

University of Notre Dame

Religious Bulletin

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Tonight at 5:10, and every evening, Monday through Friday, Mass in the Church.

Prayers requested - for John Morrissey of Dillon - injured seriously on Good Friday.

Daily Evening Mass

Through the generous concessions of the Holy Father, and by permission of the Most Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne, evening Mass will be offered in Sacred Heart Church, Monday through Friday during the schoolyear, at 5:10 P.M. It will serve as a continuation of the convenience enjoyed during Lent.

This Mass is intended primarily for faculty members, office personnel, and Off-Campus students who cannot attend Mass in the morning. Campus residents, of course, have abundant opportunity to attend Mass in their own halls, and are encouraged to do so, every day.

In no sense is this evening Mass intended to serve as a substitute for the required morning "checks" in the halls. Nor is it intended in any way to conflict with the order and the discipline that must prevail in each hall's daily routine. You are welcome to assist at the evening Mass, but only as a matter of devotion.

Is it needed? There are virtually 1700 people employed by the University. There are in excess of 1400 Off-Campus students. All morning Masses at Notre Dame are comparatively early -- and more or less inconvenient for these two groups. Hence, it is with an eye to the great good of these souls -- putting daily Mass within their reach -- that we asked for, and obtained permission of the Bishop, for this daily evening Mass.

Morning checks are not required every day of the week. Some of you like to make the minimum number required, but no more. Some of you occasionally sleep until your first morning class, and so miss Mass. With the new convenience of a daily evening Mass, you can now go to church on the days you would have missed Mass altogether. Piety, you know, never goes on vacation, or sleeps in. Now you'll have no excuse whatsoever for not getting to daily Mass and Communion.

Hence, on the days you don't get up for morning checks, there's still the opportunity for Mass. This is the principal convenience for those who live on campus.

Tonight: Confirmation at 7:30

If you have not as yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, come to Sacred Heart Church at 7:30. Bishop Pursley will confer the sacrament on students from Saint Mary's, and Notre Dame, on the children of the parish, and on the many converts of the neighborhood. Dress neatly, and be at the church in ample time. Father Schlitzer, the pastor, will give you whatever instructions are necessary. We regret that more advance notice could not be given for this ceremony, and the Sacrament that is so necessary in our day. The wealth of the world, and the ways of the world are so much with us that we tend to become more than a little materialistic and a prey to secularism. The Holy Ghost, remember, is the Sanctifier, and the Source of the zeal required to live up to the Faith. Confirmation is the Sacrament that brings the Holy Ghost, together with the zeal and the courage necessary to live the Faith. The Holy Ghost is the great antidote against lukewarmness. Without Him, we begin to think, and talk, and act, like the pagans about us; and we become a child of this world only. By Confirmation we are strengthened against this evil -- we become fervent, and wise, and courageous, even zealous.

Save Wednesday evening -- that's the night we have the campus-wide May-Day Observance, with all of you taking part. Detailed instructions for the line of march, and the program at the Grotto will be contained in Wednesday's Bulletin. Be ready!