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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,

We are all looking forward to the observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, December the eighth, and we rejoice in that this blessed Feast is also the Patronal Festival of our beloved parish.

The parish is the important spiritual unit in the religious life of the Church and in the spiritual life of any member of Holy Church. It is the *spiritual home*.

Thank God that we of St Mary's have for our spiritual home a parish carrying on her devotions and works under the patronage of Our Lady and therefore constantly aided by her prayers which, of all the prayers ascending before the throne of God, must be the most completely offered "through Jesus Christ", for surely the Mother of God prays best.

And so at our Patronal Festival which begins on December the eighth and lasts the Octave through December the fifteenth we assemble as a parish family to venerate Our Lady and ask the continuance of her prayers and thank God for the many answers to her prayers whereby, during the years since the founding of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, God has showered upon our happy parish untold blessings.

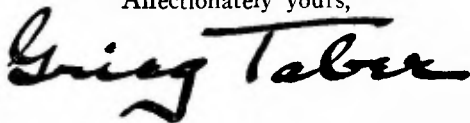
On the Patronal Feast itself, December the eighth, I call upon each communicant of the parish to receive the Blessed Sacrament at one of the five Low Masses. We shall gather together as a grateful parish unit at the High Mass on the Sunday in the Octave, December the twelfth, when the Right Reverend James P. DeWolfe, Bishop of Long Island, will preside and preach. As you all know, Bishop DeWolfe is a champion of the Catholic Faith

who boldly and lovingly proclaims "the truth as it is in Christ Jesus" whenever he speaks.

Because we are human we look forward also to the annual Parish Dinner which will be held at Schrafft's, Fifth Avenue at Forty-sixth Street, on Monday evening, December the thirteenth. Members of St Mary's will receive dinner invitations in due time and only those for whom reservations will have been made can be accommodated. The principal speaker at the dinner will be Father Alan G. Whittenmore, O.H.C., who is no stranger to the St Mary's family and who radiates the joy of Catholic living.

Pray that we may observe our Patronal Festival in humility because of God's great goodness to us despite our unworthiness and in gratitude for the patronage of Our Lady and for the good examples both through devotions and works of our beloved parishioners who have gone on before us in the life that knows no ending.

Affectionately yours,



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CHRISTMAS

A FAITHFUL Catholic makes his confession before and receives his communion at the Christmas Feast.

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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER

December 22: 12-1
December 23: 2-3, 8-9
December 24: 12-1, 2-3, 7-8

FATHER JACOBY

December 22: 4-5
December 23: 4-5, 7-8
December 24: 4-5, 8-10

FATHER KREUTLER

December 22: 7-8
December 23: 12-1, 3-4
December 24: 3-4, 10-11:45

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

Church School Festival..... 4 p.m.
Evening Prayer 6 p.m.
Midnight Mass and Holy Communion.....Midnight

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

Low Masses7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.
High Mass with sermon..... 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

The Church School Christmas Festival, Friday afternoon at four, takes the form of Carols, Procession to the Crèche and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Christmas party in St Joseph's Hall.

Cards of admission to the Midnight Mass are mailed to each communicant of St Mary's and will also be given on application at the Church Office to others who would worship the New-born King at the Christmas altar.

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ACCIDENT OR DESIGN

ARE you living the daily Catholic life quite by accident or is it lived according to a prayerfully planned design? Do you resemble a "bull in a china closet" in your spiritual life or do you find there a few broken fragments to be pieced together through your frenzied blundering? Is your motto for Christian living "bigger, better and busier", with no design for such an excess of activity, or are you advancing in the life of grace according to the expressed directions of the Giver of all grace. Is your following of Christ ineffectual, getting you nowhere, or are you entering into closer union with Him day by day? Are you able to report progress in your Christian pilgrimage or do you find yourself at a standstill? In short, are you living by accident or by design?

Too many Catholic Christians live by accident! They spend most of their time waiting for something startling or heroic to happen. They put off day by day that which must be done *today* in the name of the Lord. They miss the joy of a "life hid with Christ in God", yet they need not deprive themselves of this joy

that God intends them to have. What they need so desperately is a plan — a design for living for God's glory.

