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1918 Church Calendar 1919

December	January	February
1 St. Stephen, Protomartyr	1 Circumcision	1 St. Ignace, Bishop
2 St. John the Evangelist	2 Holy Name, Macarius	2 St. Basil, Bishop
3 St. Francis Xavier	3 St. Genevieve, V. Daniel	3 St. Blasius, V. M. Anselm
4 St. Barbara, V. M.	4 St. Titus, V. Benedict	4 St. Gilbert, V. M. Anselm
5 St. Sabbas, Abbot, Cisp.	5 St. Ephraim, V. M. Anselm	5 St. Agatha, V. M. Anselm
6 St. Nicholas, V. M. Anselm	6 Epiphany, Melanion	6 St. Dorothy, V. M. Anselm
7 St. Ambrose, Dr. V. M. Anselm	7 St. Lucian, V. M. Anselm	7 St. Romanus, V. M. Anselm
8 St. Immac. Concept.	8 St. Severin, V. M. Anselm	8 St. Catharine, V. M. Anselm
9 St. Gorgonius, V. M. Anselm	9 St. Marciana, V. M. Anselm	9 St. Anselm, V. M. Anselm
10 St. Melchisedech, Pope	10 St. Agnes, V. M. Anselm	10 St. Scholastica, V. M. Anselm
11 St. Damascius, Pope	11 St. Vigantius, V. M. Anselm	11 St. Eusebius, V. M. Anselm
12 St. Cosmas, Abbot	12 St. Melchisedech, V. M. Anselm	12 St. Gaudencius, V. M. Anselm
13 St. Lucy, V. M. Anselm	13 St. Romanus, V. M. Anselm	13 St. Venigianus, V. M. Anselm
14 St. Agnes, V. M. Anselm	14 St. Hilary, V. M. Anselm	14 St. Valentine, V. M. Anselm
15 St. Michael, V. M. Anselm	15 St. Maurus, V. M. Anselm	15 St. Faustina, V. M. Anselm
16 St. Martin, Abbot	16 St. Marcellus, V. M. Anselm	16 St. Onesimus, V. M. Anselm
17 St. Adelard, V. M. Anselm	17 St. Anthony, V. M. Anselm	17 St. Jutta, V. M. Anselm
18 St. Basil, Bishop	18 St. Walfrid, V. M. Anselm	18 St. Basil, Bishop
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FEASTS OF OBLIGATION	FEASTS OF OBLIGATION
New Year, Wednesday, 1. Jan.	Ember Days, 12, 14, 15, March
Epiphany, Monday, 6. Jan.	11, 13, 14, June
Ascension, Thursday, 29. May	17, 19, 20, Sept.
All Saints, Saturday, 1. Nov.	17, 19, 20, Dec.
Immaculate Conception, Mon. 8. Dec.	Lent, 5. March to 19. April
Christmas, Thursday, 25. Dec.	Vigils, 7. June, 16. August,
	31. Oct., 24. Dec.
OTHER FEASTS	FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH
Septuagesima, Sunday, 16. Feb.	1. Jan. Wednesday 1. July Tuesday
Ash Wednesday, 5. March	1. Feb. Saturday 1. Aug. Friday
Good Friday, 18. April	1. March Saturday 1. Sept. Monday
Easter Sunday, 20. April	1. Apr. Tuesday 1. Oct. Wednesday
Pentecost Sunday, 8. June	1. May Thursday 1. Nov. Saturday
Corpus Christi, Thursday, 19. June	1. June Sunday 1. Dec. Monday
Sacred Heart, Friday, 27. June	
All Souls, Sunday, 2. November	ECLIPSES
First Sunday of Advent, 30. Nov.	of the sun, 28. May, 22. Nov.
	of the moon, 7. Nov.

The School Act Amendment

On Tuesday evening of last week, Premier Martin introduced a bill in the Saskatchewan Legislature, which is principally remarkable for its taking away the possibility of teaching any other language than English in the common schools of the province, with one exception, namely that an hour of French may be taught if the trustees so decide.

In other words, the proposed legislation would reduce the status of the French language to that which the foreign languages have enjoyed until now and would make it impossible to teach any of the foreign languages (German, Russian, Italian, Bohemian, Polish, etc.) in future.

In introducing this legislation, Premier Martin stated that the privilege of teaching foreign languages in the schools, which had been given by the School Act of 1901 was not being taken advantage of to any great extent, as out of the 4,157 schools in the province in 1917 only 139 schools, or less than 3 1/2%, taught any language besides English, and that in 1918 this number had been reduced to 118 or about 2 1/2%. And these figures INCLUDE THE SCHOOLS WHERE FRENCH IS TAUGHT, so that it is evident that a foreign language is taught in very few schools indeed.

