Did You Drop In Today?

The Blessed Sacrament was exposed all day on the main altar; and you were asked to drop in for a half-hour to make reparation for your own sins and the sins of the world. And there's the matter of indulgences available, if you are in the state of grace and have received the Sacraments. Don't overlook this opportunity. Tomorrow will provide another opportunity equally rich.

This evening at 6:45, Father Cady will speak briefly; then there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Drop in after supper--you'll be out in ample time to take in the Mardi Gras. There will be confessions in the church after Benediction. Drop in and avoid the long lines in the hall chapels on Wednesday morning.

Tomorrow evening at 6:45, come and witness the solemn closing of Forty Hours. It involves the Litany of the Saints and Benediction only.

Lent Starts Wednesday

On Wednesday, ashes made from the branches we carried on Palm Sunday will be blessed and distributed in all the hall chapels at hours determined by the rectors. It is the Church's way of reminding us that we, together with the beauty, the power, the wealth in our lives, will all wind up as nothingness; and that death is inevitable.

This is the Church's introduction to the penitential season of Lent. Frankly, it is a reminder of death and the Judgment that follows. Now, says the Church, while there is yet time, do penance -- that you may not be found wanting when you come up to the hour of death. It's a grim directive, make no mistake about it. And the Church is that much interested in us to place the dire fact before our eyes. In effect the Church says: "No matter who you are, saint or sinner, unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish!"

This is a basic requirement for your salvation. Make the most of it.

Wednesday is a day of fast for those over 21. It is a day of abstinence for all.

On Wednesday we begin Adoration in the Lady Chapel from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The following arrangement among the halls will be observed:

- Wednesday - - - - Badin, Howard, Lyons, Keenan
- Thursday - - - - Morrissey, Breen-Phillips, St. Ed's
- Friday - - - - Zahm, Cavanaugh, Farley
- Monday - - - - Alumni, Walsh, Fisher, Stanford
- Tuesday - - - - Dillon, Pangborn, Sorin

You are asked to pick out a convenient half-hour on the day assigned to your hall, and spend it in reparation before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. The off campus students may take any convenient half-hour throughout the week. This arrangement will continue until Palm Sunday.

There will be daily afternoon Mass at 5:10, as usual, in Sacred Heart Church. This Mass is intended primarily for faculty and employees, because you have daily Masses each morning in your own hall chapels. Should you ever miss the hall Mass, then drop in at Sacred Heart Church in the afternoon. But don't consider it a substitute for the morning check in your hall -- it isn't.

Distribution of Ashes in Dillon: After all Masses and at 12:45 - 6:30 - 7:30.