There is no better time to inaugurate such a plan, or revise any previous plan, as the beginning of a new Christian year. This God-given beginning this year is Sunday, November the twenty-eighth, the First Sunday in Advent. If every member of the Anglican Communion would start the new year with a new design for Christian living, there would be power in our beloved Communion to change the lives of its members and through them the life of the world. Radio programs, audio-visual education schemes, perfunctory attendance at worship, or self-advertising efforts in charitable works cannot effect this change for which the world yearns.

You see each one of us has a will and this will is free. Freely we may go to heaven and freely we may go to hell. Our journey will be to the latter unless we draw up a plan for action which will guide our lives that we may remain heavenward-bound. The King of Heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us three great principles upon which our Christian action shall be based. These principles are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our design for living must therefore be grounded on these principles.

What is your plan for prayer? If you agree that we are "members one of another" you will not be a solitary in your prayer life. You will be in your place in the congregation at Holy Mass every Sunday at least, and you will find yourself there on many a weekday as well. You will take your place in the line of those waiting to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Holy Penance as He grants pardon through the merits of the Passion of Jesus Christ and you will do so at regular intervals, say once each month. You will take your place in the line of those waiting with awe and gratitude at the altar to receive the Bread of Life in the Blessed Sacrament and you will do so very often as you recall that you frequently pray "Give us this day our *daily* bread". You will say your prayers each morning and evening, lifting up your soul to God and remembering that He does not need your prayers but you need them if you would keep from being earth-bound. You will plan for the calm of mental prayer or meditation that the lifting up of your soul to God may not always be tied to the patter

of words. You will visit at stated intervals Jesus in the Tabernacle on some altar that by your visit you may enter into a closer friendship with Him. You will ask for the prayers of God's saints, His holy ones, who pray more nearly in His name than can or do you. You will have some order in your Bible and other spiritual reading, giving to the literature of the world only such time as it deserves. You will read for your soul's health and not merely for your mind's growth, realizing full well that the mind of man though it reaches the heights of wisdom will attain to wisdom which forever will remain "foolishness with God".

What is your plan for fasting? If you recognize that fasting is the outward expression of sorrow for sins and in part a penalty for them, you will fast because it is the only honest thing to do under the circumstances. You will readily keep the fast before Holy Communion, beginning with midnight of the night before and extending until after receiving the Blessed Sacrament. You will observe Fridays, Ember Days, the Forty Days of Lent and the Wednesdays of Lent in common with your fellow Catholics, and you will do so not merely for self-control which so often leads to pride of self. You will discipline your body in whatever way it needs discipline that it may be the servant and not the master of your soul. You will plan a limit on your drinking and eating and sleeping. If you are a typical citizen of the "city which never sleeps" you will plan for sufficient sleep that you may consciously fulfill your religious and secular duties and privileges and not be in a perpetual state closely resembling semi-coma.

What is your plan for almsgiving? If you really believe that you can never reach heaven save as you have heeded our blessed Lord's appeal "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me" you will busy yourself in serving others and thereby serving Jesus. Of course, you will regularly share with them your income by supporting church and charity and your own family. However, you will not hide behind a check or bill or coin but you will minister kindly to the needs of others. You will plan to visit the sick, bringing them loving kindness and you will not be content with following the command "Say it with flowers", obedience to which pleases the florist only. You will tell others of the joys of your religion and

bring them with you to worship and instruction. You will have some plan about letter writing and not satisfy your conscience by a brief note on a Christmas card. You will befriend the lonely and those whom no one understands and who do not understand themselves. You will visit your friends and not toss them off with a hasty telephone conversation.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving! What wonderful foundations for our Rule of Life. May everyone who reads this article make a Rule in writing for the new Christian year that his spiritual life may be lived not by accident but by design and that he may taste the joy, yes the fun, of being a dear follower of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



NOMADIC NOTIONS

IN RE PLEDGES

MOST parishes derive some part of their support from pledges made by parishioners and friends. The Duplex Envelope system is the most widely used, but all the systems are worked in much the same way. Shortly before the beginning of the church or fiscal year a pledge card is sent to each name on the parish list, asking what amount the recipient expects to give the parish during the coming year and how he prefers to pay it, weekly, monthly or at some other interval.

