

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 9th/10th**

- 4:00 John (30th Ann.) & Dorothy Kirk
- 9:00 Don Slapnik
- 10:30 Milan & Paula Dolinar  
For Our Parishioners

**MONDAY, December 11: Advent Weekday**

- 5:00 Angela & Josephine Perusek – Chapel

**TUESDAY, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- 5:00 Bishop A. Edward Pevec – Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, December 13: St. Lucy**

- 5:00 Julius & Jožefa Černoga – Chapel

**THURSDAY, December 14: St. John of the Cross**

- 5:00 Pok. Družina Blaskovič – Chapel

**FRIDAY, December 15: Advent Weekday**

- 5:00 William A. Modic – 30 Day – Chapel

**SATURDAY, December 16: Advent Weekday**

- 4:00 Darlene Turek – 7th Ann.

**SUNDAY, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 Rihtar & Cerar Families  
For Our Parishioners
- 10:30 Družine Slak & Likozar



**PSALM RESPONSE \* ODPEV PRI PSALMU**

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
Pokaži nam, Gospod, svojo dobroto!

**LECTORS/BRALCI --- December 16th/17th, 2017**

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. David Fink
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Mia & Robert Graf
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Slovenian School

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – December 16/17th, 2017**

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Carolyn & Roger Mallik
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Jim Szymanski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Nevia Avzlahar/David Turk

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**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION –**

During Sundays of Advent one priest will be available for confessions one half hour before Masses. Please take advantage of these opportunities to make a good confession before Christmas.

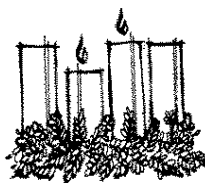
**ANNUAL AMLA CHRISTMAS PARTY** – The AMLA Lodges' Christmas Party is **this Sunday** from 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave.



**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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 designated for the **“Christmas Flowers”**. In this way every donor is included in the decorations in honor of the Holy Infant!

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Many things are happening around us in the weeks before Christmas. Life does not stop because of Advent; rather Advent asks us to redirect our spiritual vision towards the One who is the Son of God and Son of Justice. Long ago, He came into the world so that people of faith and good will would recognize Him as the Savior of the world. It is exceedingly difficult these days for Christians not to be distracted by commercialism and everyday concerns to see that Christmas above all else means Jesus Christ is among us. In the words of John the Baptist, each believing person must try to “straighten out” those aspects of one’s personal life which inhibits a fuller welcome of Christ into their life. Likewise, each person must try harder to move away from the alluring distractions which hide the true meaning of Christmas.

**– HELPING RETIRED RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN –**

The annual collection for helping retired religious men and women is **this weekend**. Please use the envelope in 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?

**ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY Annual Christmas Party is this Sunday**

at 11:30 a.m. in the parish auditorium. 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!



**ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY –**

monthly corporate Mass and Holy Communion is this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Usual meeting & breakfast will follow in The Village Slovenian Room.



**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. Afterwards, please join in for coffee & donuts at The Village Slovenian Room.

**Please remember to wear your “Respect Life Rose”.**

**ST. VITUS KSKJ #25 MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY – is this Sunday**

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



**ADVENT SERVICE –** the Collinwood Cluster will have a Communal Penance Service in St. Jerome Church, 15000 Lakeshore Blvd., on Monday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m.



## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE OF OUR HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS

As in past years, our parish family will remember the homebound with a visit and a token gift. During this Advent Season, you or your family might feel called to pay a visit and deliver the "gift" to one of them on Dec. 16th & 17th. If you would like to participate, or need more information, please call Sr. Mary Avsec at (216) 432-9179. Baked goods are needed for the care packages to the homebound. These have to be at the parish house by Friday, Dec. 15th. Drivers can pick up the packages for delivery around 10:45 a.m. on the 16th in the church hall. **Thank you!**

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL** – which is traditionally used by Slovenian families observing the Christmas Eve tradition of blessing homes and families will be available next weekend, December 16/17th, in the main vestibule of the church. The packets consist of two halves of one charcoal piece & grains of incense. A larger grain of incense is large enough to fill an entire room with the sweet smelling fragrance. These packets are made available one to a family. Free will offering may be placed in the "Poor Box".

