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May 19, 1940

Darling,

Most of the news of today I'm sending you in print. The holy pictures were passed out at the famous celebration today and there were plenty of them so I got this one for you, so you can keep the holy card. I don't want the bulletin but I would like to have the newspaper article for my scrapbook. I don't think I need explain that I'm talking about Joe Jacobs first Mass celebration. One sad thing about it was the fact that it poured down rain all last night and straight through till noon today thereby doing away with all the procession idea and making the crowd thinner. They had a solemn High Mass with solemn benediction, followed by the father Joe giving his first priestly blessing to each person as they thronged to the communion rail. If I do say so myself (being a member) the choir singing was very good with a lot of special songs, etc. and deserving of much praise was the solo "Pange Angelicus" sung beautifully by Gene Wachs. Gene & Joe Jacobs were very

good friends and Gene sang this very long solo and then repeated it with a very soft choir accompaniment. Everybody just raved about that solo. All in all it was a big day and one we surely will remember until we see James in the same spot. The weather finally cleared up and this afternoon and evening were just beautiful.

Father Brothhouse paid us a visit this evening for an hour or so from 4:30 till 5:30. He's looking fine and drank a toast to you and me. Of course I invited him back in five weeks, but --- he wouldn't promise. I want to explain this to you, as you know Alden Leonard and Bernadette are also good friends. He assured me that he considered you and me as his very good friends ~~that~~ and that he wanted to come to our wedding; still he knew that if he came to one he'd have to come to all of them; and knowing that Father A. resented his presence at the rectory he felt he shouldn't promise to make it. He didn't definitely say no but he begged us to understand in case he should decide by then to not come. So we'll send him an invitation and maybe by then he'll decide to come anyhow. But personally I understand and don't

sure you do too, plenty well. So we'll excuse him if he asked it that way, won't we? We know he wants to come and he knows that we sincerely want him to come.

I heard Don Pablo again tonight. Love to listen to him. Sentimental reasons as much as anything.

Tuesday night is choir ~~practise~~ practise again. I'm going to go for a change and then ask the choir formally about singing for the wedding.

Honey, one time you mentioned about being in doubt about what shoes to wear - all white or if brown and white would do. I checked Emily Post in our blue booklet "The Etiquette of Weddings":  
Quote: "Daytime wedding in hot weather.

all white Palm Beach or linen suit.  
Dark blue or black small print tie  
(bow or four-in-hand)

white socks.

white buckskin shoes

white handkerchief

green leaves back of white boutonniere.

Unquote.

May I add an idea not for, but against the two-tone? Really our gowns are too formal, and brown + white shoes would make you men's outfits too sporty. You see I'm wearing a train and long veil. That's just for your consideration. Any decision is of course up to you.

Another thing — the invitation list again.  
As I see it the Jos. Thallemer, Bill Thallemer,  
John Dozmann, <sup>any Dozmann</sup> Ray Dozmann, and Monica Dozmann  
are all of the same relationship to you.  
Now of course the first ~~three~~ <sup>four</sup> are on  
our list for reasons very obvious to you  
over and above the relationship. Wait, I  
still have that wrong; make it the first  
three again excluding Bill. We don't have  
Ray Dozmann or Monica on the list. I didn't know  
there were any such people until tonight when  
Mom said there was. So tell me if you are  
friendly with Ray, Monica, & Bill and if you  
want me to include them. Or we can wait  
with those three until you come home which  
will still be three weeks before the date.  
However, the rest of them should be in the  
mail a few days before you get here, so think  
hard of any additions. In fact I think I'll send  
this list to you for a final check. Add or subtract  
anything as you wish. Any addresses that are missing  
I am getting in the next few days so don't worry about  
that. And darling, I'd like you to send the list back  
as soon as possible because just as soon as the  
invitations are ready we shall have to start to work  
on them.

It won't be long now, dearest.  
Still want to go through with it? Till later, then,  
g'bye, g'nite, don't work too hard, good luck with  
the rest of your school work and exams. Sorry to  
hear that you had such tough luck with that last  
test. Better luck next time. Lots of love  
Collette

clusive, provided, having confessed and received Holy Communion, they pray for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

A Partial Indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days is granted to all the faithful who devoutly assist at a First Mass, and pray for the intention of the Sov. Pontiff.

