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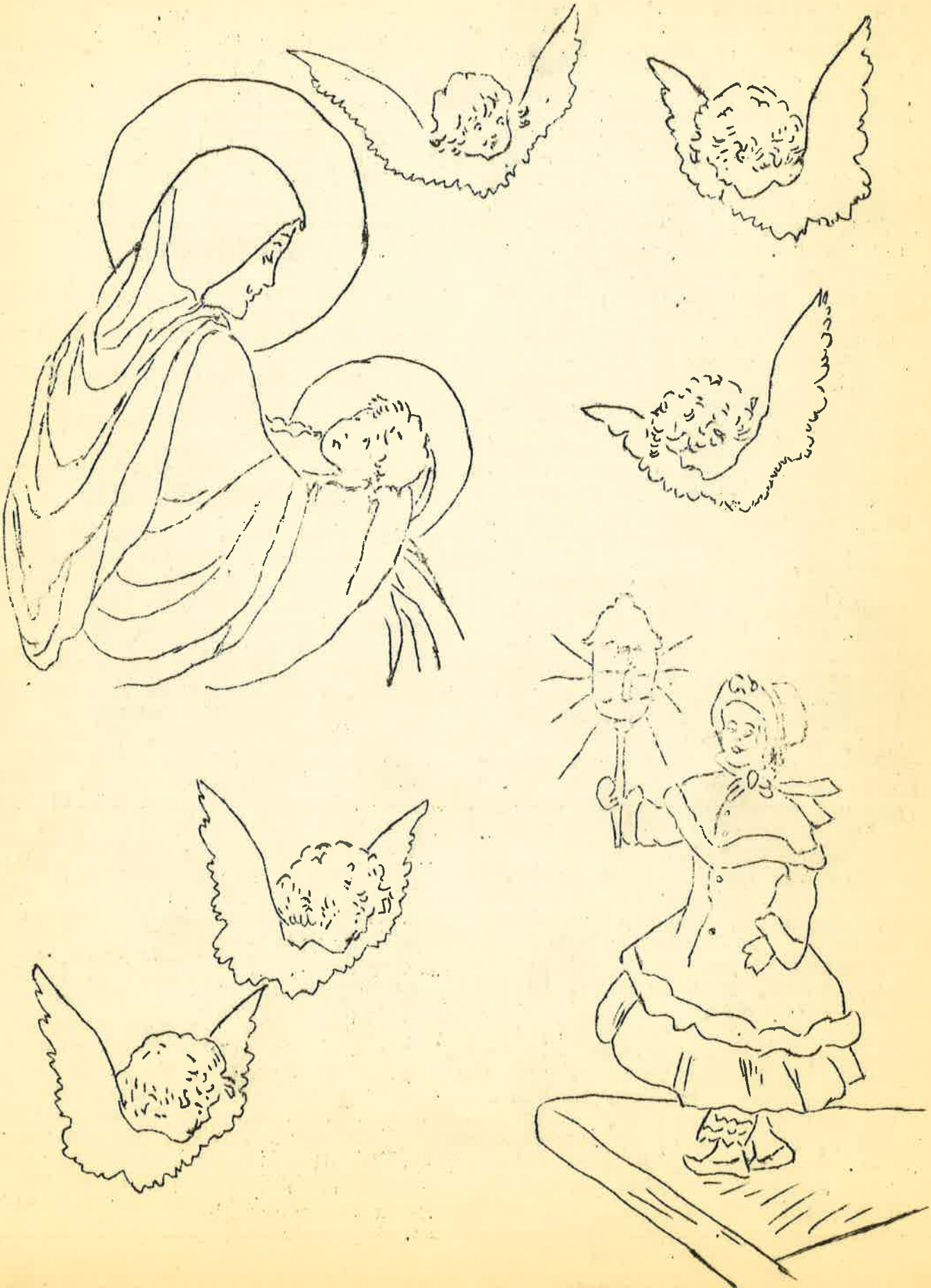

FELLOWS, MEET JOSEPH SCHWARTZINGER

It was the day after the fireworks, July 5th, 1907 that our lad of this month, Joseph Schwartzinger was born to Joseph Schwartzinger and Veronica Ripka in the city of Clifton. Shortly, thereafter the family went to Garfield, where all of the Schwartzinger clan has remained ever since.

