

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 12th/13th

4:00 Ana & John Jurkovic

9:00 Milan Dolinar

For our Parishioners

10:30 Jože, Francka & Fran Gazvoda

MONDAY, December 14: St. John of the Cross

5:00 Joseph & Antonia Mihevc Family – Chapel

TUESDAY, December 15: Advent Weekday

5:00 Sylvia Turk – Church

WEDNESDAY, December 16: Advent Weekday

5:00 Jože & Ljudmila & sin Jože Lekan – Chapel

THURSDAY, December 17: Late Advent Weekday

5:00 Alois Kodrich – Chapel

FRIDAY, December 18: Late Advent Weekday

5:00 Lillian Krzywicki – 30 Day – Chapel

SATURDAY, December 19: Late Advent Weekday

4:00 Darlene Turek – 10th Ann.

SUNDAY, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 Bishop Edward Pevec – 6th Ann. & Family

10:30 Alojs & Marija Kornik

For Our Parishioners

PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

My soul rejoices in my God.

Moja duša se raduje v mojem Bogu.



INCENSE & CHARCOAL – which is traditionally used by Slovenian families observing the Christmas Eve tradition of blessing homes and families will be available (one per family) this weekend, and next in the main vestibule of the church. Free will offering may be placed in the "Poor Box".

Thank you to members of the St. Vitus Holy Name Society for preparing and donating items for the packets!

"STARA MAMA'S TABLE: Slovenian Recipes of

St. Vitus and St. Mary Parishes" – is the name of the cookbook that Toni Srsen, of *"Cooking with Micka"* classes, has put together and published just in time for Christmas. Along with each recipe, is a short story describing how the recipes came about. This was a wonderful way of preserving so many of the culinary delights, as well as stories that we have received from our grandmothers. Cost of the book is \$25 and may be ordered by calling the parish house at 216-361-1444. Proceeds of the sale will benefit both St. Vitus and St. Mary Parishes.



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!



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Today the Church begins the second part of the Advent season, the time of the immediate preparation for Christmas. During the week, the events preceeding the birth of Christ will be recalled in the Gospel passages. Our lives must give testimony to our belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, just as John testified that Christ the Savior was truly coming. We have cause for spiritual rejoicing, that we are called to spread the "good news" of Jesus' saving work.

THIRD ADVENT BANNER – This week's banner, based on a prophecy of Isaiah the prophet, shows a beautiful rose, indicating that when the Savior comes on earth, even the inhospitable desert shall blossom as the rose, at the coming of the Lord. This miracle of new vigorous life will happen to everyone who gladly and willingly accepts the Messiah.

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY – monthly Mass and Holy Communion is this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. No meeting following the Mass.

ST. VITUS KSKJ LODGE #25 – meeting is this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Vitus Village Meeting Room. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, there will **not** be a Christmas Party this year. *We wish everyone a Blessed, Happy and Healthy Christmas Season and New Year!*

– **HELPING RETIRED RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN** – The annual collection for helping the retired religious men and women is **this weekend**. Please use the envelope in the December packet. Generations of St. Vitus parishioner children were served well by the Sisters of Notre Dame and succeeded in life because of the education they received at St. Vitus. They gave all they could. Can YOU now help a little?

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION – Parishioners will have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance next weekend, Dec. 19th/20th. One or more priests will be available before or after the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, and the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. In coming to Confession both the priest and the penitent wear masks and there is already built-in separation in our confessionals. Please come to receive this holy sacrament.

"MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION" – This is the Advent preparation booklet which was made available on the first weekend of Advent. There are still some copies left, please take one and read it faithfully during Advent. The booklets can be found in the entrances of the church.

"SVETA NOČ" CD's – The St. Vitus Choir has re-ordered 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. To order the CD's or for more information, please contact Joanne Celestina at stvitussc@gmail.com or St. Vitus Rectory, 216-361-1444.



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A VERY SPECIAL OBSERVANCE OF SV. MIKLAVŽ

– Circumstances prevented St. Nicholas from visiting the students of St. Vitus Slovenian Language School for his feast day this year in the same manner as he has for over 60 years. But the Saint would not allow those circumstances to keep him away, rather he decided to take an innovative approach to visit each family. In Slovenia the Saint makes his visits by walking house to house, but he knows that in the US that method would not work very well. So on Sunday, December 6th, St. Nicholas rode a trolley to make stops at the houses of the families enrolled in Slovenian School. Since the children had been so good, St. Nicholas told the devils that they were not needed. Because the angels were very busy putting things away from the visits of the night before, the Saint did not want to bother them. So he came in the company of the faculty only. When the trolley left St. Vitus, a video of a past performance was livestreamed to help set the stage for the visit. At each stop the family gathered at the foot of their driveway to await the trolley. When the doors opened, the Saint greeted the family and prayed with them. Then he consulted his Book of Good Deeds to remind each child of what his or her good deeds had been and to encourage each in whatever might need improvement. He then presented the children with the gifts he had brought for them. Though the visit was brief, it was highly gratifying for both the family and Saint Nicholas.

