The Front.

A Catholic Chaplain writing in "The Sign" magazine gives this interesting description of a Sunday Mass and the congregation that attended. "Last Sunday I celebrated Mass in a cow barn, a scant few hundred yards from the German lines, the farthest forward I have yet been able to set up an altar. A group of men walked more than two miles to be present at the service. Their company was strung out holding a position only a few hedgerows distant from the enemy. These men had been on the alert all night with straining eyes and ears, constantly harassed by snipers, sneaking patrols and mortar fire. They had not had chow in 48 hours. They were dirty, unshaven, weather-beaten, weary to exhaustion. Yet at dawn when their platoon was relieved until the next night, before rolling into blankets they travelled the long miles back to be present at Mass which they learned, by means of the GI grapevine, was to be said."

One thought inspired those soldiers to make the sacrifice of going to Mass--Christ would be there. They wanted to be present when their Savior prayed to His Father and their Father for them and with them. They had a long list of intentions: gratitude for protection during combat, relief for wounded buddies, strength for themselves and victory with lasting peace. These men walked two miles to Mass. You need walk but twenty yards of less. How often are you at weekday Mass?

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandfather of Harry Hater (Cav). (Missing in action) friend of Bob Harman (BP); James Foester, brother of Hal, '43. 6 Special Intentions.