

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, January 7th/January 8th

- 4:00 Alice M. Fink – 4th Ann.
- 9:00 Frank Tominc – Ann.
- 10:30 Dec. of Anton & Apolonija Košir
- 11:30 Sung Litanies in Honor of the Mother of God

MONDAY, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

- 5:00 Helen & Anthony Legan – Chapel

TUESDAY, January 10: Weekday

- 5:00 Larry & Jason Simpkins – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 11: Weekday

- 5:00 Franc & Ana Kamin – Chapel

THURSDAY, January 12: Weekday

- 5:00 John Merhar – Chapel

FRIDAY, January 13: Weekday

- 5:00 Robert Mills, Sr. – Chapel

SATURDAY, January 14: Weekday

- 4:00 Družina Ščančar, Masle, Ahlin & Kovač

SUNDAY, January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 Anne (6th Ann.) & Ken Tomsick
For Our Parishioners
- 10:30 Dominik Štupica – Ann.



PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Gospod, vsi narodi ti bodo služili.

LECTORS/BRALCI --- January 14th/15th, 2017

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Pat McKibben
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Jean Kendzierski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Slovenian School

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 14th/15th, 2017

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Sr. Mary Avsec
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Mary Ann Janout/Ed Baznik
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Michelle & Matt Plecnik



ST. VITUS KSKJ LODGE #25 MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

– is **this Sunday** in lower church hall. Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by the party at 2:00 p.m. **Members, please come and have a wonderful time!**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – has its monthly group Mass and Holy Communion this Sunday 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 this 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 next Sunday, January 15th after both Sunday Masses until Lent. **Please join us!**



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? And if the star was seen only by the Wise Men, why only by them and not by 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?

END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON – This Sunday concludes the Christmas season. **“Ordinary Time”** begins this Tuesday and continues to Tuesday, February 28th, the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. As in past years, we will begin taking the Christmas decorations away little by little, not all at once, so as to retain the glow of Christmas long after it is officially over.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – This Monday the liturgy speaks of the occasion when Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. People of the surrounding district had already been coming to John the Baptist for spiritual direction. On many occasions he spoke about the impending coming of God's judgment and of the necessity to do penance for sins. Many secretly hoped that John would be the long anticipated Messiah, but each time John denied it, and said that his job was merely to prepare the way for God's work in the world. On this occasion Jesus approached John and asked to be baptized. Though He was sinless and did not need baptism, He nevertheless asked to be baptized as an act of total obedience to God's direction for Him and to symbolically show that He had come to break the power of sin over people. When Jesus emerged from the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and the voice from heaven said, “You are my beloved Son, on You my favor rests”.

CHRISTMASTIME BLESSING OF HOMES – It is a custom to bless homes at this time of the year. The holy water used reminds us of our baptism and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Chalk is used to mark the doorways. The chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we are made and is used to inscribe: 20+C+M+B+17. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials stand for the Latin phrase, “Christus mansionem benedicat,” i.e., may God bless this house, and also according to tradition, the initials for the three Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. We encourage you to make this blessing as a part of your own family's celebration of Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

– would not be what they are for St. Vitus Parishioners without the beautiful singing of the two parish choirs, **LIRA**, under the direction of Frank Coffelt, and the **9:00 a.m.**

Mass Choir, under the direction of John Srsen. The third, **The St. Vitus Christmas Choir**, presents the Annual Christmas Concert on the first Sunday after Christmas. This choir currently consists of over 46 members drawn from the two parish choirs and former members who return each year for the concert.

Last Sunday a crowd of over 450 people attended the ALL-PARISH Mass and stayed to enjoy the wonderful concert. Afterwards, over 300 guests gathered in the parish auditorium for a lovely reception prepared by Kelly Bencun and staff of Kiseljak Catering. People stayed and visited for nearly two hours. Many, many thanks to the Choir for a most enjoyable Christmas concert and gratitude to all who helped with the hospitality!

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER – Do you need time for silence and spiritual growth? Take a flier by the main church entrance. The Sisters of Notre Dame have information about their upcoming sessions on Auburn Road, Chardon, Ohio. For details visit www.sndchardon.org.

