

**City Parish News**

Interesting Budget of Happening Gathered by Our City Reporters

**Corpus Christi.**

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember days and days of fasting.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Grel announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Estelle to John T. Howe, of Prince St.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 251, L. C. B. A., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Mrs. Nellie M. Carmody; 1st vice Pres. Miss Donna E. Wheelan; 2nd vice Pres. Mrs. Carney; Recorder, Miss Grace Lynch; Asst. Recorder, Miss Florence Gougarty; Financial Sec'y., Mrs. E. Gaffney; Treas., Miss Anna Barry; marshal, Mrs. McAvoy; Guard, Mrs. Casey; trustees, Mrs. Alice Carmody, Mrs. Gougarty, Miss Conlon and Miss Hearty.

The next regular meeting of Branch 139, C. M. B. A., Council 40, C. R. & B. A., and Br. 251, L. C. B. A., will be held next Tuesday evening, December 26th.

**St. Peter and Paul.**

The solemn closing of the Forty Hours devotion took place last Sunday evening with procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The procession included the school children, the officers of the Men's Societies and Commandery 28, Kts. of St. John as escorts and fifteen clergy with Rev. Geo. Schmidt of St. Boniface church carrying the Blessed Sacrament. The services ended with the singing of Holy God.

School collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

The members of the Young Ladies' Sodality have changed their meeting day from the third Sunday of the month to the Monday evening after the third Sunday.

An anniversary requiem mass was celebrated on Monday morning at 7 o'clock by Rev. William Stauffer for Mrs. Mary Bilger.

A requiem mass was celebrated on Friday morning at 8 o'clock for Rev. Dr. Sinclair by Rev. J. E. Gefell.

Mrs. Catherine Huck-Miller died on Monday at her home, 282 Lake View Park. She is survived by three sons, Frank, John and Louis Miller; a daughter, Carrie Miller; one sister, Elizabeth Huck. She was a member up to four years ago of this parish, when she moved to Holy Rosary parish. She was very active in church work and always ready to assist the needy and the poor. May her soul rest in peace.

**Holy Redeemer.**

There will be no monthly collection on Sunday but an envelope Christmas collection will be taken up at all the masses on Christmas day.

The annual election of officers of the L. C. B. A., took place on Thursday evening.

Friday evening the Windthorst Study Circle will hold a lecture in the church hall. Rev. John Bresnahan, pastor of St. Bridget's church will speak, his subject being, "The Church of the Ages."

Sunday evening the bell will ring at 11 o'clock and at 12 o'clock midnight mass will be held. All pew holders are requested to be there early in order to secure their seat.

**St. Francis Xavier.**

The requiem masses this week were for Bertha Bopp, Frances and Matilda Weidenborner and Catherine Vetter.

The Sewing Circle met on Wednesday evening.

A meeting of the Sacred Heart Society was held on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday is communion day for the men.

Christmas collection will be taken up at all masses on Christmas day.

**St. Marys.**

Solemn high mass will be held at midnight on Christmas eve. Few holders will receive tickets free. Masses on Christmas will be the same as on Sunday.

The masses on Sunday are as follows: 6, 7, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45. The basket ball quint of the Young Men's Association played the Genesee Independent quint on Thursday night of this week. As the Journal went to press a

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day earlier, it is impossible to announce the winner, but there is no doubt in the writers mind that our boys will win.

The Young Men's Association of the church will close the year 1916, with a Pedro party and entertainment on Thursday evening, December 28th. The entertainment committee consisting of Norman Dixon, John McCarthy, Joseph Roth, Martin Vogt and Leo Coakley, promise all who attend an exceptionally lively time and a real Santa Claus. Solos will be sung by "Hub" Bohrer and others. The committee are making an extraordinary effort to secure some real good talent for the occasion. The Pedro party and entertainment will be held for the members of the association and their friends, and will take place in the church hall. As the price of admission is only 15 cents every member can well afford to be present and spend an enjoyable evening. Don't forget the date, Thursday, December 28th.

**St. Boniface.**

The masses on next Sunday will be at 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30 o'clock. On next Thursday evening the C. M. B. A., Branch 80, will hold their semi-monthly meeting at the parish hall at 8 o'clock.

An important and well attended meeting was held by the Apostleship of Prayer, Sacred Heart League, at the parish hall on last Sunday evening by the promoters of the League. Our Director General, Father Boppel, and also the president of this branch, Miss Gertrude Dobbertin, spoke of the progress being made by the League and it is their earnest desire that the League would greatly flourish during the coming year. Many important questions were brought to the attention of the promoters and action was taken upon.

The St. Boniface Aid Society held a most successful meeting at the Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon. The usual Christmas baskets will be made up and distributed among the needy. It is hoped that the members of the parish will be as generous as heretofore toward the charitable work being carried out for those in distress and donations will gladly be accepted at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mertz of Sanford St., will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Denver, Colo.