## \* ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT \*

The St. Vitus Christmas Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus Church on Sunday, December 31st, after the 10:00 a.m. all-parish Mass, and at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood on Friday, December 29th, at 7:00 p.m. The choir's repertoire includes traditional carols in English, Slovenian, Latin and Italian. Admission is FREE but donations will be most welcome. A social will follow in parish Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and join us for this very special Christmas treat!



**PARISH OFFERING** – last Sunday amounted to \$4,360.00  
**St. Vitus Endow. Trust:** \$1,500. – M/M John & Metka Daly on the occasion of Confirmation of children–James, Joseph & Luke Daly; \$1,000. – Mrs. Betty Grdina in loving memory of her beloved husband Tony Grdina; \$200. – Mrs. Milena Stropnik on the occasion of Confirmation of grandchildren: Alexandra & Amalia Blood and James, Joseph & Luke Daly;  
**St. Vitus Bldg. Fund:** \$1,500 – M/M John & Metka Daly on the occasion of Confirmation of children–James, Joseph & Luke Daly. **Sincerest thank you to all!**

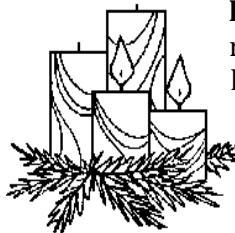
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## DAROVI ZA BOŽIČNO OKRASITEV

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

**ZAKRAMENT SPOVEDI** – vse nedelje v adventu bo duhovnik spovedoval pol ure pred začetkom maš. Prosim, da uporabite to priliko za dobro spoved pred božičnimi prazniki.



**DRUGA ADVENTNA NEDELJA** – V tednih pred Božičem se okoli nas dogaja veliko stvari. Advent ne ustavi življenja; raje nas poziva, preusmerimo naš duhovni pogled k Njemu, ki je Sin božji in Sin Pravičice. Davno je že tega, ko je prišel na svet za uboge ki so pripravljene Ga sprejeti kot Odrešenika sveta.

Dandanes komercializem in vsakdanje skrbi ovirajo kristjane, da bi videli, da Božič predvsem pomeni, da je Jezus Kristus med nami. Po besedah Janeza Krstnika mora vsak vernik skušati urediti tiste stvari v svojem osebnem življenju, ki mu preprečujejo popolnejši sprejem Kristusa. Prav tako se mora vsak potruditi, da se izogiblje zapeljivih zabav, ki zakrivajo resnično pomembnost Božiča.

**OLTARNO DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA** – ima svojo letno božičnico to nedeljo ob 11:30 dopoldne v Avditoriju. Vse članice, prosimo, pridite na to lepo skupno praznovanje!



**DRUŠTVO NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA** – ima skupno mesečno mašo in sv. obhajilo to nedeljo ob 9ih zjutraj. Redni sestanek in zajtrk sledi v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village.

**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!

**NABIRKA ZA POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA REDOVNICE IN REDOVNIKE** – je ta vikend. 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 ovojnici 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.



## VSAKOLETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT

– Letos bo naš "Božični pevski zbor" podal svoj božični koncert v nedeljo, 31. decembra pri Sv. Vidu po skupni sv. maši, ki bo ob 10:00 dop. in v soboto, 29. dec., pri Mariji Vnebovzeti ob 7:00 zvečer. Ta koncert je posebno darilo članov obeh cerkvenih zborov in nekaterih drugih pevcev. Vstopnine ni, vendar je vsak dar dobrodošel. Koncertu sledi običajno srečanje v farnem avditoriju. Vsi lepo vabljeni! Prosim, nikar ne zamudite tega dragocenega božičnega darila.

**KADILO IN OGLJE** – bomo pripravili za prihodnji vikend, 16./17. decembra. 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.

**FARNA NABIRKA** – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,360.00. Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**