After beginning his grammar school education in School # 4, and completing it in School # 5, Joe, as was the custom in those days went out to work in order to help the family. Even during his school days, he worked on the side both as a farm hand and as a handy boy in the A.&P. But on finishing his schooling, Joe got a job in Forstmann's, where he has been working for the past twenty-five years or so.

Wedding bells tolled for Joe and Catherine Wideman here at St. Stephen's on Oct. 23rd, 1937, and from this marriage came two children, Richard, now 8, and Kathleen, now 3½. Home to Joe is 15 Scudder St., Garfield, where he has spent many, many years even before his marriage.

Bowling was Joe's favorite hobby. Was, we say, because at present Joe works on the third shift. Before that, because of his high average (always around the 200 mark), he was in demand in almost every league. At one time, he even helped our own bowling league win the championship in the now defunct Catholic League. Occasionally, now-a-days, he keeps trim by taking a swim at the Garfield "Y".

Dutiful husband that he is, he now spends most of his time with his family, and shows the missus every now and then how handy he is with a paint brush and with some tools. That he says, is his only hobby now.

Joe is one of our Ushers in Church, a member of the Holy Name, and has belonged to other organizations in the Parish. Like a typical Schwartzinger, he is quiet, but is full of wit when the occasion demands. We certainly hope Joe will be with us for a long, long time.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Dec. 3 - P.T.A. Cake Sale after each Mass.
10 - Holy Name Communion Breakfast after the 9 o'clock Mass.
10 - Hungarian Movies beginning at 5 P.M.
11 - Holy Name Meeting, 8 P.M.
16, 17 - Children's Christmas Play - 7:30 P.M. both evenings.
25 - Hungarian Movies beginning at 5 P.M.
31 - New Year's Eve Party, beginning at 9 P.M.

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 15 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kaleta, wedding.
Dec. 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Seeley, wedding
16 - Mrs. Stephen Celmer, birthday
31 - Mrs. Joseph Godri, birthday.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

As last year, the St. Stephen's Holy Name Society will sponsor a party for New Year's Eve. Because of the rise in prices this past year, it was necessary to raise the ticket to $4.00 per person. This is still cheap for that night. Each ticket is reserved and only a limited number of tickets will be sold, so please get them NOW! Each person will receive a hat, noisemaker, a buffet lunch and dancing facilities. A buffet table will be set up for the whole evening, so that you can have a snack, anytime you so desire. Frank Panyko and his orchestra will supply the music. Around 2 A.M., there will be the drawing for the 50-50 Club, so please have those tickets in before that date.

Above all, get your tickets for the New Year's Eve Party as soon as possible. They are going very rapidly. Those who were with us last year, want to spend this year again with us. They had a good time then and want one now. Whether or not you will be with us, depends on your quick action.

JOTS AND TITTLES

Well, golly, where did this year go to? It is only now when we begin reaching for the wallet and the bank book for Christmas gifts, do we realize that another year is coming to a close. Of course, Joe Sipos isn't worried, he got himself $6.40 as the attendance prize at the last meeting. Al Petro, being much younger only got 50¢ as his share.....Father Molnar tells us, it is a good thing that the awful storm we had came on Saturday and not Sunday! He claims people would have said it was due to all of the sermons being preached around this part of the city. We do have around eight Churches in this section of Passaic alone; Catholic Churches that is.....Speaking of the storm, we might offer a few prayers of thanks to God that nothing happened to any of our Parish property. Many of the Parishioners, however, has been informing us of all the damage done to their homes. We hope sincerely that it was not too bad.....With New Year's around the corner, we're anxious to hear some of the resolutions you boys will be making. Francis Swinarsky could well promise his wife to spend one night a week at home. Marty Schwartzinger could resolve to take off a few inches on the waste, not waist, line. John Militello could promise to leave that paint brush alone. Joe Toth Jr. could promise to come to at least one meeting a year - ditto a lot of others. Ben Godri could promise to shorten those meetings. Joe Jurkofsky could promise to smoke a good cigar for a change. Andy Henyecz might promise to stop winning at "Wilkie". Frank Zurey might resolve to say a word once in a while. Jack Szilasi could offer to come to a meeting early. Joe Schwartzinger might promise to promise the same thing as Zurey. Oh yes, Fathers Gaspar and Molnár might promise shorter sermons. By the by, we want to wish all a truly Merry Christmas and an immensely happy New Year. May God bless all of you during the New Year and keep you with us.

