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**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Christmas is already being celebrated in St. John's parish as the Altar Society held its annual Christmas party last Monday evening. All the members enjoyed themselves and had a good time.

The Girl Scouts had their party for smaller children on Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Sunday school children will have a party on Sunday afternoon when Santa Claus comes to give presents to all. There will be movies, ice cream and games.

Monday evening will be the Christmas party for the Sodality of Our Lady. This annual affair always draws a large crowd and promises a good time for all.

**Notices**

Parish calendars will be distributed after the Masses on Sunday. They contain a beautiful picture of the Holy Family. The calendars are the personal gift of Fathers Stearns and Heisel.

Confessions will be heard as usual on Saturdays and until 6 o'clock on the day before Christmas. They will accommodate people who have to work late on other confession nights.

Plans are now being made to

erect the outdoor Christmas Crib which drew so much praise and attention last year. A picture of the crib will appear soon in the CATHOLIC COURIER with a descriptive story.

**Mother of 2 Priests, Five Nuns, Dies at 82**

ST. JOSAPHAT Que. Mrs. Joseph Arthur Deschenes, whose death occurred here at the age of 82, is survived by two sons who are priests and five daughters who are nuns. A third son and sixth daughter also mourn her loss. The sons are the Rev. J. B. Deschenes and the Rev. J. A. Deschenes, diocesan chaplain of the Catholic Young Workers in the diocese of St. Johns Que.

**Catholic Lord Mayors In Ten English Towns**

LONDON (NC) Hull has a Catholic Lord Mayor (Alderman John Guy Hewett) and ten English towns have Catholic mayors, so far as is known here. They have been elected to direct civic affairs during the next twelve months. Alderman Hewett's son, Dom Aelred Hewett OSB, celebrated Mass today when his father accompanied by his fellow councillors and council officials attended St. Charles Church in state. The mayor of Leigh, Lancashire Councillor Gibson is another mayor who has a son a priest. The Rev. Vincent Gibson is a missionary in British East Africa.

**ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

In keeping with the observance of Christmas a Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, assisted by the Rev. Francis H. Vogt and the Rev. James Nelson of Our Lady of the Angels Seminary Niagara Falls. Masses will be said on Christmas at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 A. M. As usual a Midnight Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.

**Party Held**

A Christmas party for the school children was held Thursday in the school hall. Candy was given out and games were played under the direction of Allie P. Quatrano, physical instructor. The party for the children of public schools who are taking in-

struction will be held on Monday.

**Thanks**

The purple cope used last Sunday for the first time was donated by Mrs. Antoinette DeSocio in memory of her husband Michael. Father Hanna wishes to extend his sincere gratitude for this generous gift.

**Election Held**

The Daughters of Mary held a very successful Christmas party on Dec. 11. Feature of the evening was the exchange of presents and the toastmastering of Tiny Le-mark. Officers for the coming year are: Jeanette Bernabei, president; Angeline Rossi, vice-president; Caroline Cardone, secretary; Angie Della Rocco, treasurer and Ann Cantella, scribe.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT CHILDREN WILL ENJOY MAKING**

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 101st Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

**Spectacle Cleaners.** When I was little I made Spectacle Cleaners of chamols skin. Two pieces of the chamols were cut the same size and shape, and then two holes were pierced not far from the edges, and they were tied together with narrow ribbon. This was long ago, and today such gifts are wholly new. Most of us who wear glasses would be glad to have such a tiny convenience to carry in our pocket-books. Why not renew this very old idea and make it effective now?  
**Pomanders.** Far back in Shakespeare's day they used to make Pomanders. These were oranges stuck full of whole cloves. Today they are sold in gift shops at a high price. To make one, all that is needed is a thick-skinned orange and two boxes of cloves. The children will enjoy sticking the cloves into the rind. Every particle of skin must be covered. Then red or green ribbon should be tied around the ball with a loop so that it may be hung in a closet and spread its spicy odor. A few years ago an elderly friend showed me one she had kept for seventy years. It had grown much smaller, but she still kept it in her little old trunk for its spicy fragrance. Hung in a closet a Pomander sends forth its delightful odor whenever the door is opened.  
**Flower Holders.** Let the boys and girls pour melted paraffin into odd-shaped jelly molds. While it is in the process of hardening holes should be made by poking pencils or pegs into the paraffin. These molded eddies will make nice little Flower Holders to be used in bowls and dishes. They are simple to make and everybody who receives one will be glad.  
**Birch Logs.** Is there any cut birch wood where you live? Or do you know where a birch tree has fallen and is decaying? In either case cut a small-sized trunk into eight or nine-inch pieces. Drill three holes in each piece, making the middle one larger than the others two for branches of red berries and one to be filled with evergreens. The older children in the family will delight in getting them ready and the little ones will have fun arranging the evergreens. In the larger hole which is for the evergreens, it is well to put moss for the twigs to stand in. These Birch Logs are very lovely, and they make decorative Christmas-table centerpieces. The children, too, are happy to have this share in the arrangements.  
**Evergreen Cone Possibilities.** Evergreen cones offer many oppor-

tunities when making Christmas gifts. The children should be shown how to wire them together—perhaps six or seven to look like a hanging bouquet or festoon. Tie them with a narrow strip of table oilcloth, making an attractive bow. These, when they are hung outside the window, may serve as barometers, and while not absolutely accurate they are interesting. When the weather is moist or rainy, the cones have a tendency to close more tightly. Dry weather has the opposite effect—the cones open wider.  
Festoons may also be made for the inside of the house, the only difference being that a handsome ribbon should be used instead of the oilcloth. Hung inside, in the windows, they may take the place of wreaths.  
Mothers and children will have good fun making little cone birds for tiny dish gardens, or for place cards for the Christmas dinner. The small hemlock cones should be used for this purpose. The necks and feet of the birds may be made of dry twigs and the heads of raisins.

**U. S. DELEGATES RETURN FROM CHILEAN CONGRESS**

WASHINGTON—The three delegates to the recent Chilean National Eucharistic Congress from the National Council of Catholic Women of the United States have returned to this country after a brief tour of Chile, Peru and Colombia. Mrs. J. W. McCollum, of Gainesville, Fla., President of the N. C. C. W., Miss Margaret T. Lynch, Executive Secretary, and Miss Katharine McKiever, of the N. C. W. C. News Service, comprised the delegation.  
During the Congress Mrs. J. W. McCollum, addressed the *Asociacion de Mujeres de la Accion Catolica Chilena*. Following the Congress the three representatives of the N. C. C. W. visited many of the Catholic Associations of Women on the western coast of South America studying the work that the Catholic women of these countries are doing in the fields of education and social service.

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