

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, February 11th/12th

- 4:00 Zita Brezavšček
- 9:00 Andrew & Lillian Krainz
For Our Parishioners
- 10:30 Terry Rihtar - 5th Ann.

MONDAY, February 13: Weekday

- 5:00 Ivanka & Polde Pretnar & Jenko Family - Chapel

TUESDAY, February 14: Ss. Cyril & Methodius

- 5:00 Angie, Josie, June & Fay Ambrozic - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, February 15: Weekday

- 5:00 Ani (4th Ann.) & Albin Klammer - Chapel

THURSDAY, February 16: Weekday

- 5:00 Pavle Žakelj - Ann. - Chapel

FRIDAY, February 17: Weekday

- 5:00 Shirley Riha - 30 Day - Chapel

SATURDAY, February 18: Weekday

- 4:00 Joseph Jarc, John Jalovec & Stempihar Families

SUNDAY, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 Dec. of Stupnik & Hurley Families
- 10:30 Dec. of Osenar & Pograjec Families
For Our Parishioners



PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Blagor njim, ki hodijo v Gospodovi postavi.

LECTORS/BRALCI --- February 18th/19th, 2017

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Anna Marie & Ron Luzar
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Jean Kendzierski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Neja Turk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 18th/19th, 2017

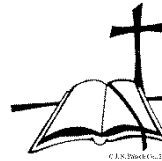
- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Stan Kuhar
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Mary Petelin/Jim Szymanski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Nevia Avzlahar/Joe Hocevar

GOOD NEWS - St. Vitus Parish has received the **9th distribution (\$36,190.00)** from the diocesan capital campaign **"Rooted In Faith, Forward In Hope"** administered by the Catholic Community Foundation. These funds are pledges being paid by parishioners. Thank you to the many parishioners who are making payments on their pledges. Net funds from the campaign are for the new proposed parish hall. Any parishioner desiring to make a pledge or donation for the proposed new parish hall should contact the rectory, 216-361-1444. **Sincerest thank you to all!**

PARISH OFFERING - last Sunday amounted to \$3,579.00
St. Vitus Bldg. Fund: \$36,190.00 - 9th distribution from the diocesan capital campaign **"Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope"**; \$200. - M/M Greg & Lisa Dolinar in memory of parents Milan & Paula Dolinar; \$100. - Anon.; **Candlemas** - \$560.; **Winter Heating:** \$230.

Sincerest thank you to all!

WORD OF GOD FOR THIS SUNDAY -



The main teaching of the scriptures this Sunday is that of making responsible decisions and choices in light of our Christian faith. God has revealed himself and His teachings. God is to be believed, honored and obeyed. His teachings help us make choices which are right in every way and morally good. Because we have free will, we have the power to make choices which are not right and good. In either case we are responsible for the decisions we make and their consequences. In the words of the first reading, we have the power to reach out for either life or death. To make decisions on God's teachings we accept life, to reject His teachings is to choose certain spiritual death. Let us pray especially on this Sunday, that we might always and in all circumstances have the spiritual insight to choose what is good and right.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - "You Did it for Me"

The first of this year's two In-Pew Appeals is **this weekend**. After the homily, pledge envelopes for the appeal will be distributed. They will have to be filled out in church, not taken home. The Pastor will help parishioners with this part of the work from the pulpit. If you have already made a donation or pledge, simply indicate this on the envelope. Our parish goal this year is \$42,116.00. We pray that every parishioner will be able to make a sacrificial offering this year to Catholic Charities.



COFFEE & DONUTS - in the lower church hall after the Sunday Masses until Lent. Please join us!

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY - monthly group Mass and Holy Communion is this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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. Remember to pray for peace in our world.



ST. VITUS SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL & ST. VITUS PARISH - will have a joint benefit

brunch on Sunday, Feb. 26th, in the St. Vitus Parish Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. to Noon! On the menu: **Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fried Potatoes, Fruit, Pastry, O.J., Coffee & Milk**. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased from Slovenian School parents, at the Parish House Office (216) 361-1444 or at the door on the day of the brunch.

ASSISTANCE FORMS - are available on the table by the main church entrance: **Energy Reduction & Public Utility Forms** - based on income. **Homestead Exemption Forms** - based on age/disability, plus owning and living in the house.



SACRAMENTAL DATES - This year *First Holy Communion* will be on Sunday, May 7th. At the moment we have three parish children signed up, and we invite other parish children to avail themselves of this special occasion. Please contact Fr. Boznar for more information at 361-1444.

The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be bestowed on Sun., Nov. 19th, with Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B., officiating. The last time we had a parish Confirmation was four years ago with the late Bishop Edward Pevec. We have had regular Confirmations every three years which enabled us to have classes of 20-30 confirmandi. Also, previously for pastoral reasons unique to St. Vitus Parish, the Pastor had some discretion in allowing children just under the customary age for Confirmation to receive this sacrament.

