

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS,
PARISH BENEFACTORS AND VISITORS TO
ST. VITUS CHURCH. BLESSINGS OF GOD'S
GRACE, LIFE AND HEALTH, FRIENDSHIP AND
PEACE. GOD BE WITH ONE AND ALL!



SREČNO NOVO LETO VSEM FARANOM,
FARNIM DOBROTNIKOM IN VSEM, KI
OBISKUJEJO NAŠO CERKEV. BLAGOSLOV
BOŽJE MILOSTI, ŽIVLJENJE IN ZDRAVJE,
PRIJATELJSTVO IN MIR! BOG BODI Z VAMI!



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS December 31, 2017

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 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

TUESDAY, January 2: Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory

5:00 Frances, Patricia & Edward Jerman – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 3: Christmas Weekday

5:00 Bill Jerse – Chapel

THURSDAY, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:00 Evelyn Buncic – Chapel

FRIDAY, January 5: St. John Neumann

5:00 Frances Zadell – 30 Day – Chapel

SATURDAY, January 6: Christmas Weekday

4:00 Alice M. Fink – 5th Ann.

SUNDAY, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 Brothers Pat, Joseph & Theodore, O.S.B.

10:30 Dominik Štupica – 30th Ann.
For our parishioners

11:30 Sung Litanies of Blessed Virgin Mary

PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Blagor vsakomur, ki se boji Gospoda



FEASTDAY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

– is this Monday, New Year's Day. We will have an **ALL-PARISH Mass on this 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!

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$5,864.00
Christmas – \$49,762.22; **Christmas Flowers** – \$2,802.00;
St. Vitus Develop. Corp.: \$500. – Mr. Mark Dreu in mem. of mother Katarina Dreu. **Sincerest gratitude to all for your continued generosity and support! We are very blessed!**

PLEASE NOTE: The list of donor's names for Christmas, Christmas Flowers, St. Vitus Endowment Trust, St. Vitus Building Fund and St. Vitus Food Bank are in this week's bulletin insert.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY –The

events of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents and the flight into Egypt lead us to ponder the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth--Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their life together is hidden from us until Jesus is 12 years old. There we learn how He was separated from His parents on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. What we do know of the life of the Holy Family reveals qualities such as prayerfulness, trust, courage, hope resourcefulness and patience -- virtues that continue to speak to families today. On this feast of the Holy Family, we especially ask God's blessings on our families -- our family of Faith, our parish family, our extended family, and our immediate family!

“THANK YOU LORD FOR THE GIFT OF MY FAMILY,
FOR THEIR LOVE WHICH SUPPORTS ME, THEIR
ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH SUSTAINS ME, AND
THEIR FORGIVENESS WHICH RENEWS ME. HELP
ME TO FOCUS ON OUR STRENGTHS AND TO
RECOGNIZE THE GIFTS WE HAVE TO SHARE.”

ANNUAL ST. VITUS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

CONCERT – Just a reminder to everyone, please stay in church after this Sunday's 10:00 a.m. ALL-PARISH Mass for annual **St. Vitus Christmas Choir Concert of Sacred**



Songs. This concert is a very special Christmas gift from the members of both our choirs and other individuals. The choir's repertoire includes traditional carols in English, Slovenian, Latin and Italian. Admission is FREE, but good-will offerings will be most welcome. The customary social will follow in the parish Auditorium. Everyone is invited! After the hectic days surrounding Christmas, we will truly appreciate the beauty of Christmas carols. Please don't miss this very special Christmas treat! A special blessing will be given for the families at the conclusion of the Mass.

ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY – will NOT have its monthly Mass, Holy Communion and meeting in January.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE – NO KROFE SALE IN JANUARY.

BEAUTIFUL 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!



COFFEE & DONUTS – in the lower church hall will start next Sunday, Jan. 7th after both Sunday Masses until Lent. **Please join us!**



WE HAD A BLESSED CHRISTMAS – “Christmas” doesn’t happen without great and careful preparation. This has to happen for each one of us on a spiritual level during the time of Advent. It also happens in the careful decoration of the interior and exterior of St. Vitus Church, in the preparation of the Christmas liturgies, in the different ways of reaching out to the poor of our neighborhood, and in the visitation of our homebound and sick parishioners. At this time we would like to acknowledge all who had a hand in the work of preparing for the day of Christ’s birth.

OUTSIDE MANGER – St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655: Clara Abriani, Joe Hocevar, John Kirk, Jr., Tom Kirk, Bill Lipold, Larry Sterk, Eric Stransky, Aaron Taricska & Ray Yartz.

