

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- DECEMBER.
- 31, Sunday—St. Sylvester, Pope. JANUARY, 1900.
  - 1, Monday—The Circumcision. New Year's Day.
  - 2, Tuesday—Octave of St. Stephen.
  - 3, Wednesday—Octave of St. John.
  - 4, Thursday—Octave of the Holy Innocents.
  - 5, Friday—Vigil.
  - 6, Saturday—The Epiphany. Holy day of obligation.

BRIEFLETS.

It will be 1900 next Monday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Father Lebel, S. J., went to St. Pierre Jolys for the Christmas services.

Rev. Father Cherrier went to St. Pierre Jolys to-day for the pastor's feast, St. John the Evangelist, to-morrow.

On the 18th, 19th, and 20th of this month a successful bazaar in aid of the new cathedral was held at St. Albert.

Rev. Father Poitras, O. M. I., was in Winnipeg last week and returned to Rat Portage on Friday. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I.

Very Rev. Father Leduc, O. M. I., V. G., having been retired owing to growing infirmities, Rev. Father Lestanc, O. M. I., now takes his place as parish priest at Edmonton.

The Archbishop-elect of Prague, the Most Rev. Count Von Skrbynski, is only thirty years old. He was ordained priest more than ten years ago when he was only nineteen.

A Polish secular priest of the Latin rite, Rev. Father Sweder, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and is the guest of the Oblate Fathers of St. Mary's. He is conversant with all the Slav languages, with German and Italian, and is beginning to learn English. Meanwhile he converses fluently with the clergy in Latin.

Next year, though divisible by 4, is not a leap year, because it is a hundred-year not divisible by 400. This was determined by Pope Gregory XIII., in 1582. It took England 169 years to accept this necessary correction of past errors. It has taken Russia 148 more years to make up her mind to keep step with the Pope.

The Convent of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary at St. Pierre was burned down last Thursday evening just before the Sisters went to bed. The fire caught from a stovepipe between the floors. Much of the movable property, including the piano, was saved. No one was injured. Rev. Father Jolys came in time to save the Blessed Sacrament from the convent chapel. Three of the burnt out Sisters are now at St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg. After the holidays classes will be resumed in another house at St. Pierre.

We cannot yet say in how many places in this neighborhood the New Year Midnight Mass will be said. It may be said wherever the Blessed Sacrament is kept; i. e., in the four churches (the Cathedral, St. Mary's, the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Ghost), St. Mary's Academy, the Sisters of Mercy's Maternity Hospital, St. Boniface College, St. Boniface Convent of the Holy Names, the Grey Nuns' Mother House, the Industrial School, Hospice Taché and St. Boniface Hospital, The

Archbishop's new private chapel is not yet ready for use.

It seemed as if the entire parish of St. Boniface received Holy Communion at the cathedral Midnight Mass.

Rev. Father Blain, S. J., returned yesterday from St. Jean, where he had been assisting Rev. Father Fillion for Christmas.

The Fathers of St. Mary's Winnipeg hope to move to their beautiful new residence next Saturday in time for the New Year.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, who sang the Midnight Mass, preached a beautiful sermon at the day High Mass yesterday.

Rev. Father Sweder sang the Midnight Mass at St. Mary's Winnipeg, Rev. Father Tourangeau, S. J., at the Immaculate Conception.

Rev. Father Coature, S. J., helped Rev. Father Turcotte for the Xmas services at St. Adolphe. The latter was the former's teacher many years ago.

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BEWARE OF STALE DRUGS.

Be careful to understand a physician's directions and to obey them implicitly. If it be supposed that any other person knows better about the case than the physician, dismiss the physician and employ that person in his stead. It is always best to consult the physician as to where medicine shall be purchased and to show the articles to him before using them, as great impositions are practiced in selling old, useless and adulterated drugs. Always put labels on vials of medicine and keep them out of the reach of children.

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The midnight mass in St. Mary's church, attracted as usual, all the worshippers that the edifice would hold; and hundreds more doubtless who were not able would have been glad to secure admission. The tickets could scarcely be had even on Friday. The music was splendidly rendered, the choir being a strong one in numbers, and including some very good voices. Mr. James Perkins as leader, throws his whole soul into his work; and Mr. Eavns, an organist, understands well the part which he supplies. The soprano lead and solo parts were well taken by Miss Perkins; the contralto soloists were Miss A. Flanagan, and Miss Holroyde; Mr. Norman Douglas was heard to advantage in the tenor solos; and Mr. A. Crick in the bass. A short sermon was preached by Rev. Father Drummond, from Luke, 2, 10: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." He dwelt upon the signs of this joy, and its source, showing that it is not in pleasure, but in nearness to Christ; that it is the exuberance of peace; that it is the very life of God. To obtain this joy, men must keep their consciences clean, lead innocent and pure lives, and practice kindness. The communion was partaken of by a great multitude of people.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception was crowded to the doors at the midnight mass when the great feast of Christmas was ushered in at the north end church. There were also good congregations at each of the other services and especially at vespers when a most touching sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Drummond, S. J. The choir rendered choice music and that the congregation entered thoroughly into the spirit of the festival was evinced by the devotional spirit which characterized all the services and by the large number of communicants.—Free Press.

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