The Pastor will seek advice from Bishop Gries concerning this matter and others pertaining to Confirmation. Until Bp. Gries returns from an assignment in the second week of February, we cannot say for certain what the age of some candidates will be this year.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - March 1st-April 9th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Also, to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm**, 12000 Shaker Blvd., 44120, **Planned Parenthood**, 25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights 44146, or **Family Planning**, 54 S. State St., Painesville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. For additional information and to volunteer to help, call our parishioner, Milan Rihtar, (440) 944-5309, John Noall, (216) 245-9744, or his email clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

PARISH FOOD BANK - CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY - St. Vitus Parish received its annual *Greater Cleveland Food Bank* report for calendar year 2016. Our parish food bank has been in continuous service for 33 years and operates in the lower church hall. St. Vitus Food bank provided 21,090 lbs. of food. According to the report, this is equivalent to 17,575 meals. We also distributed 2,006 pounds of produce. This does not include additional fresh meats such as chicken or ham that our parish purchases for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We served 1,521 people: 296 children, 746 adults and 479 seniors. The annual cost to properly operate our food bank is an estimated \$5,000. This includes ongoing maintenance, utilities and other "unseen" costs such as capital improvements. This work is supported by private donations, mainly from parishioners; and grants and/or donations from organizations such as St. Vitus CWV Post 1655, St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25, St. Anne Lodge #4 AMLA, C.O.F. Maximilian Ct. 2268, and Joseph House of Cleveland, Inc. Detailed reports must be completed each month along with an annual audit and a required "work session" at least once a year. A note of thanks to the current regular food pantry volunteers who help in this work of mercy: Betty Svekric, Rudy Sterk, Josie Manfreda, Joe Rozman and St. Edward High School students with moderator Rick Kubrak.



BOŽJA BESEDA DANAŠNJE NEDELJE -

Glavni nauk Svetega pisma za to nedeljo nam kaže, kako se odgovorno odločamo in izbiramo v luči krščanske vere. Bog je razodel Sebe in Svoj nauk. Bogu moramo verjeti, ga spoštovati in ubogati. Njegov nauk nam pomaga do odločitev, ki so v vsakem pogledu pravilne in moralno dobre. Ker imamo svobodno voljo, se moremo odločati tudi za to, kar ni pravilno in dobro. V vsakem slučaju smo odgovorni za svoje odločitve in z njimi zvezane posledice. Po besedah prvega berila imamo moč, da se odločimo za življenje ali za smrt. Če se odločimo po božjem nauku, sprejmemo življenje, če ta nauk zavračamo, smo izbrali gotovo duhovno smrt. Molimo posebno to nedeljo, da bomo vselej in v vsakih okoliščinah duhovno spoznali in se odločili za to, kar je dobro in pravilno!

DRUŠTVO NAJSV. IMENA - ima skupno mesečno sv. mašo in sv. obhajilo to nedeljo pri 9:00 jutrajni maši.

PRIČETEK KATOLIŠKE AKCIJE - Ta vikend je v naši župniji pričetek vsakoletne dobrodelne akcije. Naš farni delež je \$42,116.00. Tako kot prejšnja leta se bo prvi del akcije vršil med sv. mašo v cerkvi. Tokrat bodo župljani prejeli ovojnico na kateri bo vsak označil svoj denarni dar v podporo akcije.

Kdor je letos že obljubil svoj dar, bo na kuverto napisal: "Jaz sem svojo obljubljeno vsoto že sporočil Uradu Katoliške dobrodelnosti."

Iskreno vabimo župljane, da se radodarno odzvajo tej pomembni nabirki!

DOBRODELNI "BRUNCH" SLOVENSKE ŠOLE IN FARE SV. VIDA - bo v nedeljo, 26. feb. v



Avditoriju. Postregli bodo od 9:30 dop. do 12ih opoldne. Na voljo: **umešana jajca, klobase, pražen krompir, sadje, pecivo, O.J. kava in mleko.** Cena za odrasle je \$10.00 za otroke pa \$7.00 Nakaznice lahko kupite pri starših šolskih otrok, v župnišču ali pri vratih na dan prireditve. Vsi prisrčno vabljeni!

FARNA NABIRKA - pretekle nedelje je znesla \$3,579.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!

REVERSE RAFFLE - St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655 in partnership with the St. Vitus Alumni Association is holding its Annual Reverse Raffle on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30. Main Board tickets are \$60.00 per person. Dinner only tickets are also available @25.00 per person. ONLY 200 tickets will be sold. Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved. For reservations, please call John Kirk, 216-432-1199, Frank Zitko, 440-488-8284 or Mia Graf, 440-442-1635. Tickets are also available at the Vets Post after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Make checks out to St. Vitus CWV Post 1655 c/o John Kirk, 1093 E. 64th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44103 or St. Vitus Alumni c/o Andrea Plassard, Treas., 6625 Great Oaks Parkway, Independence, OH 44131.