Furthermore, Premier Martin stated, when introducing this measure,

that where use has been made of the provisions for teaching foreign languages, in nearly every instance this was not done to the detriment of the teaching of English.

According to the premier's own admissions, therefore, the clause which has been in the school law for the past 18 years, which permits an hour's teaching in a foreign language per day, is not used to any considerable extent, and is being used less and less each year, and it is not impeding to an appreciable extent the efficient teaching of English. Why, therefore, should he introduce this Bill, which can, under these circumstances be considered only as a deliberate and unnecessary slap in the face of our large foreign-born population. The foreign-born people of Saskatchewan certainly have given no cause for complaint. They have been loyal to the core during the four and a half years of the great war. They have caused no trouble or disturbances in spite of Dominion measures aimed directly against them, which were most galling to them. Why should our provincial government now bring forth a measure against them, which is on the same level as the measures which Prussia directed against the Poles? Have Great Britain and its allies waged the most bloody war in the history of the world to destroy Prussianism in Prussia, in order to introduce that very same Prussianism at home?

We do and can not believe that it is the deliberate wish and will of the majority of the people of this province that any parent should be deprived of the natural right of having his child taught the mother tongue of the parent in addition to the language of the country. If certain hysterical persons or groups of persons in their war-excitement have been induced by trouble-makers to join temporarily in this campaign of Prussianism, their deliberate judgement will return ere many moons will have passed and they will feel ashamed that they have allowed themselves to be ejected into such an unchristian attitude. Why not wait for a few years until normal conditions will have returned after the war before taking measures which at the present time can only serve to divide instead of uniting the citizens of our fair province?

A Fearless Champion.

The founder, editor, and publisher of the "Fortnightly Review", Arthur Prouss, has for a quarter of a century championed the truth without fear or favor, and we wish to congratulate him on his remarkable achievements. God knows, there is a crying need for independent Catholic editors in times when practically the entire press has fallen into abject servility to mammon and mediocrity, when all the "big interest" papers, daily, weekly and monthly, tyrannize the public, when the real voice of the people can only be heard through just such small but truth-loving publications as the "Fortnightly Review". This little one-man Review is beyond a doubt the brightest and brainiest magazine that comes to our desk, always interesting, practical, spicy, and above all, soundly Catholic. Any priest, student, or educated Catholic cannot, in our opinion, subscribe to a more wholesome and refreshing Catholic magazine than the Fortnightly Review.

—The Christian Family.

Religious News

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — Our beloved Bishop, Msgr. Pascal, will officiate at the pontifical highmass at midnight on Christmas Day in the cathedral. This will be a great consolation for the good people of Prince Albert, as His Lordship was unable to officiate here last year, being confined at the hospital in Montreal by a grave illness.

— Rev. Father Danis, O. M. I., besides being pastor of Goshen, has also been placed in charge of the missions along the Melfort line at Tisdale, Star City, etc.

—The dearth of priests in the diocese has been alleviated to some extent by the arrival from the archdiocese of Quebec of the Rev. J. A. Laroche, who has been troubled for some time with weak lungs and has, at the advice of his physician, come west for a few years, seeking a cure in our bracing Saskatchewan air. We welcome him most heartily and hope that his health may speedily improve and be entirely restored.

REGINA, Sask. — On Dec. 8th, Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new church at Montmartre. The solemn benediction of the edifice will be celebrated at a later date.

— The new French Catholic College at Gravelbourg was opened in December with an enrolment of 60 students. The building, which is constructed of brick, 40 by 60 feet, is already too small for the purposes, and plans are being completed for erecting another structure at a cost of \$100,000 next spring.

EDMONTON. — The priests of St. Marie de Tinchebray have suffered a great loss in the death of Rev. Father Paul Lamort, di-

rector of the Apostolic School at Trochu, who died recently after a very short illness at the age of 36 years. He was born at Granville in Normandy, France, and had been in the diocese for the last 12 years.

CALGARY, Alta. — The grand new church at Medicine Hat, one of the finest church edifices in the west, was dedicated to the service of God on December 8th by Bishop McNally with the usual ceremonies. A large number of priests assisted, and the new edifice was overflowing with people who had come to assist at the celebration.

ST. BONIFACE, Man. — On December 12th, Rev. Father Joseph Messier, who, for the past twenty years, had been chaplain at St. Boniface Hospital, died of influenza, which he had contracted in the exercise of his priestly duties. He had been ordained on May 19, 1882.

