

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS,
PARISH BENEFACTORS AND VISITORS TO
ST. VITUS CHURCH. BLESSINGS OF GOD'S
RACE, LIFE AND HEALTH, FRIENDSHIP AND
PEACE. GOD BE WITH ONE AND ALL!



SREČNO NOVO LETO VSEM FARANOM,
FARNIM DOBROTNIKOM IN VSEM, KI
OBISKUJEJO NAŠO CERKEV. BLAGOSLOV
BOŽJE MILOSTI, ŽIVLJENJE IN ZDRAVJE,
PRIJATELJSTVO IN MIR! BOG BODI Z VAMI!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2017

Year 2017 - No. 1

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 31st/January 1st

4:00 Sarina & Alexander Samochin
Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors - Vigil Mass

10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

11:30 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Church

MONDAY, Jan. 2: Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

5:00 Frances, Patricia & Edward Jerman - Chapel

TUESDAY, January 3: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Mr. Bill Jerse - 1st Ann. - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:00 Antonia Dolenc - Chapel

THURSDAY, January 5: St. John Neumann

5:00 Antonia Klammer - Chapel

FRIDAY, January 6: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Vida T. Perme - Chapel

SATURDAY, January 7: Christmas Weekday

4:00 Alice M. Fink - 4th Ann.

SUNDAY, January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Frank Tominc - Ann.

10:30 Dec. of Anton & Apolonija Košir

11:30 Sung Litanies in Honor of the Mother of God

LECTORS/BRALCI --- January 7th/8th, 2017

Sat. 4:00 P.M. David Fink

Sun. 9:00 A.M. Paul Ferkul/Donald Kern

Sun. 10:30 A.M. Neja Turk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 7th/8th, 2017

Sat. 4:00 P.M. Carolyn & Roger Mallik

Sun. 9:00 A.M. Mary Kaplan/Rick Jaksic

Sun. 10:30 A.M. Nevia Avzlahar/Mario Perčič

*** ANNOUNCEMENT - BISHOP LENNON RETIRING ***

This past week Bishop Richard Lennon personally announced his retirement because of ongoing health challenges including a type of dementia. The Diocese sent out a two page news bulletin. For the convenience of parishioners we have placed copies of the announcement of the Bishop retirement on the table by the main church entrance. Please pray for Bishop Lennon.

ST. VITUS KSKJ #25 MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

- has been rescheduled for **next Sunday, January 8th**, in the lower church hall. Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by party at 2:00 p.m. **Members, please come and have a wonderful time!**

NO KROFE SALE IN JANUARY - Please advise others.

Christmas Music



ANNUAL ST. VITUS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

CONCERT - Just a reminder to everyone, please stay in church after this Sunday's 10:00 a.m. ALL-PARISH Mass for the annual

St. Vitus Christmas Choir Concert of Sacred Songs. This concert is a very special Christmas gift from the members of both our choirs and other individuals. The choir's repertoire includes traditional carols in English, Slovenian, Latin and Italian. Admission is FREE, but any good-will offerings will be most welcome. The customary social will follow in the parish Auditorium. Everyone is invited! After the hectic days surrounding Christmas, we will truly appreciate the beauty of Christmas carols. Please don't miss this very special Christmas treat! There will be a special blessing given for the families at the conclusion of the Mass.

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 in the visitation of our homebound and sick parishioners. At this time we would like to acknowledge all the people who had a hand in the work of preparing for the day of Christ's birth.



OUTSIDE MANGER - St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655: Clara Abriani, Joe Hocevar, John Kirk, Jr., Tom Kirk, Bill Lipold, Larry Sterk, Eric Stransky Aaron Taricska and Ray Yartz.

INSIDE MANGER - Bernadette, Ellie, Tony & Nick Ovsenik; Pamela Osborne; Lisa Zalik; Bob, Katelyn & Adam Zakrajsek; Mark Zakrajsek; Keith & Evan Koprowski; Peter Leksan & Eddie Mejac.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Louise Strauss and helpers: Theresa Avsec; Maggie & Mike Milakovich; Linda Baznik; Jonathan Celestina; Kati, Maria & Ed Cup & Nick Redden; Lisa & Nathaniel Dolinar; Mary Ann Domanko; Ron Formanik; Mia Graf; Christian Gulley; Joe Hocevar; Mary, Katie & Jim Hurley; Mary, Maja, Natalie, Nick & Shane Kosir; Marge, Stan & Mark Kuhar; Josie Manfreda; Alex, Aaron, Luke & Noah Spinos; Betty Svekric; Rich & Aaron Taricska; Magda, Nola & Dan Valerian; Kati Vomberger; Tony Zakelj & Megan Zupan.

A SPECIAL THANKS - to our Choirs, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, ushers and Midnight Mass bell ringers!

THANK YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – will have its monthly group Mass and Holy Communion next Sun., Jan. 8th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The usual meeting/breakfast (coffee & donuts) will follow in Village Slovenian Room. Members, please attend!

ROSARY FOR RIGHT TO LIFE – The Holy Name Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary next Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a rosary and join in asking for Our Lady's help. Also, remember to pray for peace in our world. Afterwards, please join in for coffee & donuts at Village Slovenian Room.