CHILDREN OF MARY SRS. MEETING -- Tomorrow at 8:00 P.M. This will be the last for the season and a very important meeting because new officers will be elected. Every member be there.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI -- next Thursday. The Church has set aside this feast and its octave as a special time to honor our Lord Who is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist with His body and blood, soul and divinity. Show your love for our Lord and the greatest Sacrament of His love by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion next Thursday and throughout the octave.

THE SOUTH BEND DEANERY CYO CONFERENCE -- will be held next Sunday, May 26th, at St. Peter Parish, 1104 Monroe St., LaPorte, Ind. The program is as follows --

- 12:00 M. --- Registration of delegates
- 1:00 P.M. - Opening Session
- 2:00 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:30 P.M. - Sectional Meetings
- 3:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 4:00 P.M. - General Session
- 5:00 P.M. - Close

Two officers of the Children of Mary Jrs. and Junior Holy Name Society will act as official delegates of St. Joseph Parish at this conference. They will have a meeting tomorrow evening at 8:00 P.M. in the Children of Mary Jrs. club room. All members of the Children of Mary Jrs. and Junior Holy Name Society are invited to attend and we hope St. Joseph Parish will have a large number present at the conference.

MOTHERS' DAY -- The Mothers of St. Joseph Parish must have been very happy last Sunday to see so many of the parishioners and their children receive Holy Communion. The priests of the parish were happy, too, and we thank you for the sincere joy you gave us and beg God to ever bless you.

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MISHAWAKA, IND.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HOLY MARY, QUEEN OF PRIESTS,  
Pray for Father Jacobs and us.

O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High-priest, we beg thee today to ask thy Divine Priest-Son to regard the son of this parish whom He has chosen to be a sharer in His eternal priesthood with special love and to give him all the graces he will need to be a faithful representative of Him among his fellowmen, to discharge the duties of his sacred office with readiness and exactness, and to bring many souls besides his own to heaven where with thee, the angels, saints, and these souls it may be his happy privilege to adore thy Eternal Priest-Son forever.



lowmen, to discharge the duties of his sacred office with readiness and exactness, and to bring many souls besides his own to heaven where with thee, the angels, saints, and these souls it may be his happy privilege to adore thy Eternal Priest-Son forever.

Pray for us, too, O Mother, that we may always see and

respect thy Divine Son in the person of His priests and through their ministrations of His word and sacraments also come to heaven where it will be our eternal joy and happiness to be present at the Eternal Mass offered by thy Son.

## HOLY MASSES

MONDAY - May 20 - ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA

6:30 A.L.M. + John Kittel

8:00 F.H.M. + Wolfgang & Rosina Lang

TUESDAY - May 21 - FERIAL DAY

6:30 - +Eugene & Mary Moriarity

8:00 R.H.M. + George Lauber

WEDNESDAY - May 22 - FERIAL DAY

6:30 - In honor of St. Jude

8:00 R.H.M. + Mrs. Cecelia Kronewitter (Rosary Society)

THURSDAY - May 23 - FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6:30 P.L.M. + Andrew Hornung

8:00 H.M. For the Parish

FRIDAY - May 24 - SECOND DAY IN OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6:30 - + Fred Stoeckinger

8:00 H.M. For Deceased of Nicholas Schellinger Family

SATURDAY - May 25 - THIRD DAY IN OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6:30 - NO MASS - Holy Communion will be distributed.

8:00 P.L.M. + Wolfgang & Rosina Lang

9:00 W.H.M. Belleghem - Vander Wande Wedding

SUNDAY - May 26 - SUNDAY IN OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6:00 - For the Parish

7:00 - +Rose Schnellbach

8:30 - +Edward Perry

10:00 H.M. For St. Cecilian Choir (Rev. Joseph Jacobs)

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## SERVERS --

Weekdays -- May 20 to 25

6:30 -- R. DeBruyne & W. Roggrman

8:00 -- W. Wachs, T. Trippel, R. Clark, F. Baldini

Wedding High Mass -- May 25

9:00 -- R. Demske, P. DeBruyne, W. Roggeman, J. Hulecka

Sunday ---- May 26

6:00 -- J. Futter & T. Huemmer

7:00 -- R. Demske & R. DeBruyne

8:30 -- J. Frank & L. Weis

10:00 -- P. Goethals, C. Pedrotty, J. Chamberlin, J. Hulecka

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY. LAST DAY TO FULFILL EASTER DUTY.