"TEEN-AGE TEMPEST"

Say, guys and gals - have you heard about the fun that was had by all at the Autumn Dance sponsored by the Holy Name Society on Oct. 29th? Now, aren't you sorry you didn't attend? Well, you can't say we didn't tell you so. Maybe next year the tickets will sell twice as fast....Here's some real news! Did you know we are planning a Girl Scout Troop here at St. Stephen's for our youngsters? Well, we are and plans are now under way to have some of our older gals take a course in order to qualify as Scout Leaders. With proper training and cooperation from all, this undertaking can't be anything but successful. (The Boy Scouts aren't too unhappy about it either!)...A word of congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lampert (Dot Kaleta) who recently became the proud parents of a baby boy! (Fred is out buying baseball equipment)....We were all surprised to see Bob Waldorf at Church a few weeks ago. He's in the Air Force now and from all appearances, he's well, happy, and says he certainly eats good! (No female distractions, you see)....If you saw a few dents in the auditorium floor, it's because so many spills were taken there during the Hallowe'en Party held by the Sodalists. Rosemarie Takach sure took Josephine Eslinger and Dolores Soos for "a rugged ride thru Spookville". Some fascinating games were also played that night and a good time was had by all. (No masks were needed - ahem!)....Congratulations are in order for Dick Yonko. He has been doing fine in the Navy and was recently made an "ET3". You're doing a swell job, Dick, and good luck to you in all your endeavors. ...By the way, if some of our "Lovely young Ladies" should approach you to sell raffle tickets on a TURKEY (so what if you get it "Seatey-eight" different ways for a week after) to be raffled off on the set date, please dig deep into your pockets and give them a hand. The Sodality really needs your support; so be generous, huh? Oh yes, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you (both!)!!!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Don't forget the Cake Sale to be sponsored by the P.T.A. on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. You may make your purchases of home-made delicacies after each of the Masses. Shop early, or else you might be out of luck.

The Communion Breakfast for the Men of our Parish will be on Dec. 10th. They will receive Holy Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass. Before Mass, the Holy Name Members will renew their pledges to God & Country. Please bring your Holy Name Manuals with you. The Breakfast will be served at 10:15 in the School Hall. Paul Bacsardi is the Chairmen. The two speakers will be Mr. Edmund Samay in Hungarian, and Mr. Edward Kolb in English. Get the tickets NOW!

If you want a real treat, come to the Christmas Play given by the children on Dec. 16 & 17. Those who have been with us before, know how grand our little ones can be. If you haven't seen them in real action before, take our advice and come down. You'll never regret it.

Last week, Police Commissioner Michael Andrus was here to install our Policemen and Policewomen for the School Patrol, Sgt. Joseph Nimitz, local officer in charge of School Patrols was also present. It was a red letter day for the school children. Now parents can be assured of the safety of their children around the school even more than before.

Our Parish priests have taken possession of the new Rectory, thanks to the generosity of <u>some</u> of the Parishioners. We say <u>some</u> because many have not yet contributed towards it. We all have to pay taxes towards our country; we should likewise share in the expenses of our Church. How about it?

As mentioned elsewhere, the 50-50 Club drawing for Dec. will take place at the New Year's Party. Please try to sell that extra ticket to a friend. It means a bigger prize and a bigger income for <u>YOUR</u> Parish. Send in the returns early, so you won't forget. You have forgotten before, haven't you - WELL!

The Schedule for the Christmas Holidays will be mailed to each Parishioner with the calendar for 1951. Please put it in a prominent place, so you will know just when each service takes place. If you do not get a calendar, it means we must have the wrong address or you are not a recognized Parishioner.

THE KIDDY KORNER

Well, boys and girls, we now will have one whole page just for you. We want to begin in the best way, so we will let you in on a big secret. Do you know that you can win a nice prize for Christmas? Yes sir, all you have to do is to get your crayons or your paint set and color the pictures on the first page. Then write your name and address on the same page and mail it to:

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We will give a nice prize to the boy who colors it the best and to the girl who colors it the best. Only those boys and girls can enter the contest who go to grammar school. All pictures must be mailed in before December 15. Of course, we know that you will not cheat and have some one else color it for you. Next month we will give the names of the winners.

We know you all like stories, and so we shall tell you one now. One day the angels up in heaven had a meeting. At the meeting they picked out the youngest angel. They told this young angel to go down to earth and find the most beautiful thing in the world, and bring it back to heaven.

