

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, November 27: Weekday**

4:00 Dec. of Potochnik Family

**SUNDAY, November 28: First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 Mary Baznik – 3rd Ann.

&amp; Hrovat Families

10:30 Štefan &amp; Mimi Rezonja

For our Parishioners

**MONDAY, November 29: Advent Weekday**

5:00 Ivanka &amp; Polde Pretnar – Chapel

**TUESDAY, November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle**

5:00 Jože Gabrič – 5th Ann. – Chapel

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER" – Church****WEDNESDAY, December 1: St. Andrew**

5:00 Nancy Slapnik – 1st Ann. – Chapel

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER"****THURSDAY, December 2: Advent Weekday – Church**

5:00 Stefan Duh, Jr. &amp; Rosaliya Semenik – Chapel

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER" – Church****FRIDAY, December 3: St. Francis Xavier**

5:00 Raymond Novak – 30 Day – Chapel

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER" – Church****SATURDAY, December 4: Advent Weekday**

4:00 John &amp; Dorothy Kirk

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER"****SUNDAY, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 Milka Odar

For our Parishioners

10:30 Janez Blatnik

**8:15-9:00 "NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER" – Church****PSALM RESPONSE \* ODPEV PRI PSALMU**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

K tebi, Gospod, dvigam svojo dušo.

**LECTORS/BRALCI --- December 4th/5th, 2021**

Sat. 4:00 P.M. Andrea &amp; Greg Plassard

Sun. 9:00 A.M. Paul Ferkul

Sun. 10:30 A.M. Paul Lavrishia

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – December 4th/5th, 2021**

Sat. 4:00 P.M. Stan Kuhar

Sun. 9:00 A.M. Larry Sterk

Sun. 10:30 A.M. Milan Rihtar/Matt Plecnik



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS** – Every year St. Vitus Church is beautifully decorated for Christmas and the days following the Birth of Christ. We invite parishioners to use the December envelope for *"Christmas Flowers"*. In this way every donor is included in the decorations in honor of the Holy Infant!

**ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** – Christmas decorating of the inside & outside of St. Vitus Church will begin Sat., Dec. 4th. If interested in helping, please call the parish house, (216) 361-1444. This work begins at 9:00 a.m. and should finish about Noon. Lunch will be provided.



**SEASON OF ADVENT** – Today we begin anew the liturgical calendar with the holy season of Advent. The central theme of Advent is the coming of the Lord, understood in several ways. First, we see the expectation of the Old Testament, which is constantly directed toward the coming of the Messiah. The Old Testament prophecies all speak to us of the Lord's coming in such a way as to awaken in our hearts that deep desire and need of God as expressed by the ancient prophets. At the same time, they invite us to thank God for the great gift of salvation, already fulfilled by the coming of Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago. The Redeemer has come; in Him the hopes of the Old Testament have been fulfilled and those of the New Testament opened.

**"NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER"** – Please remember to come and pray with us during Advent. Starting this Tuesday, November 30th thru Wednesday, December 8th, St. Vitus Parish will be hosting **"Nine Nights of Night Prayer"** in the church. Please come and bring a friend and encounter Jesus through beauty, Scripture, tradition, and community. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Prayers will begin at 8:15 p.m. and finish by 9:00 p.m.

**ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY** – will have its monthly Mass and Holy Communion next Sunday, Dec. 5th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. No meeting this month. The Annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 12th, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Vitus Village Slovenian Room. All members are invited to come and share this special time together. It is a wonderful time of friendship, hospitality, and the awaiting of our Savior's birth! ***We wish everyone a most Blessed, Happy and Healthy Christmas Season and New Year!***

**NO KROFE SALE** – in Dec. or Jan. Please advise others.



**ST. NICHOLAS VISIT** – St. Nicholas will visit St. Vitus Slovenian Language School next Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 3:00 p.m. in the new parish hall. The program will begin with a short play performed by the Slovenian School students, followed by a visit from St. Nicholas. Parents are welcome to stop by and speak to St. Nicholas in advance of the program, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the new hall. There is no admission fee, but donations will be most appreciated. Refreshments and Krofe will be sold. Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful holiday event and enjoy this rich Slovenian tradition!

**NEED A GIFT IDEA?** **St. Vitus Holy Name Society** recently gifted our former pastor, Rev. Joseph Boznar, with a framed collection of 72 photographs of sacred images from within St. Vitus Church beautifully arranged on a 17" x 22" poster. This gift was presented at the St. Vitus Alumni Banquet in October at which he was honored. A copy of this print is on display in the vestibule of the church and ready-to-frame copies are available for sale for \$30.00 each. If interested, please call the rectory at (216) 361-1444.



### HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE

– who made Sunday, October 31st, so very special for me and to everyone at the testimonial banquet honoring my 49 years of priestly service at St. Vitus Parish and the Slovenian community of greater Cleveland.

I am still savoring the kind words spoken about my priestly ministry; the many friendships, past and present, formed over the years; gathering in our church for the Lord's Eucharist on Sundays, Holy Days, and Sacraments of Faith; and the remembering together the various important parish events which caused us all to gaze inwardly for the strengthening of our individual lives as Christians, as friends of Christ, and as God's family at St. Vitus Parish. I am so grateful that God intended my priestly calling and that he intended me to live out that calling at St. Vitus Parish. Thank you for the support of prayers for me, friendships, and your own example of Christian life. I feel blessed beyond measure!