DULUTH, Minn. — Last week Rev. Father J. U. Poitras, O. M. I., celebrated the Golden Jubilee of priesthood at St. Jean Baptiste Church here, Bishop McNicholas and the provincial of the Oblates, Father Beys, as well as a large number of priests assisting at the celebration, which should have been held on Oct. 11th, but had to be transferred on account of the influenza ban. Father Poitras is one of the oldest Indian Missionaries in the Canadian west, having served in them from his ordination until he became provincial bursar in 1884, which post he held until he was transferred to Duluth in 1911.

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — One of the well-known landmarks of St. John's University at Collegeville disappeared on Dec. 15th by the sudden death of Ven. Brother William Baldus, O.S.B. He had been born at Lunghard, Nassau, Germany on June 6th, 1844, and made his religious profession on Jan. 6th, 1871. For more than 25 years he had been head cook at the institution and was therefore well known to all the students who attended there until infirm health compelled him to resign this work to younger hands about twenty years ago.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — On Dec. 19th four priests who were ordained in 1886 could celebrate their golden sacerdotal jubilees: Msgr. A. Zeininger, a former Vicar General of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, who returned to Austria some years ago; Rev. Aloys Zitterl of Madison, Msgr. Ernst Zechenter, for forty-seven years pastor of the SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. Engelbert Blume, who has resigned and is living at Merrill, Wis.

DUBUQUE, Ia. — The Catholics of Charles City have completed their new academy. It will accommodate 250 pupils and forty boarders. The old academy burned down about a year ago. The school is in charge of the Sisters of Mercy.

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — On Dec. 21st, Deacons Eugene J. Fix and Marcelus J. Gruenewald will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Althoff in the Cathedral at Belleville.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Word has been received at Holyoke by relatives that Rev. William F. Davitt was killed in France by a shell on the morning of the day the truce was signed. He was chaplain with the 125th Infantry regiment.

MALINES, Belgium. — Forty-nine Belgian priests were put to death by the Germans during the occupation. Cardinal Mercier, the primate of Belgium, announced this in an interview.

St. Peter's Colony

HUMBOLDT. — The Rev. Father J. A. Laroche, a priest of the archdiocese of Quebec, who, in order to improve his poor health in the salubrious climate of Saskat-

chewan, has decided to engage in missionary work in the diocese of Prince Albert, was a visitor at St. Elizabeth Hospital last week, having just arrived from the east. His Lordship Bishop Pascal, O.M.I., received him most cordially, and appointed him pastor of the Catholic congregation at Donnelly, Sask.

—ICE CREAM! Yes, we always keep it. Eating Ice Cream these cold days is more beneficial than in summer time.

Humboldt Candy Kitchen. — His Lordship the Right Rev. Bishop Albert Pascal, O.M.I., whose health has been improved wonderfully under the loving care of the Ven. Sisters of St. Elizabeth at the local hospital, returned to Prince Albert, Dec. 19th, where he intends to sing Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral Church on Christmas night.

—WANTED experienced Sales-lady. One with grocery experience preferred. Apply, stating wages wanted and give reference to C. BRUSER, Humboldt.

—On Tuesday of last week the news reached Humboldt of the death of Mrs. Learnmonth the wife of Mr. W. R. Learnmonth, formerly manager of the Union Bank of Canada at Humboldt. She died at Weyburn, Dec. 16th, of pneumonia following influenza.

—The very best of beers, apple cider, cold and hot drinks served in our store. When in town, come to our store, walk right in our kitchen and watch how the candies are made.

Humboldt Candy Kitchen. LENORA LAKE. — The dread disease of influenza is now, as it seems, extending its ravages to the Lenora Lake district. On Dec. 22nd Mrs. Geo. H. Gerwing, nee Catharine Gaetz, fell a victim to the plague. Father Bernard was called at night and administered the rites of the Church, and just a few hours later, death snatched her away from her husband and family. The funeral took place yesterday, Dec. 24.

—Mr. Herman Schmitz is suffering from the epidemic. The Rev. Father Bernard visited the sick man yesterday.

ANNAHEIM. — The epidemic seems to be departing from our parish at last and everybody feels more or less relieved. Still on Sunday last Father Bernard was called to the bedside of Mrs. Geo. Reiter and John Maiers who are both suffering from a rather severe attack of this pernicious pestilence.