So the angel left heaven. He came down to this world, and walked for miles and miles, looking for the most beautiful thing on earth. He walked out into the country, and there found a beautiful flower garden. In the garden there was a beautiful red rose, and thinking that this was the most beautiful thing on earth, the angel picked it up and hurried back to heaven. The other angels liked the rose, but they shook their heads "No". The rose is not the most beautiful thing in the world. And so the young angel was sent back to earth, to find the most beautiful thing in the world.

This time the angel was more particular. He looked at all the beautiful things, the rivers, parks, mountains, birds, pictures, and everything. At last the angel saw a beautiful baby with blue eyes, brown hair and rosy cheeks. "Ah", said the angel, "this is the most beautiful thing in the world". The angel took the baby to heaven. The other angels said that they liked the baby and that it was very beautiful, but it was not the most beautiful thing in the world.

Next he found an old man in Church waiting to go to confession. While the old man was thinking about his sins, he became so sorry for them, that he began to cry. The angel picked up one of his tears and hurried to heaven again. When the other angels saw it, they were so happy that they sang and began to dance. At last, the young angel found the most beautiful thing in the world - a man who was so sorry for his sins that he cried. Jesus, too, thinks that the most beautiful thing in the world is someone who is really sorry for his sins.

Soon, boys and girls, Christmas will be here. We hope we will get a lot of nice new toys and gifts. We will think that our Christmas tree with all the shiny balls and lights are very beautiful. We must never forget what Christmas is. Christmas is the Birthday of the baby Jesus. Jesus grew up and died for us so that we could have our sins forgiven and could go to heaven.

Your Christmas and the Christmas of your Mommy and Daddy will be a beautiful Christmas, if you will remember how much Jesus has loved us and how much He has done for us. Remember to go to Confession and Communion. Tell your Daddy and Mommy to go, too. And while you are getting ready for Confession, think of how many times you were bad, how many times you hurt Jesus. Then we will be really sorry for our sins and when you go to Communion, your soul will be the most beautiful thing in the world. Did you like the story? We shall try to tell you one every month. And now, try to be very good to everybody, won't you?

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SO YOU THINK MONEY IS EVERYTHING?

In 1923, 8 of the most successful business men in the U.S. had a meeting in a hotel of a midwestern city. They were:- (1) A President of the largest independent steel company; (2) The President of the largest public utilities company; (3) The President of the largest gas company;(4) the greatest wheat speculator;(5) The President of the New York Stock Exchange;(6) A Member of the President's Cabinet;(7) The greatest "Bear" on Wall Street; (8)The President of the Bank of International Settlements.

25 years later, the world's most successful financiers had the following record:- (1) The President of the largest independent steel company, Charles Schwab, died a bankrupt and lived on borrowed money for 5 years before his death;(2)The President of the largest public utilities company, Samuel Insul, died penniless in a foreign land; (3) The President of the largest gas company, Howard Hopson, was insane; (4) The greatest speculator in wheat, Arthur Cutten, died insolvent abroad;(5)The President of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was recently released from Sing Sing Prison;(6)The Member of the President's Cabinet, Albert Fall, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home; (7) The greatest "bear" on Wall Street, Jesse Livermore, died a suicide;(8) The President of the Bank of International Settlements, Leon Fraser, died a suicide.

How often do we wish we had a lot of money. Maybe after reading this article, we will find that after all money isn't everything in the world. We Catholics should know better than others, just what makes happiness.

DISCUSSIONS ON MATRIMONY

After we have finished our discussion on Matrimony we shall consider the period of courtship. At present, we are directing our column towards those who are contemplating marriage in the near future.

Just what is the first step that people should take when they know definitely that they want to marry a particular person in the near future? The first and proper thing to do, is to see one of the priests in the Parish of the Bride. The Church Law states that in the case of the marriage of Roman Catholics, the marriage is to take place in the Church of the Bride. Since there are forms to be filled out and records to be obtained, it is wisest to consult the priest as soon as you begin making your marriage plans.

Courtesy and order demand that your first step be the Rectory. It is your first marriage, but the priest has married hundreds of people. He can guide you in an impartial, prudent way. It is highly improper to make all your arrangements with the caterer, the Florist, the Photographer and everyone else first and then see the priest.

Perhaps the day you have picked is an Ember Day, or else maybe the afternoon is already filled up with other marriage appointments. For your own protection and guidance, therefore, make sure that the first step you take is towards the Rectory where the priest will clearly outline for you just what should be done, how, where, and when. Many have been the disappointments and headaches for those who have failed to heed this advice!

