

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, January 2nd/3rd

4:00 Jože, Francka & Fran Gazvoda

9:00 Brothers Patrick, Theodore & Joseph, O.S.B.
& Dorothy Jordan10:30 Dominik Štupica – 32nd Ann.
For our Parishioners**MONDAY, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

5:00 Bill Jerse – Chapel

TUESDAY, January 5: St. John Neumann

5:00 Frances, Patricia & Edward Jerman – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 6: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Tony & Betty Grdina Family – Chapel

THURSDAY, January 7: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Marica Lavrisha – 30 Day

FRIDAY, January 8: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Helen Frank – 30 day

SATURDAY, January 9: Christmas Weekday

4:00 Alice M. Fink – 8th Ann.

SUNDAY, January 10: Baptism of the Lord

9:00 Frank & Pepca Tominc

10:30 Dec. Anton & Apolonija Košir

PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospod, vsi narodi ti bodo služili.



Christmas Music

**VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT –**

presented by the St. Vitus Music Ministry at Noon on Friday, January 1st, 2021, can still be viewed on the St. Vitus You Tube page as well as the parish website (www.saintvitus.org).

Thank you and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY – has its monthly Mass and Holy Communion this Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. No meeting this month.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – will have its monthly group Mass and Holy Communion next Sun., Jan. 10th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be no gathering/meeting this month.

ST. VITUS PARISH FOOD PANTRY – work of Christian charity is done on a monthly basis throughout the year by our parish volunteers, who on the average prepare 50 baskets a month of food items which are distributed from the church hall. The contents of the food baskets also reflect the special occasions during the year like Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. This Christmas, our parish volunteers distributed 50 baskets of food along with other household items. We are blessed with the following Food Pantry volunteers who we thank most sincerely: Betty Svekric, Rudy Sterk, Josie Manfreda, Joe Maxse, Maryanne Zadell Scafe and Don Kern. **God bless you!**



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – This Sunday the Church observes the ancient feast day of the Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus to those outside of the Jewish faith. Three wise men from the East came in search of the Child foretold by Jewish prophets and indicated by the mysterious star which guided them on the long and lonely journey. When they reached Bethlehem and gazed on the Child of promise, they presented Him with precious gifts, signs of honor and submission. One wonders whether or not the star was observed by others, and if it was, why was it not followed? If the star was seen only by the Wise Men, why only by them and not others? We have been graced with faith in Jesus at Baptism while many others are still searching for Christ against many obstacles. Do we value our Faith as a precious gift to be shared with others?

WE HAD A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

“Christmas” doesn’t happen without great and careful preparation. This has to happen for each one of us on a spiritual level during the time of Advent. It also happens in the careful decoration of the interior and exterior of St. Vitus Church, in the preparation of the Christmas liturgies, in the different ways of reaching out to the poor of our neighborhood, and to our homebound and sick parishioners. This year, because of Covid-19, schedules had to be coordinated to provide for everyone’s health and safety. At this time we would like to acknowledge all who had a hand in the work of preparing for the day of Christ’s birth.



OUTSIDE MANGER – The St. Vitus CWV Post 1655: Clara Abriani, Ron Genovese, Joe Hocevar, John Kirk, Tom Kirk, Ed Mejac, Larry Sterk, Robert Venables, and Ray Yartz.

INSIDE MANGER – In continuing efforts to give our church nativity manger scene an evolving look, our parishioners, Mark, Robert, Mary Anne and Sarah Zakrajsek; Eddie Mejac, Ben, Ben, Jr. and Joey Stankewicz, Andy Leksan and Max Rudmann spent many hours creating the beautiful nativity scene. Many comment that it looks just like Bethlehem!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – The inside and outside of the church with its beautiful Christmas trees, vivid display and arrangement of red poinsettias, and other features, & cross shaped swags with pine roping, was under the direction of Louise Strauss and helpers: Theresa & Tom Avsec & friend Dave; Archer, Amalia & Alexandra Blood; Lauren Calevich; Lisa, Elizabeth & Matthew Dolinar; Mia Graf; Alex & Mark Hauptman; Dawn, Joe & A.J. Hocevar; Don Kern; Marge and Stan Kuhar; Maria Lees & niece Meghan; Jacob, John & Tony Leksan; Josie Manfreda; Dylan Preseren; Paulina, Majdi and Mateja Rudmann; Toni Snyder; Johnny Srsen; Sheri Stidham; Betty Svekric; Rich Taricska; Dale Ursic; and Megan Zupan.

A SPECIAL THANKS – to our Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, and ushers!

THANK YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS!





FROM THE PASTOR – Sister Mary and

I wish to thank our many parishioners who remembered us with greeting cards and gifts, pastries, and other good things at Christmastime.

