

## ST. CECELIA'S PARISH

### TALKS ON MISSIONS

Rev. Thomas Powers, S. S. C. from Silver Creek spoke at all the Masses last Sunday in behalf of the missions. In the afternoon he showed pictures of the great work being done in the missions and talked at length on Father Damien and his untiring efforts among the lepers of Molokai.

The Altar Society is making every effort to have their picnic supper include all members of the Society, both old and new. The committee is headed by Mrs. J. Judson O'Brien and is preparing to make this the finest of any gathering held by the society.

The committee has been formed for the first annual banquet of the graduates of St. Cecilia's parish. It will be held after Easter. All graduates are being invited and the occasion will be an opportunity of reunion for many.

Premise of marriage has been announced between Sophia Churchman and Albert Cassella; between James F. Clancy and Anna M. Derkach.

Large numbers have been in attendance at the ever popular parish parties held each week on Tuesday evening at 8:15. This interest insures their continued success and at the same time helps the parish.

With many boys of the parish enlisting in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, a large increase in the number attending the popular Novena devotions on Sunday at 8 o'clock has been noted. Special prayers are said for God's blessing and protection for the servicemen and for all called to the defense of their country.

The services are concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

### NOVEL INNOVATION

Warning lights have been placed on the confessionals at St. Patrick's. In the past it has been difficult to determine whether a penitent is in the box or not; whether the priest is there at all times. The box where the penitent kneels has been very dark.

### St. Casimir's Parish WOMEN'S GROUP ELECTS

Members of the Sacred Heart Society held election of officers last week and the following were chosen: President, Mrs. Thecla Witukiewicz; Treasurer, Mrs. Thecla Bulash; Secretary, Elizabeth Leszczynski. This group is very active in parish affairs and has already begun its ambitious program for this year.

### Aid Red Cross

An excellent display of patriotism was manifested last Wednesday when a large group of women turned out to work in behalf of the Red Cross. They brought along sewing machines and went right to work. Father Szcapanaki has complimented them on their fine showing and splendid cooperation in this worthy cause.

### Social On Tuesday

The regular parish social will be held on Tuesday evening. Parishioners and friends in the vicinity are cordially invited to participate in these socials.

### COLLEGE HOLDS LECTURES FOR YOUNG PARENTS

ST. LOUIS.—A child's early play experiences are considered most fundamental for future health and development, Sister Alfred Noble, Director of the Department of Psychology at Fontbonne College, said in a lecture at the college this evening. The talk was one in a series which the College is sponsoring for young parents and newly-married couples.

"The way a child plays reveals much about the child: his likes and dislikes, his annoyances and worries, his interests and abilities, his personal and social adjustment," Sister Alfred said. "It is no wonder then that psychologists regard play as an important type of activity; so important, in fact, that the early play experiences of the child are considered the most fundamental for future mental health and normal development."

### Calls Charity, Humility Best Wartime Bulwarks

QUEBEC.—Charity and humility, practiced in the Christian sense, are the best bulwarks in time of war, and particularly during the upheavals that follow. His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec, said at the traditional New Year's Day reception of officers and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Teach the children thrift with U. S. Savings Stamps.

For the convenience of the penitents Father Brien has devised a system to eliminate any misunderstandings. When the penitent enters the confessional, the kneeler is lighted; when he kneels down the light is extinguished and a red light shows outside—a warning that some one is going to confession. When no one is in the confessional a green light shows outside. When no light is lighted—no priest is in the confessional.

This innovation has caused much favorable comment. St. Patrick's is always on the alert to cater to the convenience of all who attend there.

### Air Raid Alarm

The Chimes of St. Patrick's have become an institution in Elmira. The mellow notes sound out the quarter hours and hours daily. Members of the community have come to set their watches by the accurate time from the tower of St. Patrick's.

At 7 A. M., 12 M., 6 P. M. and 9 P. M. the beautiful hymn—"Oh Mary Conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to Thee"—rings out to call the people to prayer.

Before and after the funeral masses the deep tones of the Chimes toll out the message of death—that all men must die.

At other times the chimes ring out in harmonious melody the beautiful hymns of the church. They have also enhanced Legal Holidays by playing patriotic airs and the National Anthem.

In these perilous times, all must be on the alert for attacks of the enemy. Father Brien has offered the facilities of the Chimes System to the Civilian Defense. Siren warnings will be broadcast from the tower of the church in times of Air Raid Alarms and blackouts. Tests have shown that the chimes system will be an ample warning for a good part of the community.

### Annual Banquet

Every year Father O'Brien is host at a banquet to his aides in the administration of the parish.

The priests of the parish, the trustees, the auditors, the adult choir, the ushers, the scout workers, the janitors, and household workers and press representatives are invited by Father O'Brien to be his guests at an informal banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Elmira Country Club on Wednesday, February 4, 1942, at 7 p. m.

A letter has been sent to all parishioners inviting more active participation in the Altar Society. This organization supplies flowers, linens and vestments for the altar. A new plan has been devised whereby all members of the parish may become members of the Altar Society. Included in the regular box of Church envelopes is one dated February 1 for "Candlemas and Sanctuary Collection." All who can afford it are asked to contribute one dollar to this collection. Those who do will automatically become members of the Altar Society.

This contribution will include an offering for the blessed candles needed in each home. Two High Masses will be said each year for the members of the Altar Society who have departed during the year.

This collection will be taken up on Sunday Feb. 1.

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Sundays: 6, 7:30, 9, 10 and 11.  
Holidays: 5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9, 12:15.  
Weekdays: 7, 7:30, 8.  
Baptisms: Sunday—1 P. M.  
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