

1853Jan 1st

On the Circumcision, Vespers and benediction of the BS as usual.

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Feast of the Epiphany, we had benediction and afterwards the blessing of the house.

Feb 2d

Purification of the B.V., High Mass was at 7 o'clock. The candles were blessed and after mass, Harriett Messonier, who entered as candidate on the 8th of January received the religious habit with the name Theresa Victoria, the Rev. Father gave an exhortation during the ceremony.

March 9th

Festival of our Patroness and Mother, High mass at 8 o'clock. Sermon after the gospel, in the afternoon benediction of the BS

April 29th

Was the day appointed for the first communion on which occasion 13 were baptised and 35 made their first communion. High mass was at 8 o'clock. In the afternoon vespers as usual and the renewal of the baptismal promises, then benediction of the BS.

May 12th

The same received confirmation.

June 19th

On this day, our Rev. father said mass and after mass we left the house at 8 o'clock for a picnic out at the Homestead and spent the day very agreeably after the long walk and returned about 6 ½ o'clock.

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This same month the mass was said for the Holy Family, a day of general communion for the members at the end of mass they made the oblation.

July 29th

The yearly examination took place after, and in the afternoon was the distribution, the Rev. Fathers present were Anwander, Hurtil, Walworth. On the 2nd of August, Rev. W. Elder said mass and on the Assumption, in the afternoon after Vespers, Rev. Father Anwander commenced our annual retreat. Our kind father offered the holy sacrifice every day during that time in our Chapel.

Sept 9th

On the 9th of Sept. Sister Ann made her vows, the high mass was at 7 o'clock 2nd Sunday in Oct. feast of St Benedict high mass was at 10 o'clock. Mr. Schwartz played the organ. Vespers as usual.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, day on which the sisters renew their vows, the mass was of exposition. The vows are renewed after mass. On Christmas mass was at the usual hours,

there was /49/ a manger fixed in the sanctuary. Arrabella Jones, one of our former pupils came from Washington to make her first communion.
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