Each year St Mary's sends out such cards, and each year about three hundred of them are returned. For a long time it has been clear that this number represents about three-fifths of those who worship for considerable portions of the year and with a reasonable degree of regularity at St Mary's. Why do the other two hundred not avail themselves of the honor of helping to support the Church they attend?

As far as a quiet investigation reveals, they appear to be deterred by a number of misunderstandings; it is in the hope of clearing up some of them that these wandering notes are written.

To begin with, the pledge card is not a promissory note. It cannot be enforced, and there is no way in which the pledger can be obliged to pay the amount named on the card, even if the parish were a money-lender instead of a House of God.

Secondly, the pledge is not irrevocable, in whole or in part. If a pledge-card is returned, indicating that the pledger expects to give a certain amount at certain times, and during the year he finds he has to curtail or abandon the gifts, he is at perfect liberty to do so. (It will lessen the headaches of the parochial recording demon if he is advised of the change, but there is no real need of doing so, unless the donor wishes to be kind.)

Another reason that seems to deter pledgers is that they may not be able to attend a service every Sunday, and so will get behind with their envelopes. This reason is a little difficult to understand; but it may be said by way of answer to it, that not ten out of three hundred envelopes appear in the collection every week, and that the envelopes or their contents may be left at the church at any time during the week or may be sent in once a month, twice a year or at any other convenient intervals. If the envelopes are left at the Church rather than handed in at the time of a collection, it is respectfully suggested they be placed in one of the shrine boxes or handed to a responsible person. The geographical location of St Mary's compels considerations of caution.

Another reason for not pledging is that the person will only be in town part of the year and feels he must support the little church in the country where he goes in the summer. Surely, he should do that, if he worships there, but if his reasoning is sound it would also seem to preclude a winter overcoat, since he can use it only part of the year.

Again, it is said that there is no use making a pledge, as the amount is so small. With the amount of the pledge no one has any concern except the pledger and God; but the Recording Demon finds it very difficult to follow the logic of this explanation. Why is it more suitable to put a small amount loose in the collection rather than in a pledge envelope? May it be mentioned parenthetically and in passing that the R.D. opens about twelve thousand envelopes each year, which are tabulated by number, and that he has neither the opportunity nor the inclination to dwell on who gives what and why.

Some few people seem to have a deep dislike in making any pledge payable at a future date, and these may be said to be the

conscientious objectors of pledging. It is to be hoped that they all own their own homes and do not have to sign leases.

A consideration of these reasons, and of others which there is not space to mention, leads to the conclusion that the misunderstanding is a fundamental one and concerns the nature of a pledge. A pledge is not an enforceable promise to pay so much money at certain times. In fact, one of its principal significances has nothing to do with money at all. A pledge is a notice that the pledger considers himself part of the parish, and that he expects, within the limits of his ability to discharge the duties, as he expects to receive the benefits of that association. The duties include more than giving money, and the benefits include much more than being allotted a sitting.

A good question would seem to be: "Since the Parish welcomes me, should I not be willing to acknowledge my connection with it?" Think it over in the spirit of fair play. The amount you pledge is less important than the fact that you are willing to announce where you stand.

N. F. R.

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PARISH NOTES

THE Advent Retreat for Women will be held on Saturday, December the eleventh. The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at the High Altar at eight with Meditations at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:30, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at three. The conductor of the Retreat will be Bishop DeWolfe of Long Island. Those women who accept the privilege of the Retreat will kindly notify the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, 133 West 46th Street, New York 19 (PLaza 7-6464) before December the ninth, that breakfast and luncheon may be planned for.

