

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 16th/17th

- 4:00 Darlene Turek – 7th Ann.
 9:00 Rihtar & Cerar Families
 For Our Parishioners
 10:30 Družine Slak & Likozar

MONDAY, December 18: Late Advent Weekday

- 5:00 Dec. Stempihar & Jarc Families – Chapel

TUESDAY, December 19: Late Advent Weekday

- 5:00 Ann Clemence – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, December 20: Late Advent Weekday

- 5:00 Joseph & Antonia Mihevc – Chapel

THURSDAY, December 21: Late Advent Weekday

- 5:00 Ana Jurkovič – Chapel

FRIDAY, December 22: Late Advent Weekday

- 5:00 Beverly A. Zitz – 30 Day – Chapel

SATURDAY, December 23: Late Advent Weekday

- 4:00 Alojs & Maria Kornik

SUNDAY, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 All Parish Mass

4:00 Christmas Vigil Mass

Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

MONDAY, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY/BOŽIČ

12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS – POLNOČNICA

Liv. & Dec. Members of St. Vitus Altar Society

10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

My soul rejoices in my God.

Moja duša se raduje v mojem Bogu.



COMING HOME – As Jesus invited other people to join Him, so we encourage you during Advent to think of, and pray for each day, inactive Catholic family members, friends, neighbors, etc. This week before Christmas invite them to come to Mass with you at St. Vitus.

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.

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

– **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 preceding 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.

A MASS TIME CHANGE – We would like to remind parishioners and friends that next Sunday, December 24th, there will **not** be a 9:00 a.m. Mass, but rather an all-parish Mass at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to Mass schedule in this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES – Kindly note that next Sunday and Monday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, all Masses will be offered for the living and deceased parishioners, parish friends and benefactors. Our church will be open at 3:30 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and at 11:00 p.m. in preparation for Midnight Mass. We have provided security around the church and parking lots. Norwood Rd. parking lot behind the school will be open until midnight and then closed throughout the Mass. Parking will also be available across from the church and around St. Vitus Village, i.e., the gated parking lot with entrance on East 61st Street, in front of the St. Vitus Village garages and on east side towards Norwood Rd. with entrance on Lausche Avenue. Same on Christmas morning until 12:30 p.m.

* **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!

**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!

DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY – In anticipation of Christmas, we kindly ask for monetary donations for food and other items for St. Vitus Food Bank. Please place your donation in a sealed envelope marked "**FOOD BANK**" and drop it in the collection basket.



INCENSE AND CHARCOAL – which is traditionally used by Slovenian families observing the Christmas Eve tradition of blessing homes and families are available

this weekend in the main vestibule of the church. The packets consist of two halves of one charcoal piece and grains of incense. A larger grain of incense is large enough to fill an entire room with the sweet smelling fragrance. The packets are made available one to a family. Free will offering may be placed in the "Poor Box".

COULD WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY?—St. Vitus parishioners have always been very generous, especially for the holidays. We know the economy is tight, but could we ask for your continued financial support with end of the year donations, especially for Christmas? We really depend on the holidays to help us meet our ever increasing expenses in operating our parish. Thank you for your help and understanding!

CHURCH CALENDARS – Beautiful church calendars will be distributed at the Masses next weekend, December 23rd/24th. They are compliments of the *Zevnik/Cosic Funeral Home* in Willoughby Hills. Many thanks!



SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – Month of December 2017 – Apply for a New Membership at \$400.00 and receive for 2018 Season: \$50. in food and drink tickets plus FOUR (4) one day gate passes valued at \$40. For more information visit their website: slovenskapristava.org, or call Connie Shephard at 216-469-1738 or Mary Riccardi at 440-749-4792. An individual has to be of Slovenian descent to be eligible to join. Applications are subject to Slovenska Pristava Board approval.

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,043.00 **St. Vitus Food Bank:** \$300. – In Memory of Mrs. Frances Zadell from Family & Friends; **St. Vitus Bldg. Fund:** \$400. – Anon. *Sincerest thank you to all!*

CERKVENI KOLEDARJI – Prihodnji vikend, 23./24. dec., bomo delili koledarje, ki jih je podaril *Zevnik/Cosic* pogrebni zavod v Willoughby Hills. Prav lepa jim hval!

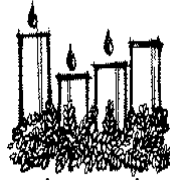
FARNA NABIRKA – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,043.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. *Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!*

WELCOME! – If you are new to St. Vitus Parish or have been attending here but have not yet registered as a parishioner, we are happy to have you as a member of our parish family. We also invite our young adults who have finished college to register in their own names.

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____



– TRETJA NEDELJA V ADVENTNU –

Danes pričinja cerkev drugi del adventnega časa, to je čas priprav tik pred Božičem. V evangeljskih 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.

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

OPOZORILO – Radi bi opozorili farane in prijatelje, da naslednjo nedeljo ne bo sv. maše ob 9:00 ampak bomo imeli skupno farno sv. mašo ob 10:00 dop. Za pojasnilo pogledjte mašni spored v tem oznanilu.

MAŠE NA SV. VEČER IN BOŽIČ – Farane opozarjamo, da bodo maše na sv. večer in božični dan darovane za žive in umrle farane ter farne prijatelje in dobrotnike. Na sv. večer bomo cerkev odprli ob 3:30 pop. za vigilijsko sv. mašo ob 4:00 ter ob 11. uri zvečer za polnočnico. Poskrbeli bomo za varnost okoli cerkve in na parkiriščih. Parkirišče na Norwood Rd. za šolo, bo odprto do polnoči, med polnočnico pa bo zaprto. Na voljo bo parkirišče nasproti cerkve in ob St. Vitus Village -- na južni notrajni strani z vhodom na E. 61st St., pred garadžami ob E. 61st St., in na vzhodni strani stavbe z vhodom na Lausche Ave. Isto velja za maše na božični dan do 12:30 pop.

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 petek, 29. decembra, 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 – smo pripravili za ta vikend. 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.

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 kuverto za "**okrasitev cerkve za Božič**". Na ta način je vsak darovalec vključen v okrasitev v čast Božjega Deteta. Najlepša hvala!



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