PARISH OFFERING – Last Sunday amounted to \$4,099.00
On-line Donations: \$300. – 12/4/20 to 12/5/20; **St. Vitus Develop. Corp.:** \$160. – M/M Aaron Taricska; **Food Bank:** \$100. – M/M Robert & Mia Graf; \$50. – Mr. Frank Kornik; **Poor Box:** \$40.; **Winter Heat:** \$100.

ST. VITUS ENDOWMENT TRUST – FOR NEW PARISH HALL

\$10,000. – Richman Brothers Foundation
\$ 1,500. – (\$1,500. Pledge) – Ms. Rosalie Sremec in mem. of Maria Sremec Family
\$ 1,000. – Anonymous
\$ 1,000. – (\$1,000. Pledge) – Mrs. Marilyn Keppler Colnar in memory of Anthony Coolnar
\$ 500. – M/M Jerry & Mary Zupan
\$ 250. – Renner /Kenner, LLA in memory of Mrs. Lillian Krzywicki
\$ 200. – Anonymous
\$ 200. – Mr. Raymond Novak
\$ 200. – M/M Robert & Majdi Patyk
\$ 150. – (\$2,000. Pledge) – Miss Elizabeth Dolinar
\$ 150. – M/M Dolores & Tom Krause
\$ 100. – Anonymous
\$ 100. – (\$1,000. Pledge) – St. Vitus Holy Name Society Anonymous
\$ 100. – M/M Ann & David Bloom
\$ 100. – Ms. Andrea Zadell
\$ 55. – Anonymous
\$ 50. – Anonymous
\$ 50. – (\$5,500. Pledge) – M/M Stane & Marge Kuhar
\$ 50. – M/M James & Elizabeth Shortle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Krzywicki

Sincerest thanks and blessings on everyone!



– TRETJA NEDELJA V ADVENTNU –

Danes pričenja cerkev drugi del adventnega časa, to je čas priprav tik pred Božičem. V evangelijskih berilih ta teden se bomo spominjali dogodkov, ki se so zgodili tik pred Kristusovim rojstvom. Naše življenje mora potrjevati našo vero, da je Jezus Kristus, Sin božji, prav tako kot je Janez pričeval, da je prihod Kristusa Odrešenika zares blizu. Vzrok našega duhovnega veselja je v tem, da smo poklicani, da razširimo “veselo sporočilo” o Jezusovem rešilnem delu.

TRETJI ADVENTNI PRAPOR – Prapor tega tedna, osnovan na prerokbi preroka Izaija, nakazuje da ob prihodu Odrešenika na svet tudi negostoljubna puščava bo cvetela kot roža ob Gospodovem prihodu. Ta čudež bujnega življenja bo uresničen pri vsakem, ki voljno in z veseljem sprejeme Odrešenika.

DRUŠTVO NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA – ima mesečno sv. mašo in obhajilo to nedeljo pri 9:00 jutrajni maši. Po maši ne bo sestanka.

KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA #25 – ima svoj sestanek to nedeljo ob 11:30 dopoldne v sobi za sestanke v St. Vitus Village. Zaradi Covid-19 virusa, letos ne bo božičnice.

KADILO IN OGLJE – je pripravljeno za ta vikend in naslednji. Zavoji so namenjeni po enega na osebo ali družino. Kdor želi kaj darovati, naj to stori v “**Poor Box**”, ki je nastavljena na običajnem kraju.

Najlepša Hvala članim *St. Vitus Holy Name Society* da so darovali potrebne stvari in pripravili te pakete!

POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA REDOVNICE IN REDOVNIKE

Ta vikend je nabirka za pomoč upokojenim redovnikom in redovnicam. Ameriški katoličani že nekaj let zbirajo darove za upokojene redovnike in redovnice, od katerih je več ko polovico starih nad 70 let. V svojem času so ogromno prispevali k napredku katoličanov, kot na primer pri Sv. Vidu, kjer so redovnice vodile farno šolo skoraj sto let. V ovojnicah cerkvenih kuvert je tudi kuverta za to posebno nabirko. Ta letošnja nabirka je zelo primerna in potrebna za tiste redovnike in redovnice, ki so vse svoje življenje posvetili delu za katoliške vernike. Ne smemo jih pozabiti v njihovi starosti in onemoglosti.

DAROV ZA BOŽIČNO OKRASITEV – Vsako leto je cerkev Sv. Vida za Božič in v dneh po Kristusovem rojstvu lepo okrašena. Farane smo povabili, da uporabijo posebno decembersko kuverta za “okrasitev cerkve za Božič”. Na ta način je vsak darovalec vključen v okrasitev v čast Božjega Deteta. **Najlepša hvala!**



FARNA NABIRKA – od pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,099.00. Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**



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