



Mary Ann Geary, Elizabeth Bader, Jackie Lucier, and Carol Bucher stuff Christmas stockings with candy for children in the Williamson area.

## Helping Others at Christmas

The Mission Unit at St. Agnes High School is trying something new this year in the way of being of service to others at

Christmas time. Under the direction of Sister Mary Lynch, moderator, and Elizabeth Bader, president, the girls are involved

in a variety of projects instead of concentrating on a single activity.

One of these began in the Fall. Toys and aprons were collected for the Sisters of St. Joseph's mission in Selma, Ala., and St. Bridget's school here in Rochester. This year 10 boxes of goods were sent out.

Warm clothing will protect several men and women in the Rochester area this winter because of the success of the unit's drive for used clothing. A mission post office will collect some money to help missionaries in foreign countries.

Migrant children in Williamson will receive felt stockings stuffed with candy this year through another of the girls' projects.

## Christmas Gifts At Mercy High

By ANN KALASKA

"The only true gift is a portion of thyself." (Emerson)

Working on this assumption, Mercy students have directed their efforts during this season towards sharing the spirit of Christmas with those who might otherwise have a bleak holiday.

A puppet show, crafts, games, and cartoons were offered to 110 children when they attended the annual Mount Carmel Christmas Party at Mercy last Sunday. The children were greeted by Santa and received presents and the friendship of Mercy students.

The main Christmas project is sponsored by the Christian Action Movement, headed by senior Mary Ann Donovan. Each homeroom is providing two families with Christmas dinner and presents. Representatives of the homerooms visited the families and became acquainted with their members and individual needs.

After all the food and gifts were collected, they were offered to God at the Golden Mass, Dec. 21. The liturgy for this Mass was planned by the students. The theme centered around the meaning of the true and perfect gift as defined by Emerson.

Today, Dec. 22, the baskets will be packed by Mercy students and taken to 556 families throughout the area, in the hope that through these gifts some people will experience a more joyful Christmas.

### NEWS DEADLINE

A reminder that Courier-Journal news deadline is noon Thursday for the following Wednesday's newspaper.

Wednesday, December 22, 1971

## Mass Scheduled in Gates To Combat Abortion Evil

A Mass of Reparation for the evils of abortion will be offered in Gates at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will concelebrate in St. Jude's Church, 4100 Lyle Road, with the pastors of five churches in the area. He will bless expectant mothers and young children, giving the latter medals blessed by Pope Paul VI.

The Mass is sponsored by the Gates-Ogden Right-to-Life Committee, which also has rented a billboard on Buffalo Road to wage an advertising campaign against permissive abortion laws. The Nativity scene featured since Dec. 1 will be followed by other anti-abortion posters during the state legislative session that begins in January.

Father John Steger, pastor of

St. Jude's, said the Gates-Ogden committee "hopes to spark the public conscience to an awareness of the horrible crime of abortion, and hopes that people will pray for the repeal of New York's law," which he said had taken the lives of nearly a quarter of a million unborn since it took effect in July 1970.

Besides Father Steger, concelebrants of the Holy Innocents Mass will be Fathers Gerald E. Dunn of St. Theodore's, Donald J. Murphy of St. Pius X, Edward E. Steinkirchner of Holy Ghost and Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn of St. Helen's.

### Got Some News?

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FR. PAUL J. CUDDY

## On The Right Side

The stable of Bethlehem has no tree, no decorations, no blinking lights to prettify, nor pretty boxes with toys and socks.

The Baby's bed is not bedecked with a baby boy's blue blanket. It has no varnish. It smells of dry grass and other feed for sheep and donkeys.

The Baby's food is from His Mother's breast. As Christ sleeps, Our Lady and St. Joseph munch a simple Christmas fare of bread and goat's cheese, a bit of fish and sup of wine.

And yet this cave so dark and stark God's tranquil spirit pervades. For Infinite Love is Incarnated in a tiny Baby.

## Fr. Tierney Drowns Off Chile

Father Joseph O. Tierney, CSC died suddenly Dec. 19, 1971 by drowning off the shore of Santiago, Chile, where he had been serving as a Holy Cross missionary priest these past three years.

Father Tierney had previously served as a missionary for 18 years in East Pakistan.

A Rochester native, father Tierney, 48, was a graduate of Notre Dame University and of Aquinas Institute where he played football in the early forties.

Survivors include his mother Mrs. Thelma Tierney of Bayside N.J.; two sisters, Mrs. Gerald Cruise of Bellmore, N.Y., and Sister Mary Agnes SSJ. of Rochester; two brothers, James of Bayside, N.Y., and Thomas of Rochester; also several nieces and nephews.

Those wishing to do so may have Masses offered for Father Tierney.

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And God's Spirit joins together Jesus in one great love — not with stuff that perishes, stuff that TV ads seduce us to believe brings happiness; but the gift that perseveres — the gift of the heart. This is God's love, never to corrode or rot or dissipate.

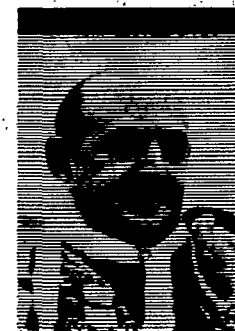
In Christian homes throughout our country the memory of that stark night is recalled — alas, celebrated strangely by pretty cribs so clean and colorful, so odorless; celebrated by stuff piled high as if love were measured in things material.

In dull incomprehension these seem to say: "Expensive toys and costly liquors, sparkling trinkets, exotic smells, laden tables and every flesh-satisfying comfort: these are the Gospel of Bethlehem."

But the Gospel of the Cave is otherwise. It is a divine protest against utter poverty and unconcern in the scandal that a Child, however loved, should be so born in starkness. It is a lesson that even in poverty happiness abides where there is love and self-giving.

And by inversion there is a lesson this affluent nation has yet to learn: that material stuff corrodes and rots and dissipates but the things of the spirit, love and truth and beauty flow eternally from the Incarnate Christ "from Whom and through Whom and in Whom all good things come".

And our greatest Gift, the Word made flesh Still dwells amongst us. That Word continues enfleshed in men who love and serve in the spirit of God's love and service.



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