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First Friday.

Reparation is the motive proposed by the League of the Sacred Heart for the First Friday Communion. Offer Holy Communion tomorrow, therefore, in reparation for the neglect of others as well as your own. There are so many who pay no attention to this motive that it behooves thoughtful people to supply for their deficiencies.

Did you thank God after examinations? If you celebrated in unworthy fashion instead, you owe more than one Holy Communion of reparation.

Have you thanked God for your own good health and that of your family? If not, you owe God plenty of reparation.

You are long on petition, but very negligently on thanksgiving—and sometimes you look like such nice boys!

Do you remember the parable of the Ten Lepers who were made clean? And do you offer nine Holy Communions before examinations and only one after? Or do you offer that one?

Adoration Tomorrow.

The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church tomorrow offers you another excellent opportunity for prayers of reparation. Sign the lists to make sure that there are adorers at all hours of the day.

Volunteers Needed.

There’s work today for some forty stout penmen who can spare a half-hour each for the glory of God and the good of their neighbor. The preparation of the cards for the adoration during Lent requires a good bit of detail, but many hands make light work, or so they say. Call for a deck of cards today and fill out the blanks according to the instructions you will receive.

This Is Another Semester.

You have had two demonstrations already this year that a certain minimum of work is expected of those who wish to remain at Notre Dame. The time to start this work is now, at the beginning of the semester. And the time to avoid cuts is now. There are many possibilities in the offering, and there will be another group going out after the April tests. Arrange now to be among the survivors.

Shall We Pray For Rain?

Evidently, you have heard a lot of lies about Indiana weather. There is reason for grave concern, however, joking aside, in the abnormal weather conditions of the country this winter. If we had a drought last year, we are in danger of a much more serious one this year. The regions affected last year were not the heavy-producing agricultural districts of the country; indications now are that the better farming regions will be seriously affected. Pray that catastrophe may be averted, and that we may learn in simpler fashion the lessons that the impending catastrophe would bring.

PRAYERS: Bernard Shafrenski’s father is very ill. A little cousin of Harold Sporl is in danger of losing and eye. Vincent Fletcher has undergone an operation for appendicitis at home. Maurice Matthews is still having considerable trouble with his broken arm. Virgil Cline, ’52, lost his mother last week. A brother of Jas. Webb died a few days ago. Jas. and Ed. Valder ask prayers for their grandmother, who is very ill. Chas. Crockett’s sister has just undergone an operation. A relative of John F. Egun died a few days ago. Nine special intentions.