Sincere thanks to the St. Vitus Alumni for honoring my ministry with the "Man-of-the-Year Award," to everyone who helped in any manner in church, for the festive banquet in the hall, and for the very beautiful program which captured the essence of my priestly ministry. To have been called by God is a great privilege, a great honor, and a great responsibility. I hold these things close to my heart always.

I would like to thank Father John Retar for his hospitality and each of you personally for your expressions of friendship and congratulations, your generous gifts which I intend to share with others, and most especially for your prayers. Finally, I ask you to continue to remember me in your prayers as I do you daily in mine!

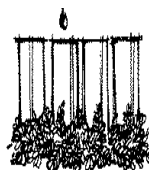
*-Father Joseph Boznar*

**#WEGIVECATHOLIC** – a one-day online giving event is this Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 12:00 a.m.–11:59 p.m. It provides Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities sites and programs, special ministries, and nonprofits affiliated with the Diocese of Cleveland the opportunity to connect with their current donors and establish relationships with new donors.

Through this endeavor, St. Vitus Parish can offer **individuals, businesses, and organizations who have not yet donated** to the church improvement project a convenient method to do so in the hopes of raising another \$10,000. These monies would be directed to the tasks previously earmarked to occur in 2022. These repairs include plaster and paint repair in the three church vestibules, tuck point work on the outside of the church, and minor roof work. Donations can only be accepted on Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/St-Vitus-Catholic-Church>. Every little bit helps! God Bless You and thank for your consideration and support!



**"SVETA NOČ" CD's** – The St. Vitus Choir has re-ordered copies of their 2000 recording of the Sacred Christmas music in time for the holiday season. A limited number of copies are available to purchase for \$15. To order the CDs or for more information, please contact Joanne Celestina at [stvitussc@gmail.com](mailto:stvitussc@gmail.com) or St. Vitus Rectory, 216-361-1444.



**ADVENTNI ČAS** – Osrednja misel vsega adventa je pričakovanje Gospoda, vzeto pod raznimi vidiki. Predvsem je to pričakovanje Stare zaveze, ko je izvoljeno ljudstvo neprestano hrepene-lo po Mesijevem prihodu. O tem govorijo prerok-be, ki jih v tem času bogoslužje ponuja vernikom v premiš-ljevanje, da bi v srcih prebudilo tisto iskreno željo in potre-bo po Bogu, ki se tako živo zrcali v preroških spisih. Hkrati je advent povabilo kristjanom, naj zahvalijo Vsemogočnega za brezmejni dar odrešenja. Odrešenik je prišel in z njim se je izpolnilo upanje Stare zaveze. Za kristjane je tole novo pri-čakovanje: Zveličar mora priti v srce vsakega človeka, da more živeti na tem svetu kot kristjan in nekdo, ki hrepeni po Kristusovem drugem prihodu ob koncu časov.

**OLTARNO DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA** – bo imelo skupno sv. mašo in obhajilo prihodnjo nedeljo, 5. dec. ob 10:30 dop. Sestanka ta mesec ne bo. Letna božičnica bo v nedeljo, 12. decembra, ob 11:30 dopoldne v St. Vitus Village. Vse članice, prosimo, pridite na to lepo skupno praznovanje!

*Vsem želimo blagoslovljene, vesele in zdrave  
božične praznike in srečno Novo Leto!*

**PRODAJA KROFOV** – NE BO v decembru in januarju. Pro-simo, obvestite tudi druge!

**MIKLAVŽEVANJE** – Tradicionalna prireditve Sv. Miklavža pod pokroviteljstvom Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu bo prihodnjo nedeljo, 5. dec. ob 3:00 pop. v novi farni dvorani. Starši se bodo lahko pogovo-rili s Sv. Miklavžem od devete ure dalje v tej dvorani. Pri prireditvi bodo tudi prodajali krofe. Vstopnina ni. Pro-stovoljni prispevki so dobrodošli. Vsi vljudno vabljeni!



**FARNA NABIRKA** – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$2,964.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**

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**CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS DONATIONS:** \$500.–M/M Paul & Susan Schumacher in mem. of parents, sister, & brother – William & Frances Millavec Family; \$150.–Mr. Tom Percic; \$100. – Annette Koballa & Mimi Nease in mem. of Raymond Novak; \$100. – Anonymous in mem. of Pavel Dolenc; \$50. – M/M Bob & Mia Graf.

**PARISH OFFERING** – last Sunday amounted to \$2,964.00 **St. Vitus Endow. Trust.:** \$500. – Mrs. Michelle Simpkins in mem. of Larry & Jason Simpkins; **PayPal On-line Donations (11/18/21 – 11/7/23)** \$405

**ST. VITUS ENDOWMENT TRUST – FOR NEW PARISH HALL**  
\$200.00 – (\$3,000. Pledge) – M/M Mark & Joanne Celestina  
\$150.00 – (\$5,100. Pledge) – M/M Tony & Nancy Dolenc  
\$100.00 – (\$3,000. Pledge) – M/M Veronica & Archer Blood  
\$100.00 – (\$2,500. Pledge) – Anonymous  
\$ 40.00 – Anonymous  
\$ 30.00 – (\$1,000. Pledge) – M/M David & Elizabeth Kern  
\$ 25.00 – M/M Aaron & Clare Taricska

*Sincerest thanks to our generous parishioners,  
benefactors & friends, and many blessings on everyone!*