MÜNSTER. — St. Peters Bote acknowledges the receipt of the following moneys: For the ORPHANAGE at Prince Albert \$5.00 from a reader at Cudworth, \$5.00 from an unknown party at Münster, \$1.00 from a lady at Humboldt, \$1.00 from a reader at the same place, \$5.00 from a generous man at Münster and \$1.00 from another gentleman at the same place; for Rev. FATHER EGENOLF, O. M. I., \$5.00 from a kind lady at Dead Moose Lake, \$9.00 from a reader of the "Bote" at Marne, Sask, \$1.00 from a goodhearted lady at Lenora Lake and \$1.00 from two of her children. The same kind lady has also sent \$5.00 in support of the students studying for the priesthood at St. Peter's Abbey. Furthermore, the already above named unknown party at Münster has sent in \$5.00 for the missionaries. God bless and reward all these generous benefactors!

—The weather of the past week has been very fine, considering the season we are in. Autos are still used by the people to a great extent, though the majority use sleighs and cutters for their conveyances.

—The Rev. Fathers Leo of Bruno and Lawrence of Fulda were visitors at the Abbey last week. The Rev. Fathers Dominic of Watson, Schmid of Humboldt and Bernard

of Annaheim also made short calls at the monastery.

—The Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno took an auto-trip to St. Benedict in company with Father Bernard, Dec. 19th.

—Master Louis Ludwig of Bruno visited the Abbey on Friday last. After the holidays he intends to go, in company with a number of other students, to St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., to pursue his studies there. At the Abbey here at Münster classes will begin Jan. 8th, but only such students will be admitted who are beginners and exhibit signs of a vocation to the priesthood. Signs of a vocation are: Genuine piety, integrity of morals, comparatively good talents. Boys devoid of these characteristics need not apply, because God only calls good boys and elevates them to the service at the altar.

—During the past week Father Prior had but one sick-call. On Dec. 23rd he was called to Mr. Nic. Huls who lives about 6 miles south east of Münster.

—On Saturday the sad news reached the people of Münster that Mrs. Chas. Bonas, nee Maria Rath, succumbed to a malicious attack of influenza and its complications at 1 o'clock a. m., Dec. 21st, at Prince Albert. She was a young woman of but 31 years, and leaves behind a sorrowing husband and a number of children to mourn her premature demise. The corpse was taken to Münster on Monday afternoon, when interment took place in the parochial cemetery. On Tuesday morning Father Chrysostom celebrated a High Mass of Requiem for the repose of the deceased.

—A reader of the St. Peters Bote whose post office is Münster has asked us to write something about the abuse or rather misuse of the beautiful word Christmas. Many people, even Catholics, are wont to abbreviate this word by crippling it and substituting therefor Xmas. We do not think that the people using this abbreviation are thereby trying to obliterate the sweet remembrances with which the word Christmas inspires and thrills every genuine Christian heart, but it would be, certainly, more decorous to write out the word Christmas in full, whenever there is an occasion to use that beautiful word.

—Last Monday afternoon, after several months of conscientious study, Henry Schaefer was received into the Catholic Church by Father Chrysostom, pastor of the parish. Official witnesses of the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Voellmeke. We bid Mr. Schaefer most heartily welcome as a member of our congregation, and feel sure he will be a credit to this parish. His First Holy Communion he received today, the feast of Christmas; making this Christmas a real Merry Christmas for him.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kind attendance shown both during the illness of our beloved son and brother John, and at the time of his death and his exequies. Mrs. R. Suer and children, Willmont, Sask.

PILGER, Sask, Dec. 23rd. 1918 Dear St. Peters Bote:— Would you, please, publish the following particulars concerning the death of Mrs. Mary Margaretha Brunen, wife of John H. Brunen. Her name is John Margaretha—not Mary Magdalena as the "Bote" had it—nee Keuler. She was fortified with all the sacraments of the dying, Dec. 1st, at her home at Pilger. After having been taken to the hospital at Humboldt she received the sacraments again, Dec. 3rd. Death came Dec. 4th at the hospital. The funeral was held at Pilger, Dec. 9th. Her remains

were the first to be placed in the new cemetery. — WATSON. Dear St. Peter's Bote:— Owing to the annual bazaar decided to have on hand for sale at M. shop. On Christmas our church will be read in the late High Mass will go to St. Mr. and Mrs. Friday to spend holidays with too. Mr. T. Schin has been visiting this week. Miss L. Smith made a business last week's end. The Sacred School will Dec. 24th and on Jan. 2nd from Prince teacher. Mrs. Manee will leave on to spend the with relatives. Mrs. J. Bet are spending days with in the country.

VISCOUNT, Dear St. Peter's Bote:— Three weeks ago I was Viscount of the 1) Frank both of Colonel Morneau and 2) Thadde marte, and M Witnesses: C Sander. 3) John Co both of V Alexis Cyr a A dispenser granted by Prince Albert time, the th brated with After their John Coggi Saskatoon interesting John Coggi sacraments been very si Our best good young

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