COFFEE & DONUTS SOCIAL – in the lower church hall will start Jan. 15th after both Sunday Masses until Lent. **Please join us!**

CHRISTMASTIME VISITATION TO OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS – For several years now, under the direction of Sr. Mary Avsec and Majdi Patyk, we remember our homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes with gift packages. Sr. Mary Avsec, Majdi and their many helpers would like to thank the generous parishioners, friends and the following individuals who baked, packed and/or delivered the 60 Christmas packages: Jennie & Lou Antloga Family, Nevia Avzlahar, Lil Behlke, Andrea & Brian Benander, Sonja Boergert, Anica Cendol, Tony Dolenc, Mary Ann Domanko, Mary Hurley, Michelle Ilc, Paul & Jean Kolaric, Aggie Koporc, Cilka Košir, Mici Košir, Stane Kuhar, Anica & Erika Kurbos, Majda Lekšan, Ivanka Matič, Anči Mihelič, Majdi & Jacob Patyk, Helena, Mario & Tom Perčič, Michelle Plecnik, Blažena & Barbie Rihtar, The St. Vitus Altar Society, Lojzka Sever & Antonia Uzl, Patrick & David Srsen, Mimi Štefančič, Suzi Thur, Audrey Vertosnik, Karoline & Dan Weir, Apolonia Žakelj, Zdenka Zakrajšek, Janet Zgodinski & Bernard Lavriša, Sue Zitko, Frankie Zitko & Kathy Krulc and Terezija Zitnik. Our senior parishioners are so very grateful for being remembered. May the Prince of Peace gift you abundantly!

ST. VITUS PARISH FOOD PANTRY – work of Christian charity is done on a monthly basis throughout the year by parish volunteers, who on the average prepare 80 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—Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Day. This Christmas, our parish volunteers distributed 60 baskets of food along with other household items. We are blessed with the following regular food pantry volunteers who we thank most sincerely. They are: Betty Svekric, Rudy Sterk, Josie Manfreda & Joe Rozman. God bless you!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR SENIORS AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS PROVIDED BY ST. IGNATIUS H.S. – 23 baskets were delivered by: Mark & Markie Celestina; Ivan & Johnnie Cugel, Matthew, Mike & Nathaniel Dolinar, Tom Filipovic, Bob & Tom Graf, Jean & John Kendzierski, Shane & Nick Kosir, Tom & Katherine Krainz, Ben, Matt & Ben Jr. Stankewicz and Jan & Elliott Thorkelson.

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!



VSAKOLETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT – je to nedeljo po 10:00 sv. maši v naši cerkvi. Vstopnine ni. Prostovoljni prispevki so dobrodošli. Po koncertu ste vabljeni v avditorij na okrepčila in razgovor. Ne zamudite tega prav posebnega božičnega veselja!

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO – NE bo imelo skupno mesečno sv. mašo, obhajilo in sestanek meseca januarja.

PRODAJA KROFOV – NE BO v januarju. Prosimo, obvestite tudi druge!

BIL JE BLAGOSLOVLJEN BOŽIČ – Naša fara je tudi letos praznovala Božič na kar najbolj slovesen način. Božič se ne doživi brez velikih in skrbnih priprav. Na duhovni ravni ga vsak poedinec doživi v adventnem času. Doživljamo ga pa tudi v okrasitvi notranjosti in zunanosti cerkve sv. Vida, s pripravami za božično bogoslužje, s tem da na različne načine pomagamo ubogim v soseščini in z obiski faranom, ki ne morejo v cerkev.



Veseli smo, da imamo toliko faranov, ki vselej pomagajo, kjer je potrebno. Še posebej smo ponosni na naše mlade. Vsem in vsakemu posebej: iskrena hvala in še naprej pomagajte ohranjati našo faro.

Letos bi radi le skromno omenili imena vseh onih, ki so na mnogo načinov pomagali pred Božičem, pri božičnem praznovanju in po njem: za imena si oglejte angleški del oznanila.

DRUŠTVO NAJSV. IMENA – bo imelo skupno sv. mašo in sv. obhajilo prihodnjo nedeljo, 8. jan., pri 9:00 jutrajni maši. Redni sestanek/zajtrk bo sledil v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village. Vse člane vabimo, da se udeleže te prve skupinske sv. maše in sestanka v novem letu!

KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA #25 – bo imelo svoj sestanek in božičnico prihodnjo nedeljo, 8. jan. v cerkveni dvorani. Sestanek bo ob 1:00 popoldne, božičnica pa ob 2:00. Člani, pridite na to lepo skupno praznovanje!

POSEBNA ZAHVALA – Že več let pod vodstvom Sr. Mary Avsec in Majdi Patyk, se spomnimo faranov, ki ne morejo več v cerkev. Iskrena hvala vsem, ki so pekli, pripravili 60 daril in jih raznesli po domovih. Za imena teh, ki so pomagali pri obdaritvi, si oglejte angl. del oznanila. Naši starejši so zelo hvaležni, da smo se jih spomnili na ta način. Naj Vas Zveličar obilno blagoslovi v novem letu!

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,078.00 **Christmas** – \$51,848.03; **Christmas Flowers** – \$2,692.00; **Sincerest gratitude for your continued generosity and support! We are very blessed!**

PLEASE NOTE: The list of donor's names for Christmas, Christmas Flowers, St. Vitus Endowment Trust, St. Vitus Building Fund and St. Vitus Food Bank are in this week's bulletin insert.