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7:30 P. M. to 12 Midnight at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

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8 P. M. to 12 Midnight at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

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HIGH MASS

10 A. M. at St. Anthony's Church, Central Street.

PARADE

1 P. M. South Common, Highland Street.

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6 P. M. Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

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