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!



PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,078.00

Additional Christmas Donations – \$4,920.00

\$1,000.–Dr. Margaret Gorenssek; \$1,000. –Dr./Mrs. David & Neja Turk; \$700.– Anon.; \$500.– Anon.; \$250.– Miss Judith Crtalic; \$250.–M/M Rick & Kathy Jaksic; \$250.–Ms. Dorothea Odar; \$150.–Ms. Erika & Stefani Kurbos; \$120.–M/M Tony & Diane Gorsek; \$100.–M/M Archer & Veronica Blood; \$100. –M/M Joe & Marta Futey; \$100. –M/M Donald & Geraldine Kern; \$100.–M/M Richard & Patricia Pangonis; \$100.–M/M Branko & Maruša Pogačnik; \$100.–Ms. Mary Ann Vogel; \$100. – Miss Mary Zeleznik; \$50. – M/M Peter & Sheila Leksan.

Additional Christmas Flower Donations – \$75.00

M/M Donald & Geraldine Kern in mem. of Dec. Members of The Kern, Winter, Ciolek & Mistruck Families; Mr. Francisco Kristof; Ms. Mary Ann Vogel.

Parish Needs: \$500.–Ms. Carol Cercek in mem. of Frances Lenarsic Cercek.

St. Vitus Building Fund: \$200. – M/M Greg & Lisa Dolinar in memory of Milan & Paula Dolinar; \$100. – Anonymous.

St. Vitus Endowment Trust: \$1,000.– Mr. John Oblak, Jr. in memory of: M/M John Oblak, Sr., M/M George Buncic, M/M John Primovic, Sr., Mr. Frank L. Urbania and Ms. Josephine Primovic; \$625. –M/M Dan & Louise Dejak; \$100. –Friends in memory of Mr. Jože Gabric.

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



PRAZNIK SV. TREH KRALJEV – Cerkev

praznuje to nedeljo starodavni praznik Sv. Treh Kraljev, razodetje Jezusa tistim zunaj Judovske vere. Trije modri od Vzhoda so prišli, da bi našli Otroka, ki so ga napoveda-

li 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 obljuje, 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 Sv. 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?

KONEC BOŽIČNE DOBE – Ta nedelja uradno zaključí božično dobo. **“Navaden čas”** se začne v torek in se nadaljuje do torka, 28. feb., dne pred pepelnično sredo in začetkom posta. Kakor vsako leto začnemo jemati božične okrase proč po malem, ne vse naenkrat, kakor da potrebujemo ohraniti žar Božiča še dolgo potem, ko je uradno zaključen.

DRUŠTVO NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA – ima skupno sv. mašo in sv. obhajilo to nedeljo pri 9:00 jutrajni maši. Redni sestanek in zajtrk bo sledil v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village. Vse člane vabimo, da se udeležite te prve skupinske sv. maše in sestanka v novem letu!

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



JEZUSOV KRST – Liturgija tega ponedeljka govori o dogodku, ko je Janez krstil Jezusa v reki Jordan. Ljudje iz okolice so prihajali k Janezu Krstniku, da bi jim svetoval v duhovnih zadevah. Večkrat jim je govoril o neizogibni božji sodbi in o potrebi pokore za grehe. Veliko jih je na tihem upalo, da je Janez dolgo pričakovani Mesija. Janez pa je to vsakokrat zanikal in vztrajno trdil, da je on samo tisti, ki pripravlja pot za Gospodovo delo na svetu. Ob tej priliki se je Jezus približal Janeza in ga prosil za krst. Čeprav je bil Jezus brez greha in ni rabil krst, ga je vse eno prosil za krst, da je pokazal svojo popolno predanost božjemu navodilu zanj in da bi simbolično pokazal, da je prišel, da zlomi moč greha nad ljudi. Ko je Jezus prišel iz vode, je prišel nad njega sv. Duh in glas z neba je dejal, “Ti si moj ljubljeni Sin, nad Teboj imam veselje”.

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 \$4,078.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!