Minden hivemnek és Joakaroinknak igen boldog, békés és szent karácsonyi ünnepeket kivánunk.

E szent idöben egy utolso és öszint kérésem van mindenkihez, aki magyar és katholikus:egy levél jutott kezemhez egy jo és intelligens magyar embertöl,akinek már öt éve tart az adventje Németorszagban. Ezt irja, mi katholikusok nem tudunk kijutni Amerikába, mert nincsen, aki assurance-ot adjon (szavatosságot). A nemhüséges katholikusaink már felvettek más vallást, mert igy az idei karácsonyt már Amerikában ünnepelhetik. Én nem tudom vallásomat elhagyni és, ezért az a büntetésem, hogy továbbra is a számkivetés kenyerét kell ennem családommal együtt. Mindenki le és kinéz bennünket. Senkinek sem kellünk. Hát bün az, ha hüséges maradunk öseink vallásához?-holvan a föparancsolat, hol a magyar testvériség?..Testvére im ezek vádolo sorok. Téged, engem, mindenkit vádolnak. És mi ülünk és várunk és nem teszünk semmit. Mit lehet tenni?? Ezt lehet tenni: mégma ülj le és hivd fel a plebánosodat és ennyit mondjal: én hajlando vagyok lakést adni ideiglenesen egy DP-nek. Értsd Meg, azt mondta,"ideiglenesen". Valoszinüleg soha nem lakik majd nálad az ujonnan érkezö. De ez az igéret és biztatás a törvény szerint kötelez. Ha van egy üzlet ember, aki legalább látszolag munkát igér. Értsd meg, csak látszolag, tényleg nem kell és akkor már is megy egy napon belül a kérvény a State Departmentbe, hogy a szerencsétlen honfitársunk átjöhessen. Semmi kötelezettséget nem kell vállalnod, nem is kell semmit aláirni, egy cent költségedbe nem kerül, a többi a plébánosod dolga. Mondhatnak: mért nem tesz akkor a plébános valamit? igazad van, de a plébánosod már megtette, amit te hetett; annyi szavatosságot aláirt már, hogy az övé többé nem jo, mert van határ és ö már a határhozérkezett. Most te jösz, most kell megmutatnod öszintén imádkoztál és beszéltél?-amikor hazádról és magyar honftársadrol van szo még akkor is, ha a szerencsétlen ugy imádja a jo Istent, mint te. Ez a kérés minden magyarnak szol és mindenkinek lelkismerete, szerint kell cselekednie most és nem holnap, vagy jövö héten. Március 31-én a törvény szerint, a függöny leesik. Aki addig itt lesz velünk, az itt lesz, aki ott marad, az ott marad, mert többé idejönni nem tud. Amikor Isten kérdezte Kaintol, "hol van öcséd, Abel? Kain azt,válaszolta: vajjon örzöje vagyok én öcsémnek? "Kivelválaszolsz? Kainnal, vagy Krisztussal?tetöled függ.

Most vasárnap, Dec. 3-an sütemenyvásár lesz, rendezik az ifju hölgyek, segitsük oket, mert ök minket akarnak segiteni.

Dec. 10-én a ferfiaink karácsonyi közös szt. áldozást végeznek. Reggel 9 orakor. Asszonyok, titöletek függ, férjetek ott lesz-e vagy sem fogyól rola, hogy fiad, férjed egyaránt velünk legyen; Ök nemcsak áldoznak, hanem missios kötelességet teljesitenek; hadd lássák gyermekeitek, hogy, amit ö az, iskolában tanul, azt a nagypapa és a papa gyakorolják. Nincs jobb prédikácio, mint a jo példa. Ha azt akarod, gyermeked gyakorolja vallását, vagyis legyen jo, akkor Dec. 10-én térdelj le szépen az oltár elött és mondjad: Uram, nemvagyok méltó, hogy hajlékomba jöjj csak egy szoval mondjad és meggyogyu az en lelkem. Gyermeked a hátad mögött ül és figyel.

Dec. -16 és 17-én karácsonyi pátorjátek lesz. Ez gyermekeing joakarata, hogy te megtanuljad éstaláljad a karácsony igazi értelmét. Nem kedves?, legyünk jelen.

Ejféli szt. misénk lesz Dec.24-én éjfélkor. Ugye együtt énekeljük majd: Menyböl az Angyal....?

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