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News Section

• TODAY--AND EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT--the residents of Alumni, Stanford, Walsh, and Fisher had their turn at making a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Lady Chapel in the church. Tomorrow, residents of Sorin, Dillon, and Pangborn take their turn. On Wednesday, Badin, Howard, Lyons, and Keenan residents have their opportunity to spend a half hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Remember this is in the Lady Chapel of the church.


• THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JOE BOLAND has asked that we thank the many priests, faculty members, and students who so generously sent Masses and prayers for Joe. Many of the cards were signed "A Notre Dame Student" and can only be acknowledged in this way. But be sure the family was very grateful.

• OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS may pick up copies of the Religious Bulletin in the vestibule of Dillon Chapel, in Sacred Heart Church, in the Cafeteria, and in the Huddle.

• ONCE AGAIN, WE MUST ASK FOR BLOOD DONORS. Last week, one student alone required eight units of blood plasma. Won't you help us replace this? If you are not yet twenty-one, the permission of your parents is required. Clip the form below and ask your parents to sign it and return it to you. When you have the permission, stop at 116 Dillon to make arrangements for donating. Those who are over twenty-one may stop any evening at 116 Dillon to make arrangements.

RELEASE FOR MINORS

My son ___________________________________________

HAS MY PERMISSION TO VOLUNTARILY MAKE A DONATION of blood to the Central Blood Bank, Inc., and for that purpose may submit to the tests, examinations and procedures, customary in connection with donations of blood.

(Parent) ___________________________________________

(Son) ___________________________________________

• THIS EVENING THE 5:10 Mass will be in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas whose feast the Church celebrates today. The sermon will be preached by Fr. Robert Sweeney, C.S.C. The Mass was requested by the members of the Theology and Philosophy Department.
THESE ARE THE DAYS that try men's resolutions as well as their souls. A few have already deserted the ranks of those who began Lent in earnest, and have joined up with the troops who insist.""He too serves a purpose who only .... stands by and cheers". Stop by the church, if you're finding it hard to continue with your Lenten resolutions. There in the sanctuary, Brother Boniface has been exposing the relic of each day's Stational saint. If you use a missal at Mass these days, you'll have noted that each Lenten Mass begins "Station at St. ________." Tomorrow, for example, the station church is St. Anastasia's in Rome. The stational churches were the site of the principal celebration on the Lenten days in the early Church.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"Thomas, you have written well of Me. What reward will you have?" Thomas replied: "None other than Thyself, O Lord."

FOR LIGHT AND GUIDANCE

O ineffable Creator, Who, out of the abundance of Thy wisdom, hast constituted the three angelic hierarchies, and set them in admirable order over the highest heaven; Thou, Who has most graciously proportioned the parts of the universe; Thou Who art called the true Fount of Light and Wisdom and the First Beginning of all, deign to let the beam of Thy splendor shine upon the darkness of my intellect to dispel the two-fold gloom of sin and ignorance, in which I was born.

Make my tongue to speak wise things, O Thou, Who makest eloquent the tongues of babes; and do Thou pour out upon my lips the grace of Thy benediction.

Give me keenness of comprehension, ability to retain, method and ease in acquiring, precision in interpreting, plenteous grace in speaking. Inspire my going in; guide my steps when I walk; and my going out do Thou make perfect. Thou Who art at once God and Man, and Who reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

(An indulgence of 100 days, once a day)

The sanctuaries of the martyrs were chosen in order to remind us that we are the heirs to their spiritual patrimony. Just as by their blood they cemented the first Christian edifice, so too must we as the offspring of martyrs, continue building the Church by our profession of the same faith. And Lent is the time for intensifying our profession of the faith. Stop long enough each day to venerate the relics of these saints and ask their intercession on behalf of your efforts to persevere in carrying out your Lenten resolutions.

You made a few Lenten resolutions, I trust. It's not important that you make a lot of resolutions. One or two might be sufficient. Positive anything is better than negative nothing. But keep the ones you make.
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News Section

• TONIGHT AT 7:30, IN WASHINGTON HALL, Mr. and Mrs. William Lennon will present the second talk in the current Marriage Institute for Seniors. They will take up "The Two Sides of Marriage".

• A LENTEN SUGGESTION: Be on time for Sunday Mass. And keep in mind that your Sunday obligation is to hear Mass from beginning to end.

