

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## TONIGHT

Windmoor, the Opus Dei house at 1121 N. Notre Dame Avenue, will be the scene of an Evening of Recollection beginning at 7:30 tonight and ending at 10:00. Teaching fellows, graduate students and professional people are invited to attend. Arrangements may be made by calling Central 2-0550. An afternoon of recollection for undergraduates is offered every 2nd Sunday of the month, between 1:00 and 5:00.

## LAST FRIDAY

Seven South Bend police officers were busy Friday morning while a lot of you were still sleeping. They were busy extricating one of our students from the wreckage of his TR-3. By-standers were convinced the student was dead. But, one of the police officers proceeded to give mouth-to-mouth respiration. As evidence of life began to return, a resuscitator was employed and a police ambulet rushed the student to the hospital. The student survived and is recovering, thanks in great part to the work of the officers who responded to the call.



The phone calls yesterday afternoon, requesting information about a Sunday afternoon Mass in South Bend, suggested that maybe a few over-extended themselves celebrating St Patrick's Day! Note well that there are no Sunday afternoon or evening Masses in the area. If you fail to get to Mass on Sunday morning, therefore, you pull a real goof. You goof, too, if you're one of those who arrive late or leave early. And, of these we have more than a few.

## TODAY

Did you honor St Joseph today--his feastday?

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Mother of Tom Vitullo of Stanford; two cousins of Bro. Albinus, C.S.C.; father of Ed Mertz, '60; mother of Sr. M. Aquin, B.V.M.; uncle of Andrew Chaplin of Walsh; Fred Bradley; Dr. John Mohardt, '21. Ill: Harold Krauser of Alumni; brother of Mrs. Gerwish of the Mimeograph office; Katherine Schene; brother of Dick Coffin of Alumni; Msgr. John J. Egan.

## LENTEN Liturgy

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Monday, March 19

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of the few feasts important enough to interrupt the Lenten cycle, today's Mass celebrates the man who watched over the period of Jesus' human formation during childhood, youth and early adulthood in Nazareth. Joseph is consequently patron and protector of the universal Church, the "whole Christ." As we gather today to hear God's Word and to share in the sacrificial Supper of the Lord, we ask his intercession on behalf of the Church, that her worship may again speak to man as it once spoke, and that it may touch and inspire man as it once touched and inspired him.

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, Second Week in Lent. One of the lessons of the Lord's Table, the Altar, is the neighborhood of which the Gospel speaks. Our Lord is not concerned with such external details as costume or titles of address, but He does remind us that we who share the same Baptism and the same Eucharist are a community of brothers. Authority in this community is a matter of service. Every gathering around the altar should strengthen this fraternity, should express it and show it. From such an experience will flow the concrete love illustrated in the Reading.

Wednesday, March 21

Wednesday, Second Week in Lent. As if we could not have fully appreciated yesterday the meaning of this brotherhood and this service of one another, Jesus repeats the lesson in today's Gospel, this time addressing only His apostles. Bishops and laymen, priests and religious—all are brothers in Christ. We see this nowhere more clearly than in our Communion together in His Body and His Blood. Different ministries, different functions, but all necessary for the well-being of the Church.



The other day, I came across the letter of John Steinbeck to Adlai Stevenson prior to the '60 convention. In it, you may recall, Steinbeck emphasized two impressions of the USA: first, there is here "a creeping, all-pervading nerve gas of immorality"; second, "a nervous restlessness, a hunger, a thirst, a yearning for something unknown--perhaps morality." And then, as after-thoughts, he added two further impressions: "the violence, cruelty, and hypocrisy symptomatic of a people which has too much," and "the surly ill temper that afflicts humans when they are frightened." "Mainly, I am troubled by the cynical immorality of my country."

Regardless of your feelings about Steinbeck and the severity of his criticism, you'll admit that here is a man who's been around and seen enough of this country to have an opinion about the state of things in this country. Moreover, I think you'll agree that others have been leveling similar charges against Americans in recent years.

So.....how do we go about testing the validity of the charge? And, if valid, what can we do about it? True, we can look at Mr. Hoover's crime and delinquency statistics, the divorce rate, the pornography blight, the practice of cheating in examinations. These give us some sort of index. And there are the remarks last week by the Colonel in Washington who reminded us of the Army report indicating that 1/3 of our men captured in the Korean conflict became collaborators. That Army report also showed that some GI's had abandoned fellow Americans who were wounded; they cursed their officers; the strong took food from the weak; in some instances Americans sick with dysentery were, by fellow-GI's, rolled out into the cold to die!

If we would test the validity of these charges and unburden our consciences, we must do more than excoriate materialism and decadence. We must do more than pin the blame on some scapegoat. Correcting the moral tone of contemporary life in America must be placed at our own doorstep. And we must ask ourselves: How hard are we working to right the injustices of which we are guilty? How ready are we to sacrifice our comfort to accommodate someone else's legitimate needs? How eager are we for honesty in examinations? How much of an effort is being made to keep pornographic literature off the campus? And out of the off-campus rooming houses? How much of an effort is made to shun vulgar and low-brow places of amusement (?) ? How many are less concerned over the bomb-scare on the South Shore last night, and more concerned about the number who were "bombed" the night before? How many are less concerned about the shortcomings of others and more concerned about what they set out to accomplish during Lent?