

Keeping Tabs on Diocesan Events

The St. Stanislaus parish census will be taken this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, between 2:30 and 4. Workers and parish council members will assemble for instructions at 1:30 in the old school hall.

The Aquinas Band will give its Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, as a salute to the alumni. A gift awaits the oldest alumnus to attend. Refreshments will be served. Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaVigne are chairmen.

The Young-at-Heart Group at Our Lady of Lourdes will welcome senior citizens from neighboring parishes at a morning meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19, that starts at 10:30. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30.

The Southwest Golden Age group will give a Christmas party at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the Panel Room at 34 Monica St. Non-members will be welcome.

The Women's Guild of St. John's, Humboldt Street, will have Christmas dinner in the parish center at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18.

The school board of Holy Apostles parish meets at 8 tonight, Dec. 13, in the school hall.

Members of Seton Group 34 and their husbands will have their Christmas party at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Gertner, 2133 East Ave.

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is presented in a film to be shown at Holy Rosary Thursday night, Dec. 14, after the 7:30 Holy Hour. The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima is the sponsor.

The children of St. Joseph's, Penfield, will give a Christmas scripture presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, under the auspices of the Home-School Association. Refreshments will follow.

A New Years Eve party for parents of alumni and students at McQuaid Jesuit High School will begin at 10 p.m. Dec. 31 in the school auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Fleisch are chairmen, for the Parents' Club. Reservations are being taken at 442-2415 and 244-6574.

The Women's Club of St. Philip Neri will have a Christmas party at 7 tonight, Dec. 13, in the school hall. The school children

will entertain after dinner. Santa Meloni and Jo De Frank are chairmen.

Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Catholic Daughters of America, will have a Christmas party in the St. Philip Neri school hall at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. Instead of exchanging gifts, members have contributed money to buy presents for residents of an Elmira nursing home.

Court FitzSimons, CDA, will have a Christmas meeting Monday night, Dec. 18, in the Lima Town Hall, beginning with a tureen supper. On Dec. 19, members will pack Christmas baskets at the home of Mrs. Lillian Tubbs, Rochester Street. Anyone wishing to give to this project or to add to the list of recipients may call 582-1607 or 582-1695.

The Rosary Society of St. John's, Greece, will hold its Christmas tureen supper tonight, Dec. 13, following the celebration of the Eucharist at 6:30 in the parish hall. Gifts to be distributed in Wayne County will be brought by members and carried to the altar during Mass. Magician Bill Parker will entertain, and Sister Anna Louise will lead carol singing after supper.

The 600 Rosarians of St. Thomas the Apostle parish are getting telephone invitations this week to "an old-fashioned Christmas party" set for 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped, "labelled gift

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Rice Hurts Ecology?

By DICK BAUMBACH

Corning — If you want to throw rice at your wedding when it is held at St. Mary's Church here you better be ready to pay a price for the custom.

In a unique move, Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's, has served notice that riceless weddings, along with confettiless weddings will now be the formal way the Sacrament of Marriage will be performed in the parish.

Father Brennan in his notice recalled remarks he had made several years ago about the custom. At that time the pastor said he would study the possibility of instituting a fee to be paid by all soon-to-be-married couples for preventing the tossing of rice and confetti.

Couples who asked their guests not to throw the stuff would be refunded the fee, those who had guests who did not abide by the parish rule would lose the fee and it would be used to pay for a cleaning man.

Now Father Brennan says the original notice served to succeed in partially halting the littering, but the situation has again cropped up.

"Now that everyone is aware of ecology, it should not be hard to put an end to the senseless practice of littering the church and its immediate environs.

"This notice is intended to prepare our brides and grooms for the institution of a fee if the violations of the no-litter request continue," the Pastor concluded.

New Board Set In West Elmira

West Elmira — The religious education steering committee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church here is in the final stages of creating a Religious Education Board for the parish.

The scope of the board's activities is to be responsible for all phases of religious education within the parish.

A need currently exists for persons to join the board who have interest in all levels and aspects of religious education activities.

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