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THE Annual Sale and Supper sponsored by the Guild of St Mary of the Cross will be held in St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday, December the eighth from three in the afternoon until nine in the evening. There will be tables with cakes, groceries and useful articles on sale. Afternoon Tea will be served and Supper will be served from six o'clock on. The Guild is working for funds

wherewith to present for the sanctuary of the High Altar a beautiful and suitable carved oak Credence Table. We are confident that the members of the congregation will count it a privilege to support this sale and supper.

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THE monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held Friday morning, December the tenth at 10:45 in St Joseph's Hall, preceded by a Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass in the Lady Chapel. At this meeting there will be a Christmas Toy and Miscellaneous Shower for the Indian children of St Christopher's Mission to the Navajos, Bluff, Utah. The Mission Table will have ideal Christmas cards and gifts for sale.

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THE Advent United Thank Offering will be presented at the Cathedral of St John the Divine at the ten-thirty Mass on Tuesday, December the seventh. Contributions should be sent to the Parish Custodian, Mrs James R. English, 4 East 95th Street, New York 28, before December the fifth or given to her that day in the vestibule of the church after High Mass. All the women of the parish are invited to attend the service at the Cathedral, following which there will be a box luncheon in the Undercroft. The Missionary Meeting will follow in the Synod Hall at one o'clock.

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THE Autumn meeting of the Guild of Help will be held at the Apartment of Mrs William C. Dickey, 123 East 53rd Street, Friday afternoon, December the third at four. At this meeting Father Taber, the Chaplain, will give a word of greeting and there will be a talk on the work of the Youth Consultation Service. Afternoon Tea will be served. All women of St Mary's are cordially invited to attend.

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THE 1949 Ordo Kalendar may now be obtained for fifty cents either at the Tract Table or at the Church Office. This new Kalendar carries an excellent picture of the interior of St Mary's.

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THE Diocesan Mission is being conducted at the Cathedral of St John the Divine each evening, except Saturday, at eight

beginning with Advent Sunday, November the twenty-eighth, and running through Sunday, December the fifth. That the members of St Mary's may all attend the Mission we are cancelling any evening services during the period of the Mission.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

October 12 — James Francis Burns, III (Infant)

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MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

October 22 — Robert W. Latham and Kathleen Louise Casey

October 30 — Charles John Oliver and Dorothy Juba

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RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

October 13 — Marcia Taff

October 14 — Robert William Kennedy

October 25 — Vera Blair (Stanley) Chapelle

October 25 — Zoe Euverard

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BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."

October 12 — John K. Barnes

October 30 — George Grant

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THE altar flowers for the month of December are given in memory of the following:

December 8 — The Patronal Festival. Departed Lay Officials.

December 12 — The Third Sunday in Advent. James and Susan Stoker Kennedy.

December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Founder and First Rector.

December 26 — The First Sunday after Christmas. George Coldham.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls and of the souls of all the faithful departed. *Requiescant in pace.*

THE Corporate Communion for the month of December are as follows:

Wednesday, December 1, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, December 5, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.

Friday, December 10, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.

Sunday, December 12, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Monday, December 27, 8:00, The Fellowship of St John.

Sunday, December 26, 9:00, The Church School.

