

**A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
TO ALL PARISHIONERS,
PARISH FRIENDS, BENEFACTORS
AND VISITORS
TO OUR CHURCH!**



**VESEL BOŽIČ
VSEM NAŠIM FARANOM,
FARNIM PRIJATELJEM,
DOBROTNIKOM IN
OBISKOVALCEM NAŠE CERKVE!**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- TUESDAY, December 26: St. Stephen, The First Martyr**
5:00 Jože, Ljudmila & sin Jože Lekan - Chapel
- WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**
5:00 Anton Teskač & Družina - Chapel
- THURSDAY, December 28: The Holy Innocents**
5:00 Anton Cizel - Chapel
- FRIDAY, Dec. 29: 5th Day Octave of Christmas**
5:00 Father Anthony Rebol - 30 Day - Chapel
- SATURDAY, Dec. 30: 6th Day Octave of Christmas**
4:00 Tommy Znidarsic
- SUNDAY, Dec. 31: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors
11:30 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Church
- MONDAY, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors



PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Gospodove milosti bom na veke opeval.



FEASTDAY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
- is next Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day. We will have an ALL-PARISH Mass on New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m. There will **not**

be a Vigil Mass on Sunday. Let us begin the New Year by giving God our faith filled hearts and a prayer for His continued blessings over us, our families and our parish!

CHURCH CALENDARS – Beautiful church calendars are available at all the church entrances this weekend. They are compliments of the *Zevnik/Cosic Funeral Home* in Willoughby Hills. Many thanks!

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Tomorrow is Christmas. Today's liturgy shows us that God's ways are mysterious and certain. The period of waiting for the Savior by the chosen people has come to an end. From the beginning of creation, humanity has awaited deliverance from the power of evil, and a vision of future glory with God. Mary, especially chosen by God, was the first to hear from the Angel Gabriel of the imminent beginning of God's salvation. This message of God's concern for us continues to be heard today, both in the scriptures and in the Eucharist. Let us ask the Lord to help us be able to receive the good news of salvation as Mary did.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of Your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of Your Son Jesus Christ, even as He humbled Himself to share our humanity. Amen.

A MASS TIME CHANGE – WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS THAT NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, THERE WILL **NOT** BE A 9:00 A.M. MASS, BUT RATHER AN ALL-PARISH MASS AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE EXPLANATION PLEASE REFER TO "ANNUAL ST. VITUS CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT" IN THIS BULLETIN.

*** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ***

The St. Vitus Christmas Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus Church next 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!



A GIFT TO MATCH THE HEARTS – On Sunday, Dec. 10th, Mrs. Nevia Avzlahar, president of the St. Vitus Altar Society, presented to the Pastor a monetary gift of \$8,000., which was earned from the monthly sale of KROFE and the annual benefit dinner that Altar Society Ladies sponsor once a year. This year, the gift is for parish needs. Our heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of St. Vitus Altar Society for this most generous gift to the parish!



**WARMEST WELCOME &
A VERY MERRY
& BLESSED FIRST CHRISTMAS
TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE
PARISHIONERS!**

We have had a good number of Baptisms this past year and thought it would be nice for all to see the names of our new parishioners. They are:

Nathan Anthony & Vivian Marie Madsen (Twins)

Parents - Eric & Laurie Madsen (Mills)

Rex Adam Moody

Parents - Adam & Danielle Moody (Maurice)

Olive Millie Roze Odar

Parents - Bryan & Megan Odar (Bowers)

Ellie Rose Jordan

Parents - Jody & Amy Jordan (Polomsky)

Adam James Rozic

Parents - Ronald & Merideth Rozic (Rowland)

Micah Jožef & Jakob Aaron Sutton (Twins)

Parents - Aaron & Jennifer Sutton (Dolenc)

Anton Patrick Dolenc

Parents - Anton & Abigail Dolenc (Long)

Reese Julia & Luke John Zakrajsek (Twins)

Parents - Tom & Kelly Zakrajsek (Huber)

Eloise Ann Wendling

Parents - Christopher & Andrea Wendling (Srsen)

Levi Thomas Watkins

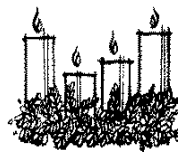
Parents - Thomas & Jessica Watkins (Moscato)

MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!