## MEETINGS:

Monday ---- 7:30 P.M. Children of Mary Jrs. (Soc. Mtg)  
8:00 P.M. Children of Mary Srs. (Bus. Mtg)  
8:00 P.M. Officers of Children of Mary Jrs. &  
Jr. Holy Name Society  
Tuesday --- 7:30 P.M. St. Cecilian Choir  
8:00 P.M. Junior Holy Name Soc. (Soc. Mtg.)  
Wednesday - 8:00 P.M. Rosary Society (Last Bus.-Soc.Mtg.)

## BANNS

--- John Belleghem to Catherine VanderWande 3d.  
Nuptial High Mass next Saturday at 9:00 A.M.  
Theodore Wlodasko to Reina K. Stewart 2d  
Louis Friedman to Evelyn Lowry 2d  
Victor Chybulski to Catherine Witkowski 2d  
Joseph Rouhselang to Virginia Kubiak 1st.  
Raymond Nicolini to Lillian Novak 1st.

FIRST SOLEMN HIGH MASS -- St. Joseph Parish has been especially blessed by God again today, for another of its sons has been called by Him to be an "Other Christ" in the world, to offer in the power and the name of Jesus Christ "gifts and sacrifices for sins" (Hob.V, 1) and to be a "minister of Christ and a dispenser of the mysteries of God." (1Cor.IV,1)

The Holy Name Srs. and Jrs. and the First Communicants will march from the school at 9:30 A.M., go south on Spring St. to Fourth St., on Fourth St. east to Mill St., north on Mill St. to the rectory where the priests and the celebrant will join the procession and then march into the church. The ten front pews on both sides of the center aisle are to be reserved for the parents, family, and relatives of Father Jacobs. The First Communicants will occupy the pews on the side aisles in front of the confessionals.

Solemn Benediction will follow immediately after the Mass. Those wishing to receive the first blessing of the newly ordained priest may do so immediately after Benediction. Fr. Lauer earnestly requests you to pray for Fr. Joseph Jacobs and his success in the priesthood.

The following indulgences can be gained by attendance at the First Mass -- A plenary indulgence is granted to all the blood-relations to the third degree of consanguinity in-

May 21, 1940  
1 month from tomorrow!

Darling,

Sixteen pages of unanswered letters I'm carrying around. When the mail came yesterday the boss held out the letters, the nice big fat one, and then called me to tell me that there was a big white book for me to read, and when I went to his office to get it he handed me this twelve page letter. If you think it took me till five o'clock to read it you are mistaken because I took time off and read the whole thing right there and there and had it finished by 15 of 9 and didn't start till for just 8.

Now I, as you, will go right into the subject of apartments. It certainly sounds like you had a good workout in apartment hunting. You must be simply bewildered. The first one you described, on Webb Street, sounds too good to be true in comparison to the others. It certainly looks like it's going to be a forty dollar proposition. But unless you get a substantial raise I'm afraid

The budget will topple over. However as you say it looks like we are going to have to put \$40 into it; but we'll make it up on other budget items, not? Then two rates should go down with the summer months and I do think there will be a lot more of them available. The one on Webb sounds so good you should have the landlord or lady keep you in mind for any vacancy around that time. I wish I could have torn around with you on that job. It's <sup>fun</sup> (for a while). It was mighty sweet of Mrs. O'Doherty to offer us her room for a while, but we surely won't have any trouble finding a place at that time. Even if we take just anything temporarily.

Here comes an employer, I'll have to quit now; will finish tonight.

11:15 P.M. Whooee I'm bewildered now. Have things ever happened since that employer and 5 o'clock quitting time came. I came home and made supper and took a wee nap before choir. My mail at home consisted of an invitation to Kay & Dot's tea + shower on next Sunday. Also an invitation to all the officers of Eleanor's graduation. The invitation to



the commencement itself was for Monday June 3rd. Then there were enclosures for all the other commencement affairs starting Friday through Monday, including dinners, dances, and other special affairs and solemnities of the occasion. I do anything I go but I can't. Also I got a big picture of Eleanor in the mail today.

Then I went to choir which was much fun this time because we sang no church songs. Instead we practised for the school's commencement exercises. We sang "In a Luxemburg Garden," "Neapolitan Nights", "In a Monastery Garden", "The Rosary" and one other beautiful number - can't think of the name.

Don't you just love all those numbers though?

Then after choir instead of Mike asking the choir to sing I had to do it myself - I near for the wedding. He said they had a hint of it but that I should ask them myself formally. So I did and found them all only too glad to do so. So that's final.

