

Tomorrow - at 4:45, the  
Holy Hour.

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First Friday - Adoration in  
Sacred Heart Church all day.

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The Sharpest Bargain Yet

Everyone alive is on the lookout for a sharp bargain; and with First Friday coming up this week, you'll want to be in on this one. Here it is: Let everyone at the University receive Our Lord on Friday morning:

- a) For the next one of us to die; and
- b) For the grace of a happy death.

That's right -- this is a kind of lottery, a spiritual lottery; it's for the next one of us -- whoever's number comes up next. In cold turkey, that's what it amounts to -- for the next one of us who will be called into Eternity.

The recent death of Fred Miller, a Junior in Dillon, gives you a perfect example of just what we're talking about. And there is no time in all our life when we need grace more than at the moment we move into Eternity. We may have a long time to prepare, and so use the graces to become properly disposed. We may be taken in an ill-prepared moment, like the good thief, Dismas who hung beside our Lord, and have only a moment to become reconciled with God -- a moment for contrition and amendment.

And this is the special day revealed by God to St. Margaret Mary for this particular devotion. He was very specific in promising to those who would honor His Sacred Heart and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on the First Friday of the month for nine consecutive months:

"I promise thee, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that It's all-powerful love will grant to all who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; and that they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments; and My Heart shall be their secure refuge in that last hour."

Start with the First Friday in January, and you'll find it easy to continue with the devotion during the succeeding months. The price for this security to your soul in Eternity calls for a minimum of effort on your part here at Notre Dame. If need be, get to confession tomorrow, and avoid the long lines of Friday morning.

Tomorrow's Feast ...

Commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem, bearing gifts for the One Whose birth was announced to them by the appearance of a star. Mediaeval legend gives their names as Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They were known as Magi. In Catholic countries, the feast is still revered as "Little Christmas," and carries the important lesson that if we live according to the light that God gives us, we shall likewise find Christ, the Saviour. They persevered in the hope of finding some great personage of this world. Keep the Faith, and you'll find Eternal Happiness!

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PRAYERS - Deceased: mother of Fr. Parry, CSC; Wm. R. Dooley, Director of the Notre Dame Placement Bureau; Fred Miller, Sr., '29; Fred Miller, Jr., of Dillon hall; Jack Sheehan, '28; father of James Simonson, CSC; father of Joseph LaFortune, donor of the Student Center; father of William Nerdhart, CSC; Mr. James Whelan, Sr.; James E. Kennedy, '46; wife of Harry Richwine, '20; grandmother of Burton Toepp (O-C); grandmother of Jack Rolf of B-P; grandmother of Jim Berquist of Walsh; cousin of Dick Jordan (O-C); Joseph Lopker, '32; grandmother of Paul Guite of Lyons. Ill: mother of Father Richard Grimm, CSC; Rev. William McNamara, CSC. Three Special Intentions.