We feel very blessed and happy to be part of St. Vitus Parish and very encouraged by the many kindnesses shown to us. These and other good things in our ministry make our work easier and worthwhile. *To one and all, our sincerest thanks and best wishes for the New Year 2021!*

Fr. Joe Boznar & Sr. Mary Avsec

“STARA MAMA’S TABLE: Slovenian Recipes of St. Vitus and St. Mary Parishes” – the cookbook that Toni Srsen, of **“Cooking with Micka”** classes, put together and published is now available. Cost of the cookbook is \$25.00 and may be picked up at the Rectory. Please call 216-361-1444 before coming. Proceeds of the sale will benefit both St. Vitus and St. Mary Parishes.

A MOST WELCOME REMINDER – Every so often it’s nice to get a reminder and acknowledgement that our decisions and actions are appreciated and well-received. That being said, St. Vitus Parish recently received unexpected recognition and appreciation for the construction of the new St. Vitus Parish Hall from an alumni family. We’d like to share a portion of the letter sent to the parish staff.

Dear Fr. Boznar:

“We received your letter regarding the new parish hall project that began in March 2020. We recognize the great progress and effort that you and other members of the parish have made to keep St. Vitus a vibrant and meaningful asset to the Slovenian community and the neighborhood surrounding the church. We applaud your efforts, and we wish to contribute to support these wonderful acts of kindness and community support. The values that you represent are so important at this time with the many challenges that we face socially, economically, and spiritually.

Please find enclosed our contribution to this parish hall project.

Once again thank you for all you have done to lead the parish so very well through many decades of change and challenge. May God bless you and the members of St. Vitus Parish. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!”



PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,615.00

To Date: Christmas – \$34,050.22; **Christmas Flowers** – \$3,310.; **On-line Donations:** \$2,200. –12/24 to 12/26/20.

Sincerest gratitude for your continued generosity and support! We are very blessed!

PLEASE NOTE: Since we are still receiving Christmas donations, the list of donor’s names for Christmas, Christmas Flowers, St. Vitus Bldg. Fund, St. Vitus Food Bank and the St. Vitus Endowment Trust will be in next week’s bulletin insert. Thank you for your patience.



PRAZNIK SV. TREH KRALJEV – Cerkev praznuje to nedeljo starodavni praznik Svetih Treh Kraljev, razodetje Jezusa tistim zunaj Judovske vere. Trije modri od Vzhoda so prišli, da bi našli Otroka, ki so ga napovedali Judovski preroki in jim ga je naznanila skrivnostna zvezda, ki jih je vodila na dolgem, samotnem in nevarnem potovanju. Ko so dospeli v Betlehem in strmeli v Otroka obljube, so mu darovali dragocenih daril v znak spoštovanja in vdanosti. Bog ve ali so videli zvezdo tudi drugi, in če so jo, zakaj jo niso sledili? In če so zvezdo videli samo modri, zakaj so jo videli samo oni in ne drugi? Pri Svetemu Krstu smo mi prejeli dar vere in Jezusa, medtem ko mnogi drugi še iščejo Kristusa navkljub številnim zaprekam. Ali cenimo našo vero kot dragoceni dar, ki ga delimo z drugim?

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO – ima skupno mesečno mašo in sv. obhajilo to nedeljo ob 10:30 dopoldne.

DRUŠTVO NAJSV. IMENA – bo imelo skupno sv. mašo in sv. obhajilo prihodnjo nedeljo, 10. januar, pri 9:00 jutrajni sv. maši. Sestanka ne bo.

“FOOD PANTRY” FARE SV. VIDA – delo krščanske ljubezni opravljajo naši farni prostovoljci vse mesece tekom leta. Povprečno pripravijo 50 košar hrane, ki so potem razposlane iz naše cerkvene dvorane. Vsebina košar hrane pogosto odraža posebne prilike v letu kot so Božič, Velika noč in Zahvalni dan. Pretekli Božič so naši farni prostovoljci razdelili 50 košar hrane skupno z mnogimi uporabnimi gospodinjskimi predmeti. Farni prostovoljci so: Betty Svekric, Rudy Sterk, Josie Manfreda, Joe Maxse, Maryanne Zadell Scafe and Don Kern. Hvaležni smo jim za opravljeno delo!

CERKVENI KOLEDARJI – Lepe cerkvene koledarje, ki jih je podaril Zevnik/Cosic pogrebni zavod v Willoughby Hills., Ohio, še lahko dobite. Nahajajo se pri vhodih v cerkev. Prosimo, postrežite si sami ali povprašajte za koledarje enega rediteljev.

FARNA NABIRKA – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,615.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!** View this bulletin online at www.saintvitus.org

“SVETA NOČ” CD’s – The St. Vitus Choir has reordered copies of their 2000 recording of Sacred Christmas music in time for the holiday season. A limited number of copies are available to purchase for \$15.00. To order the CD’s or for more information, please contact Joanne Celestina at stvituscc@gmail.com or St. Vitus Rectory, 216-361-1444.

CHURCH CALENDARS – We still have some available at the entrances of the church. Please help yourself. Many thanks to the **Zevnik/Cosic Funeral Home** for purchasing them for St. Vitus Parish!



Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for one another!