The death of John S. Schnurr, took place Saturday evening at the family residence, 947 South Goodman St., aged 48 years. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Herman and William Schnurr; four daughters, the Misses Hildegarde, Marion, Genevieve and Mildred Schnurr and two brothers, Conrad and Martin Schnurr. The funeral was held from this church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Envelopes for the Christmas offering will be distributed Sunday morning at all the masses.

**St. Michael's.**

The requiem masses for this week were for Joseph Rebman, Chryst and Anna Reinhart, Chas. Stephany, Jacob Bieck, John Bloomer, Conrad Rothenberger and Elizabeth Metzger.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are days of fast and abstinence, Saturday being the vigil of Christmas.

The masses on Christmas day will be the same as on Sunday. Midnight mass will be held at 12 o'clock. Solemn vespers will be held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon from until 6 o'clock confessions will be heard.

The Christmas collection will be taken up at all the masses on Christmas day for the re-decorating and electric lighting of the church. All members of the parish should be as generous as possible.

**St. Joseph's.**

The Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 43, nominated and elected the following officers at their last regular meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Past Pres., Mary Staub; Pres., Martha Heinze; 1st vice Pres., Francis Heilmann; 2nd vice Pres., Mrs. J. Wentworth; Rec. Sec'y., Marie Emrich; Fin. Sec'y., Louise Bach; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Kleir-ton; Sentinel, Ella Bradler; Guard, Mary Heinze; trustees, Mrs. Bayman, Ida Angele and Marie Hug; Delegates to District Auxiliary, Mrs. Hemple and Rose Pembr-ton.

**St. Andrew's Church**

The funeral of Richard Merkel was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Deceased is survived by his wife, Constantine Merkel; five daughters, Mrs. Jos. Reulbach, Mrs. Frank Wahl, Mrs. Fred Reulbach, Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. William and Otto Merkel and 22 grandchildren. Deceased was a member of St. Jacob's Benevolent Society and Branch 58, C. M. B. A., of Holy Redeemer church.

Requiem masses were said on Tuesday morning, for Anna McLane; Friday for Michael Eckl.

Friday evening the Young Ladies' Sodality held a special meeting to collect and distribute baskets for the poor of the parish.

Our school closed Friday morning for the Christmas season. In the afternoon Santa Claus will visit the children and present them with small gifts.

Branch 1340, L. C. B. A., will hold a special and interesting meeting Friday evening.

Christmas Day will be celebrated with solemn high mass starting at midnight, the other masses will be at 7:30, 9:15 and solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock. The choir have arranged special singing for the occasion.

**Holy Family.**

Sunday evening the Third Order of St. Francis held a meeting.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember days. School will close on Friday of this week for the holidays.

The L. C. B. A., held their nomination of officers at which all the former officers were re-elected for the coming year.

The funeral of Conrad Kranz was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Midnight mass will be held on Sunday evening at 12 o'clock.

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**Catholic News Notes**

Bishop Duffy, of Kearney, Neb., has placed a number of missions in Nebraska under the charge of the Minor Conventuals of the Franciscan Order.

The Bishop of Erie personally assumed the cost of remodeling and augmenting his Cathedral organ, amounting to \$6,000.

A new hospital is in course of erection at Pocatello, Idaho. Sisters are in charge of it.

Rev. Joseph M. Meri, the blind Jesuit at Santa Clara University, Cal., is nearly 90 years old. He installed the first electric lights on the streets of San Francisco in 1876.

The Franciscan Sisters have celebrated the golden jubilee of their head-house at Joliet, Ill.

The Bishop of Covington, Ky., Mgr. Brossart, announces that he has formed for his diocese a "Diocesan Board of Charities."

Last year, the Chicago Protectorate of the Catholic Woman's Club found employment for 925 girls.

A radio station is being installed at St. John's Preparatory College of the Xaverian Brothers, Danvers, Mass. The steel towers for receiving wireless messages will be 90 feet high.

**AUTOS MAY ENTER CEMETERY**

Bishop Hickey Announces Change in Holy Sepulchre Rule.

Automobiles, of the limousine type, will, after January 2, 1917, be allowed in Holy Sepulcher cemetery when accompanying funerals. This announcement was made by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, president of the board of trustees.

For some time an agitation for the use of automobiles in the cemetery has been under way, but because of the roadways in the old cemetery, the use of automobiles was not considered. The newly opened parts of the cemetery have been laid out with specially constructed roadways which will permit the use of automobiles.

The reason for limiting the use of automobiles to the limousine type is that it lends dignity to the funeral and affords protection to the mourners, many of whom are in a weakened condition because of the strain of the funeral services.

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