INSIDE MANGER – In continuing efforts to give our church nativity manger scene an evolving look, our parishioners, Bernadette, Tony & Nick Ovsenik; Bob, Katelyn and Adam Zakrajsek; Mark Zakrajsek & Keith Koprowski, spent many hours creating the beautiful nativity scene encompassing new dimensions and special touches. Many have commented that it looks just like Bethlehem!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – The inside of the church with its beautiful Christmas trees, vivid display and arrangement of red poinsettias and several other special features, was under the direction of Louise Strauss and the following many helpers: Theresa & Tom Avsec; Maggie & Mike Milakovich; Linda Baznik; Sarah Celestina; Andrew Cross, Kati, Maria, Ed Cup and Nick Redden; Audrey & Jennifer (Sutton) Dolenc; Lisa, Liz, Michael & Nate Dolinar; Ron Formanik; Al Germ; Mia & Bob Graf; Dawn & Joe Hocevar; Mary, Katie & Jim Hurley; Martina Jakomin; Mary Ann Janout; Don Kern; John Kirk; Mary, Maja & Nick Kosir; Marge, Mark & Stan Kuhar; Maria Lees; Josie Manfreda; Joe Petric; Majdi Rudmann; Tom Slak; Alex, Noah, Kevin, Luke Spinos; Toni Srsen; Ben & Matthew Stankewicz; Larry Sterk; Sheri Stidham; Betty Svekric; Rich, Aaron Taricska; Magda & Alex Valerian; Mirko Vombergar; Ann Zitko and Megan Zupan.

A SPECIAL THANKS – to our Choirs, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, ushers and Midnight Mass bell ringers!
THANK YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS!

CHRISTMASTIME VISITATION TO OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS – For several years now, under the direction of Sr. Mary Avsec and Majdi Patyk, we remember our homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes with gift packages. Sr. Mary Avsec, Majdi and their many helpers would like to thank the generous parishioners, friends and following individuals who baked, packed and/or delivered 60 Christmas packages: Sr. Mary Avsec, Nevia Avzlahar, Lauren Calevich, Mary Hurley, Michelle Ilc, Mary Ann Janout, Mary Kaplan, Nadia Kobal, Cilka Košir, Mici Košir, Joe Maxse, Anči Mihelič, Julie & Lila Nooney, Majdi Patyk, Tom & Apollo Perčič, Barbie Rihtar, Blažena Rihtar, St. Vitus Altar Society, Lojzka Sever, John Srsen, Mimi Štefančič, Suzi, Becky & Katie Thur, Magda, Dan, Nola, Alex & Michael Valerian, Apolonia Žakelj and Zdenka Zakrajšek. Our senior parishioners are so very grateful for being remembered.

May the Prince of Peace gift you abundantly!



PRAZNIK SV. DRUŽINE – Dogodki ob pokolu nedolžnih otrok in beg Svete Družine v Egipt nas spodbujajo k premišljevanju življenja Sv. Družine -- Jezusa, Marije in Jožefa. Njihovo življenje je skrito našim očem, do Jezusovega 12 leta. Sv. Pismo poroča, kako se je Jezus izgubil na romanju v Jeruzalem. Kar vemo o življenju Sv. Družine nam razkriva lastnosti kot so molitveno življenje, zaupanje, pogum, upanje in potrpežljivost--kreposti, ki tudi danes nagovarjajo naše družine. Na ta praznik Sv. Družine, še posebej prosimo za blagoslov naših družin, družine vseh kristjanov, naše župnijske družine in seveda naših najbližnjih.

“HVALA TI GOSPOD ZA DAR MOJE DRUŽINE, – ZA LJUBEZEN S KATERO ME PODPIRAJO NJENI ČLANI, ZA POGUM S KATERIM ME NAVDAJAJO IN ZA NJIHOVO ODPUŠČANJE S KATERIM ME PRENAVLAJAJO. POMAGAJ MI, DA SE OSREDOTOČIM NA SKUPNE MOČI NAŠE DRUŽINE IN PREPOZNAM DAROVE, KI JIH MORAMO DELITI DRUG Z DRUGIM.”

VSAKOLETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT – je to nedeljo po 10:00 sv. maši v naši cerkvi. Vstopnine ni. Prostovoljni prispevki so dobrodošli. Po koncertu ste vabljeni v avditorij na okrepčila in razgovor. Ne zamudite tega prav posebnega božičnega veselja!



PRAZNIK MATERE BOŽJE – je ta ponedeljek, 1. januarja. Pri Sv. Vidu bo vse-farna sv. maša ta 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!

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO – NE bo imelo skupno mesečno sv. mašo, obhajilo in sestanek meseca januarja.

POZOR – Meseca januarja NE bo prodaje krofov.

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 \$5,864.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR SENIORS AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST. IGNATIUS

HIGH SCHOOL – 26 baskets were delivered by: Mark & Markie Celestina; Ivan & John Cugel; Lisa, Michael & Nate Dolinar; Tom & Nick Filipovic; Bob & Tom Graf; Joe & A. J. Hocevar; Jean & John Kendzierski; Nick & Shane Kosir; Tom & Katherine Krainz; Martha, Benjamin & Matt Stankewicz; Jan & Elliot Thorkelson.