That's only the beginning of tonight's happenings. I got home from choir about 9:30 and found Angela working on the plans for my show. She's having it on Wednesday, the 29th, Wednesday being the only chance for her since she doesn't work Weds. afternoons, and on other days she doesn't get home till 7 or so which makes

# things pretty badly. Now please, darling, don't let that change any of your plans for coming home, because I want to see you after the shower and if you are in before the party later I want to see you before too. In plain English - if you are in town Wednesday night I want to see you, period. ~~The~~ The fact of the matter is that it seems like years since I saw you last and I'm getting very anxious to see you.

Anyhow to proceed. Around 10 o'clock Aunt Vida called me to tell me that she was going to give me a shower and we arranged the date + guests, etc. over the phone. It's to be on Tuesday, June 4th. Then near 11 o'clock!! Alma calls and tells me that she and Vivian want to give me a shower and so I start in again. This time deciding on June 7th - Friday. And at that I haven't mentioned that today the office girls were all planning a party for me! Instead of making it a shower they're going to give me one big gift, probably a big Toastmaster. They're having between 16 and 20 girls, and Betty Smith, my former manager, even asked them to give the party on a Friday night so that she could come up from

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Indianapolis to go too! Then tonight  
the newspaper carries an article in the  
society column giving first the results  
of the Sr. Young Ladies Sodality election —  
the big item being Margaret Klives' election  
to the presidency. Then announcing that  
on June 3rd, a Monday night, the sodality  
were honoring with a party "Miss Colette  
Berethauer whose marriage to Theodore Hornung  
will take place on June 22, and  
Miss Helen Kranitz who will be married  
June 12 to Harry Gallagher." It looks  
like I'm going to marry your dad. Eh what.  
You don't mind too much do you? Haha  
The Sodality is going to give each of us,  
Helen and I, a picture of the Madonna,  
at that party.

Now, darling, can you see why  
I'm bewildered? Can you imagine it?  
And I'm sure it was made at least  
six thousands times happier by its  
getting a good start from a letter in  
this morning's mail from Detroit.  
Talk about making people happy! You  
brought me all this happiness. It's all  
because of you. And to think that after  
all this partying etc., I get you in the  
end, and for keeps too. Honey, I don't  
think I can take it. Do you wonder why I

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say I'm bewildered? And to think that I should have such grand friends and relatives as to plan all these festivities for me besides. It's unbelievable. It's too good to be true. I must be dreaming. The clock is striking 12 & I should be dressing. Maybe I am. Just so I don't wake up. But sweetheart, lookie - that means 8 parties already - one of them of course is past - The lovely party from Dzyg, Clara, & Tilla. ~~But~~ 8 in all so far. And Aunt Ernestine and Mary Meyerhafer and Velma also mentioned giving me a party. Now I know I'm dressing - I'm not Eleanor Roosevelt. I'm only Colette Berstlowe, and I'm getting you and I don't deserve anything further. Darling I wish you could be here to share all the happiness and thrills I'm getting.

But now I must answer the two letters I have from you. You asked about Luvoy's birthday. Doty told me it was Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> - this Friday.

You win the mickel. I.O.U. 5¢. I did make an error in addressing the special to H.B. Coe instead of 16213. See I told you I was so much in love I can't even think straight anymore. (But I can't be doing too bad along the subject of thinking 'cause yesterday the boss put me back to interviewing for 2 weeks or so.) Nope, no walking papers yet.

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In regard to a "jitchnick" I saw Johnny at lunch yesterday and he liked the "idea" and said he would spread the news. Don't worry about me finding time I'll pluck the time from the trees. That's where I get my money. I grow it on trees in the back yard. Did I say money? What money. I hide the idea of Joe + Ruth with the gang and at Wawasee; so we all will see what we can arrange + let you-all know.

As for anybody in Walgreens reading your letter - I haven't eaten there since before my vacation last March. I only eat there when the weather is too bad to go any further. No like their food. All same beetkens not too clean.

No my dear, I'm sure you wouldn't have had to put on the heavy P.J.'s last Thursday night if I'd have been there. I don't know though I'm a pretty good icelber (in some ways). I might have had to revert to the electric pad though. I don't like you getting such chills though I hope it isn't anything wrong with you and don't let it happen again.

Your gifts for the men of the bridal party sound keen. I haven't been able to suit myself on gifts for the girls yet. I've done some looking, though I just haven't been able

to decide on anything yet.

