

Christmas Eve and Christmas (24. i 25. December).

The week before Christmas, housewives are cleaning the house, preparing traditional cakes and christmas decorations. They are returning all borrowed items to prevent casting a spell on their family. Another custom on Christmas Eve is to put some straw in the house. It was believed that, if a man be the first to sit on Christmas straw, most of the animals in the following year would give birth to female offspring. If a woman sat on it before a man, it was contrary. The straw was put under the table to, together with seeds, yoke, ax, money coins and other things significant in everyday life. It was supposed it brings prosperity in the following year. On Christmas Eve the whole family went to the midnight mass in the local church. After the service, young girls had to hurry home to throw an apple in to the well to see the man they will marry.