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KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1. W. *Feria*. Requiem Mass, 7.
2. Th. St Bibiana, V.M. Com. *Feria*.
3. F. St Francis Xavier, C. Com. *Feria*, and St Birinus, B.
Abstinence.
4. Sa. St Peter Chrysologus, B.C.D. Com. *Feria*, St Barbara, V.M.,
and St Clement of Alexandria, C.D.
- ✕ 5. Su. II ADVENT. Com. of St Sabas, Abt.
6. M. St Nicholas, B.C. Com. *Feria*.
7. Tu. St Ambrose, B.C.D. Com. *Feria* and Vigil.
8. W. CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com.
Feria.
9. Th. Of the Octave. Com. *Feria*.
10. F. Of the Octave. Com. *Feria*, and St Melchiades, B.M.
Abstinence.
11. Sa. Of the Octave. Com. St Damasus I, B.C., and *Feria*
- ✕ 12. Su. III ADVENT (Gaudete). Com. Octave.
13. M. St Lucy, V.M. Com. Octave, and *Feria*.
14. Tu. Of the Octave. Com. *Feria*.
15. W. EMBER DAY. Com. Octave Day and *Feria*. *Fast and*
Abstinence.
16. Th. St Eusebius, B.M. Com. *Feria*. Requiem Mass, 8.
17. F. EMBER DAY. Com. *Feria*, and Raising of St Lazarus, B.C.
Fast and Abstinence.
18. Sa. EMBER DAY. Com. *Feria*. *Fast and Abstinence.*
- ✕ 19. Su. IV ADVENT.
20. M. Vigil. Com. *Feria*. Requiem Mass for Thomas McKee
Brown, Priest and Founder, 11.
21. Tu. ST THOMAS. AP. Com. *Feria*.
22. W. *Feria*. Requiem Mass, 9:30.
23. Th. *Feria*.
24. F. Vigil of the Nativity. *Fast and Abstinence*. High Mass
(First Mass of the Nativity), 12 Midnight.
25. Sa. NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Com. St
Anastasia in 2nd Mass. High Mass, with sermon, 11.
- ✕ 26. Su. ST STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR. Com. Octave.
27. M. ST JOHN, AP., EV. Com. Octave.
28. Tu. HOLY INNOCENTS, MM. Com. Octave.
29. W. St Thomas of Canterbury, B.M. Com. Octave.
30. Th. Mass of Sunday Within the Octave (resumed). Com. Octave.
31. F. St Sylvester I, B.C. Com. Octave.

Days indicated by ✕ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5— ADVENT II

Mass, Missa Secunda Hassler
Motet, Rorate caeli desuper Palestrina

DECEMBER 12— WITHIN OCTAVE OF CONCEPTION B.V.M.

Mass, Missa Festiva Gretchaninoff
Motet, Beata es, Virgi Maria Gabrieli

Evening

The Litany in Procession Gregorian
Motet, O admirabile commercium Handl
O salutaris Henschel
Motet, O bone Jesu Bai
Tantum ergo (Op. 11, No. 5) Kromolicki

DECEMBER 19— ADVENT IV

Mass, Missa Cantabo Domino Viadana
Motet, Zion hears her Watchmen Buxtehude

Evening

The Litany in Procession Gregorian
Motet, Ego sum panis vivus Byrd
O salutaris Farnaby
Motet, Adoramus te Rosselli
Tantum ergo (I) Bruckner

DECEMBER 25— FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS (Midnight)

Mass, Missa Brevis in D Mozart
Carols

DECEMBER 25— THIRD MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Mass, Messe in E Rehm
Motet, Tui sunt caeli Hilber

DECEMBER 26— ST STEPHEN

Mass, Missa Sanctae Clarae Assisiensis Refice
Motet, Estote fortes in bello Victoria

Evensong

Magnificat Sixteenth Cent.
Nunc dimittis Palestrina
Motet, Hodie nobis caelorum Rex Desderi
O salutaris Rehm
Motet, Adoramus te (II) Petri
Tantum ergo (V) Kodaly

SERVICES

Sundays

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Low Mass	8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar)	9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, with address	8.00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced	11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Mass, Fridays	12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays)	9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays)	6:00 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis' Altar)	8:15 p.m.

*Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals,
as announced on the preceding Sunday.*

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5

Closed on legal holidays.

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

FATHER JACOBY: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

FATHER KREUTLER: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

SICK CALLS.—Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy, in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr White, the Director of Music.

PARISH GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

All persons who come regularly to the Church of St Mary the Virgin are urged to ally themselves with one of the Guilds and thus take their share in the work of the Church and its missionary activities. Any inquiries concerning each particular Guild may be addressed to the Chaplain, who will gladly give information.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL.—Sundays, Sung Mass and Instruction, 9 a.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—Second Fridays, Corporate Communion, 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ST MARY'S GUILD.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., monthly business meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS.—For charities and for missions of the Church. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Jacoby, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF HELP.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST VINCENT.—For Altar Servers. Meetings, fourth Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Kreutler, *Chaplain*.

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