I tried to get some calls in to the florists but it just can't be done over the phone so that Saturday afternoon I'm going to try & get a car and get that running around taken care of.

Last week's "first pass" was not exactly my first to witness but I was only 10 yrs old when I saw Father Cyril Ernst's so I don't remember much about it. That's the only one I had seen till last Sunday.

Above our get away, I have several other ideas too on where to hide the car if we don't use promises or if we decide not to trust Key with our secret. But I just got an idea. We had best arrange to slip into someone's car like Mid + Jim did and have them take us to our car. Then we'll get our car and drive past the house as soon as possible after we leave it and wave goodbye to them all without stopping + giving them a chance to do any dirty work. Another place we've got to avoid dirty work. They'll ransack our house for our going-away clothes. Another good target. Jones will have to be at my house of course. So tonight Mom asked me how I was going to keep them from finding our clothes. ~~So~~ I hadn't thought of that

but she had. Before our last fire, our only entrance to the attic was through a trap door in my closet. Since the fire we built a drop stairway in the short hallway upstairs, but the trap door is still there. So she said we should put our things in my closet & lock the door from the inside leaving the key in the door to keep anybody from using a skeleton key on it. Then we can have one of the children go to the attic by the stairway and come down in the closet to open it when we need it. Very round about but easy to fix and probably fool-proof.

One more thing - the photographers.

I'll get some rates estimates there two on Saturday when I visit the florist. Then we can decide how many & what we can afford and how many we would want.

now it's 15 of 1. Tomorrow night I get a new permanent. Hate the idea but can't be putting my hair in curlers every night just to be half way human looking in the mornings.

Goodnight, now, dearest, wish I could kiss you goodnight instead of trying to say it on paper, but I can say I love you, very, very much, and always, always will.

Yours, Colette

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May 23, 1940

Dearest,

Just got home from a grand little weenie roast. The whole office decided just a day or so ago that we should have a party. So a committee collected two bits from each employee, <sup>& bought</sup> \$1.84 worth of foot-long weenies, a mess of buns, pickles, mustard, onions, potato chips, coffee (in 2 thermos jugs from Clark's) and marshmallows. Then at 5 bells tonight, we jumped into old shirts & "sloppy" shoes and flew off to pin-look park and had a swell weenie roast. One of the girls brought along a portable radio which won while we ate & played till we couldn't move another muscle in our bodies then our voices furnished the music till dark. Then we all headed for Naomi's picking up a case of beer & cokes on the way and all the rest of the evening was spent with the kitchen full of song and --- 3 people practising their putting <sup>on</sup> the living room rug. Everybody managed to bring their sitting up at least 50% and when I left the party at 11:10 the



putting was still going on; and the singing.  
It was oceans of fun but I got tired of it,  
so I came home.

Darling, I'm going to take tomorrow off  
(compensated overtime) to get things done. I'm  
going to ask Fab for his car and do all  
my running around for estimates, etc., and  
I think I shall check this list with Dizzy.

You asked if Fab had done anything  
about ordering his white suit yet; well,  
frankly, I was gone to write and he was  
gone last nite so I really haven't  
seen him for so long that I don't know,  
although last Sunday he mentioned something  
about getting it done although nothing  
definite.

I'm glad to hear that you came out  
so good in that test, dearest; you certainly  
sounded one time there as though you  
expected to get an all round figure grade.  
But 74 75 sounds plenty good. Before  
very long you'll be relieved of that worry  
for a while, but just to take on a bigger  
worry. You are a glutton for punishment  
I'm convinced of that. Some day you may  
be saying "Why didn't I stick to my school  
work and be satisfied with it. It's so much  
easier than being a husband and a father!"  
But you won't say it or even think it - if I can  
help it. I'm getting dreadfully lonely - why don't you  
call off the dogs between now and next Wednesday. You can see  
I'm taking it. Fab granted you won't make the trip this weekend, could

I hate to admit it. I'm also taking it for granted that  
you'll get the whole long weekend to be here next week.

