Prayers

Chas Bachman, '17, coach at the University of Florida, lost his five-year-old daughter two weeks ago. Thos. Williams, of South Bend, a benefactor of the University, died yesterday; his daughter, Miss B. Williams, is secretary to Coach Rockne. A student asks prayer for his mother, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Rockne ask prayers of thanksgiving for their safety in an automobile accident Sunday night which threatened dangerous consequences to themselves and their children.

How Often Is Confession Necessary?

As often as one commits a mortal sin. If the question refers to daily Communion, the answer is that one must go to confession before receiving Holy Communion if he has committed a mortal sin since his last confession; he should go to confession every week or two, even though he has committed no sins since his last confession. In this way he renews the graces of the Sacrament, gets new help against future temptations, atones for some of the punishment still due past sins, shares anew in the merits of the Passion of Christ, and obtains merit.

How can one go to confession if he has committed no sins since the last confession? He can always tell a sin from his past life, which is sure was a sin, and for which he is sorry. A sin can be absolved over and over again. This is what is called the confession of devotion. It is a true Sacrament, with sacramental graces.

Freshmen: Keep Out of Church.

It seems funny to be driving people out of church when they are there to pray and receive the Sacraments, but we do that sort of thing here once in a while. This week is one of the times we do that. It is a good thing for the freshmen to be present in the church to be edified at the devotion of the upperclassmen, but we haven't room for them. They may use the basement chapel or the Sorin chapel, or their hall chapels if they live in Freshman or Howard Halls, but they should keep out of the big church this week. Exception is made of those freshmen who failed to make the Mission last week.

For the Negro Church.

The first contribution for the new colored Catholic Church in South Bend was a dollar, and it came from a student who has to scrape mightily to get through; the second was fifty cents from a senior who is finishing his course on borrowed money. What next? One of the contributors will receive a baseball autographed by the Athletics.

Crucifixes Out of Stock.

The first six dozen crucifixes went in a few days. More will be in soon. Bills for the month of September amount to about $600. About $50 has come in through the rack, and the Sunday collection the first week added $150 to this amount. (The collection last Sunday, which was for the Bengal Mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross) amounted to $161.74 and nine street car checks. Transportation in Bengal is largely by water.)

Do You Know How To Say The Beads?

If you don't, pick up a rosary at the pamphlet rack and ask any priest to instruct you in its use. Quite a few students each year have to be instructed in this, so no one need feel awkward about asking. And learn soon. Rosaries are used in the stands quite a bit during football games. The October devotions begin next Monday at 7:30. Daily thereafter during the month we say the beads and have Benediction at 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Saturdays, when we move this devotion up to 12:30 p.m.