

Tonight at 6:45: The
Novena to Our Lady of
Sorrows

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Tonight We Sing Carols

After the Novena, tonight, join with St. Mary's and go caroling. It is an old custom here at Notre Dame -- holy and wholesome, and something to be retained in our Christmas celebrations. It's part of our Faith, handed down through the ages. Because it helps to keep Christ in Christmas, men at times made laws forbidding it. They wanted to destroy the Faith and the Feast. Caroling should be kept alive -- and we're just the ones to do it; and we start tonight officially -- after the Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church.

The Novena For Your Parents

There is no more gracious gesture you could make at this time than to offer a little Spiritual Bouquet to your parents for Christmas. If you failed to begin the Novena for Parents yesterday, then start tonight. It's something distinctive, and in the best Notre Dame tradition. There are few, if any, other gifts in this world they would prefer, because it's a token of love. It's a gift that can't be bought in any store by anyone. This has to come from your heart and your own effort. And it's much easier to make the Novena here on campus than elsewhere.

At the pamphlet racks you will find little Notre Dame Christmas Novena cards on which you can list your spiritual gift. It's an opportunity to make some gesture of gratitude. You can never repay them adequately.

"But my parents are dead".

Then it will be the only gift they will care anything about at all. And so much the better for you that you have within your power of giving the only gift that will do them any good.

Another Invitation

This Sunday at all the Masses, you are all cordially invited to give a present (large or small) to a child -- the Divine Child -- in the person of the least of His brethren: the poor, and the orphans, and the forgotten ones, who have appealed to the Bulletin for an alms. This is another Christmas custom here at Notre Dame -- to give the last collection before the Holidays to these deserving ones. It's appropriate, because this is a Season of kindness to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Missals Make Good Gifts

The Class Chaplains have a supply of missals to help you through the Mass. We recommend them as gifts to yourselves, and to others. They come in three editions, including the small, 4-volume set. Not to be lightly dismissed is the attractive fact that you get them at wholesale prices.

Much more important is the detail that every Catholic of university status should assist at Mass with a missal. It enables you to move along intelligently as the Sacred Mystery unfolds before you. It keeps you on your toes. It makes the Mass meaningful. It helps you to be a participator, rather than a mere spectator subject to a hundred distractions. And what it does for you, it will do for others. That's why the idea of giving a missal as a Christmas present is a gesture with an apostolic tinge about it. Keep this in mind when shopping for Christmas.

PRAYERS REQUESTED -- Deceased: father and mother of Jack Evrard, '55; grandmother of John Lerchem of Lyons; James Bray '29; father of Robert Kay of Dillon; friend of Dan Dalton of Morrissey. Ill: grandfather of Paul, '55, John Sowa of Walsh, sister-in-law of Don Barr of Dillon.