PRE-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES – On Wednesday, Dec. 13th, the parish food bank prepared and distributed nearly 60 bags of food items; Saturday, December 16th, parish ladies prepared 60 Christmas packages of baked goods which were delivered to homebound and in nursing home parishioners; high school and college students and their parents delivered 26 food baskets to our elderly and shut-in parishioners; the Slovenian language school students met in the church hall for the traditional blessing of the nativity scene; St. Paschal Baylon Helping Hands Ministry served 75 hot meals in the Social Room; St. Martin de Porres High School distributed fresh produce in the Auditorium, a group of our parish youth and parents helped decorate the interior and exterior of the church and The Village and another group of parishioners installed the church nativity scene. These are some examples of the parish activities in the days leading up to Christmas.



PRAZNIK MATERE BOŽJE – je prihodnji ponedeljek, 1. januarja. Pri Sv. Vidu bo vse-farna sv. maša v ponedeljek, na novega leta dan ob 10:00 dopoldne. Vigilijske sv. maše **ne** bo. Pričnimo novo leto pravilno s tem, da darujemo Bogu naša verna srca in da molimo za Njegov nenehni blagoslov nad nami, našimi družinami in našo župnijo!



– ČETRТА ADVENTA NEDELJA –

Le nekaj dni pred Božičem nam današnje bogoslužje kaže, da so Gospodova pota skrivnostna in gotova. Čas čakanja na Odrešenika je za izvoljeno ljudstvo končan. Od začetka stvarjenja je človeštvo čakalo na rešitev od moči zla in na videnje bodoče slave pri Bogu. Marija posebej izbrana od Boga, je prva slišala od angela Gabriela za neposreden začetek božjega odrešenjskega načrta. To sporočilo o božji skrbi za nas se nadaljuje danes tako v Svetem pismu kot v Evharistiji. Prosim Gospoda, naj nam pomaga, da bomo sposobni sprejeti dobro sporočilo o odrešenju, kot ga je sprejela Marija.

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 DOPOLDNE ZA POJASNILA PREBERITE V OZNANILU VABILO NA VSAKO-LETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT.

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 auditoriju. Vsi lepo vabljeni! Prosim, nikar ne zamudite tega dragocenega božičnega darila.



VELIKODUŠNO DARILO – V nedeljo, 10. dec. je ga.

Nevia Avzlahar, predsednica Oltarnega društva Fare Sv. Vida, izročila g. župniku dar \$8,000. ki je nabran z mesečno prodajo krofov in vsakoletnim kosilom. Letošnje darilo je namenjeno za farne potrebe. Pristrčna hvala odbornicam in članicam Oltarnega društva za tako velikodušno darilo fari!

CERKVENI KOLEDARJI – Lepe cerkvene koledarje, ki jih je podaril **Zevnik/Cosic pogrebni zavod** v Willoughby Hills, Ohio, lahko dobite pri vhodih v cerkev. Prosimo, Postrežite si sami ali povprašajte enega rediteljev.

FARNA NABIRKA – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,768.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav pristrčna hvala!**

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,768.00 **Feast of Immaculate Conception:** \$793.; **Retirement Fund for Religious:** 1,350.; **Pascal Funeral Candle** – \$200.–Mrs. Maryanne Zadell-Scafe Family in memory of mother – Mrs. Frances Zadell. **PLEASE NOTE: The list of donor's names for Christmas, Christmas Flowers, St. Vitus Bldg. Fund, St. Vitus Food Bank and the St. Vitus Endowment Trust will be in next week's bulletin insert.**

Sincerest thank you to all!