• THE JUNIORS will have their parents here for the week-end, and they've asked for reserved places for them at the 9:00 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church. It would help, therefore, if Sophomores and Seniors would attend one of the other Masses next Sunday. Fr. Barry will preach at all the Masses.

• TOMORROW EVENING AT 8:00, in 104 O'Shaughnessy Hall, Prof. Matthew Fitzsimons will speak on the Rise of Africa". This is the second of the Leo XIII Lenten Lecture Series.

• HOW ARE YOU DOING on those resolutions you made a week ago today? Have you kept them? Today's as good a time as any to renew them.

• PRAYERS. Deceased: Roxy Walthers; brother of William Manca, '55; Bennett Larsen; sister of David Nakamura of Howard; father of Mr. Grande of the Testing and Guidance Dept. Ill: Father of Mrs. Edward Krause; friend of Charles Heimerdinger of Howard; two friends of Mike Cashore of Stanford; wife of Jim Heck, '48. Two Special Intentions.

• ON FRIDAY WE BEGIN THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST JOSEPH. This Novena has been popular through the years for two reasons. Some make this Novena as a petition for the grace to practice the virtue of Purity. Others make the Novena by way of preparation for a Happy Marriage. Mass and Holy Communion, a visit to the Grotto, and daily recitation of the prayer below make up the Novena. Whatever your intention, take advantage of the fact you are already attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion during Lent; add a visit to the Grotto and the prayer to St. Joseph.

Prayer to St. Joseph

GLORIOUS Saint Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance, to expiate my numerous sins; to work conscientiously, placing the love of duty above my inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by work the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness and trials; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I must give of time lost, of talents unused, of good not done and of vain-complacency in success, so harmful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O holy patriarch, St. Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

Ind. of 500 days.
THE NOVENA FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE prompts us to go back into the Religious Bulletins of the past and present some of the sound advice contained in the series on Marriage prepared by Cardinal O'Hara. Underclassmen as well as Seniors will find the ideas helpful.

"If Possible, Keep Your Head."

The first rule given in the suggested preparation for marriage is so thoroughly the most important that it contains all the rest. While marriage should be an affair of the mind, it is often merely an affair of the heart; while sound reason should dictate the choice of a life partner, the emotions have a tendency to dethrone reason.

A woman who can't cook can't run a house. You may be so considerate of the feelings and susceptibilities of the dear little thing you expect to make your wife that you have made up your mind that she is not going to spend her life leaning over a kitchen stove; but unless she knows how to cook she is not going to be able to superintend the cooking—and what is home without home cooking?

Keep her out of mischief. You know what fleas mean to a dog: as long as he has them to worry about he is not going to get himself or his master into much trouble, but take away the fleas and he becomes a neighborhood pest. If your wife has no household duties to keep her busy she will become a worse pest than a dog without fleas.

Few students want their homes to look as disorderly as their rooms do in college. A girl is supposed to have an instinct for order. They tell an old story about a wise lad (Aesop was probably the first to spring this one) who laid a broomstick across the doorstep. Five girls stepped over it and the sixth picked it up and won a husband. The wise-crackers will say she got just what she deserved, a crank; and the wise-heads will reply that he got just what he was looking for. A good housekeeper is the best makings for a good home-maker.

Unless you are going into vaudeville you will want more than a dancing partner for a wife.

Many a girl nowadays is a good cocktail-mixer, but that is a liability instead of an asset because she might run off and get good job as a bartender. If possible keep your head.

"I reckon one reason why marriages lasted better in the old days was because a bride didn't look like a stranger after she washed her face."—Aunt Het.

"Nations die of softening of the brain, which, for a long time, passes for softening of the heart."

What makes you think you have a right to ask a good girl to be your wife? You may have a good job in prospect, or you may have a rich aunt with asthma, but if you think money the basis of a happy marriage, read the alimony news of a single day. You may feel that there is an all-consuming love between you; that is just what that kind of love is—all-consuming. It consumes gas, it consumes liquor, it consumes your bank roll, it consumes your happiness. The head you bring to the altar should not be dizzy with infatuation but sober with faith and humility. After all, love is a matter of sacrifice, not sentimentality. "He that keepeth My commandments, he it is that loveth Me," said Our Blessed Lord; and love is not love unless it shows itself in sacrifice. St. Joseph, the model husband, was a perfect exemplar of unselfishness; the Blessed Virgin, his divinely-appointed spouse, was equally a model of self-renunciation. Perfect sacrifice and the grace of God made this the perfect pattern of married life, The Holy Family.