Yes I'm selfish (when it comes to you)  
Goodie - Love & kisses Collette

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Sunday night  
May 26, 1940

Darling,

Hello, hello, hello. It seems like years since I last saw you and like months or weeks at least since last I wrote you; So much has happened since. Friday night I slept most of the morning and spent the afternoon shopping with Mom, at the dressmaker, getting florists and photographers estimates (can't go into them now but will when you get here) etc. More of that I did on Saturday, and saw Filla and Dad. Homey Saturday night about the invitation list, but due to lack of time and car I didn't get to see Filla Day. Then at noon today Ralph & Jean Clark dropped in for a few moments with the good news that he got the managership of the Muncie store (Meyer's); he has been wanting the managership for a long time. I hinted that if we came near that way on our honeymoon we might stop in. They begged us to do so. Then this afternoon from 3 till 6 was

the tea and personal shower. It was a very nice party and I did get some very very lovely things. We then brought Tilla home from the tea with us and with the exception of a few minutes out for supper we worked straight through till 8 (when she had to go to Study Club), then Angela and Joan helped me for another hour or so, doing, guess what? Addressing invitations!

I have just a few more addresses to check and the finishing touches, about an hour's work in all to complete the job, ready for the P.O. So you see a lot has happened since I wrote day before yesterday. I also mailed (prepared for mailing) a gift to Eleanor and wrote a nice long letter to her.

I saw Larry this evening. He came after Dotty after the tea. He waked up to show me his wrist watch and seems to be just crazy about it.

Got my definite invitation from Adelaide for next Saturday night. The dinner is to be at seven and she told me this noon that there wasnt going to

to be any stag that night but that the fellows were arranging to join the girls at her house at 10 o'clock. I'm glad it worked out that way because then I'll get to see you Saturday night after all.

The picnic is all set as to the gang and place but we girls haven't got the food settled yet. We will have soon though. It will be the whole gang Fritz + Doris said O.K. and Pocket + Jim want to be counted in too so we're getting them all.

And they're plenty in favor of it too. All of them seem to be very enthusiastic about it.

You think I'm going to be showered to death. Well, you haven't even heard all yet. By the time we get married I surely ought to be clean enough from all the showers I'm getting. Besides those you already know about, Mary Meyerhofer is giving me a shower on Tuesday the 12th and Velma sometime in the last or second-last week. Listen to this: 1 Crystal shower,

1 personal shower, 2 linen showers,  
2 miscellaneous showers, 1 bathroom shower,  
one party with a picture for me, and one  
with another single gift - the office -  
and I said T to the master because they  
asked me if I would like that, and  
Aunt Ernestine's (the date isn't set yet)  
I think will be a pitcher shower.  
Isn't it wonderful, darling, we'll  
have such a wonderful start. I can't  
figure out how I rate. It doesn't  
seem possible somehow.

As for the way I'm holding  
up though it all - keep your fingers  
crossed; I'm not in for any breakdowns  
or anything like that; I'm too happy and  
pretty high up in the clouds to fall.  
But my weight is awfully hard to  
hold on to - much as I want to do so.  
If I lose much more weight I'll  
probably show up on the 25th garbed  
in Regina's First Communion dress, or  
perhaps Catherine Ann's flower girl dress.  
It's just a quarter of twelve, so my  
dearest darling love of my life - goodnite.

Yours,  
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May 27, 1940

Dearest, darling, sweetheart,

Regina is dictating this letter thus far; however she just decided that her dolly hasn't got the flu any more so she's going to bed. And now that she has gone to bed I can get down to business.

Larry came down after Tab tonight but Tab had taken Mom over to the cemetery so he came in and waited. Only Dad and Albert and I were home. Then Kay came over. I had called her earlier + asked her to come over and we'd get together on the picnic + call all the gals to ~~bring~~ divvy up the food. We planned the menu but only Lotty + Pouch of the 16 girls were home so I'll have to call the rest tomorrow night. We have a list of 16 couples + Joe + Ruth will make the 17th. Big enough party? The more the merrier.

Speaking of parties - Darling, believe it or not, the eleventh party is now in the making! Jean (Kay) Royce is giving me a shower too. That means there are 9 more parties and only 3 1/2 weeks left yet so that averages 3 parties per week!

By the way Larry told me tonight that he met your Mr. Ballard today. Your boss probably has already told you that.

Your letter today mentioned the rain down here. And now we are having rain down here. Heavy rains any and all times of the day; any time it decides to pour out. I do hope it lets up by Thursday - no, Wednesday.

Now I think I'll get a little work done tonight yet, so till Wednesday night - so long. I have a nice trip home and if I should happen to be gone when you get here then call me at Oldenberg from here will you?

Excuse this terrible pen. I filled mine at the office today & then put it back in my desk drawer instead of in my pocket so I'm using Angela's and it is most strange.

Lovingly

Colette

P.S. If I didn't tell you about Jim's application for the Catholic U. Scholarship, remind me to do so.