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March 9

Today being the feast of St Frances, our holy patron, Rev. F. Anwander said mass in the Chapel also dedicated to her. At 7 o'clock during the holy sacrifice, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and at the end, the Benediction of the B. S. was given.

In the evening at 4 o'clock Lucinda Jones was Baptised and received in baptism the name Mary Frances. The Rev. Father gave an exhortation on the subject concluded by the Benediction B.S.

June 30, feast of the Sacred Heart was the days appointed for the first communion consequently, some days previous those preparing for that sacrament entered a retreat of three days during which time their Rev. father director gave each day an instruction, on the day appointed as above the sacrament of baptism was conferred on Thaddeus Harbart John Henry and Mary Rose Reynolds the high mass was at 7 before which our Rev. father went in procession to the school room and met those who for the first time were to receive the holy of Holies during which time the hymn Strike the Harp was sung when placed (the second being 21) independent of those who renewed. After the gospel, his reverence gave a sermon on the occasion. The acts before and after communion was said by a sister all repeated with her.

In the evening, at 4 o'clock the renewal of the Baptism promises took place with an explanation of the ceremony, showing the importance of a good first communion and the perseverance that follows at the different questions all answered it was truly an imposing and solemn ceremony which ought to be deeply imprinted in the hearts of all present.

Today the examination of school took place it was Rev. T. Anwander who made it and on the day following was the distribution of premiums.

We commenced our eight days retreat today it was conduct by our Rev. Director who gave instructions twice a day and afford us the happiness of having mass every day – during that time which offered up himself the instructions took place after mass and in the evening at 5 o'clock followed by the benediction of the B.S. the exercise for the day as usual for retreats.  
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On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September we commenced the scholastic year with a sufficient number of scholars which gave hopes of a future increase which has continued until now and which trusting to Providence we hope will not cease.

What occurred on this 8<sup>th</sup> is marked on the 33d page. Renewal of vows formerly on feast of Immaculate Conception December 8<sup>th</sup>. Today brings the day appointed for the renewal of vows being the festival of the Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mass was said by the Rev. Father Anwander at 6<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock. The same Rev. Father after mass received the vows after having given an exhortation on the subject. In the evening at 2 ½ o'clock Benediction of the B. S.

We forgot to mention the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, the instructions commenced for the first time expressly for the colored congregation in the Chapel at 5 o'clock. The instructions are given by the Rev. Father Anwander and will continue every Sunday.