

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY January 6th/7th:

- 4:00 Alice M. Fink – 5th Ann.
 9:00 Brothers Pat, Joseph & Theodore, O.S.B.
 10:30 Dominik Štupica – 30th Ann.
 For our parishioners

MONDAY, January 8: The Baptism of the Lord

- 5:00 Frances Bergoch – Chapel

TUESDAY, January 9: Weekday

- 5:00 Larry & Jason Simpkins – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, January 10: Weekday

- 5:00 Franc & Ana Kamin – Chapel

THURSDAY, January 11: Weekday

- 5:00 John Merhar – Chapel

FRIDAY, January 12: Weekday

- 5:00 Anthony W. Grdina – 30 Day – Chapel

SATURDAY, January 13: Weekday

- 4:00 Frank Tominc

SUNDAY, January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00** Anne & Clarence (Ken) Tomsick
 Dec. Members of Anton & Apolonia Kosir Family
 For our parishioners

PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
 Gospod, vsi narodi ti bodo služili.

LECTORS/BRALCI --- January 13th/14th, 2018

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Pat McKibben
 Sun. 10:00 A.M. Donald Kern/Neja Turk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 13/14th, 2018

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Michelle & Matt Plecnik
 Sun. 10:00 A.M. Jim Szymanski/Mario Perčič



COFFEE & DONUTS – in the lower church hall starts this Sunday after both Sunday Masses until Lent. **Please join us!**

FROM THE PASTOR – Sister Mary and I wish to thank our many parishioners who remembered us with Christmas cards and gifts, pastries and other good things at Christmas-time. We feel very blessed and happy to be part of St. Vitus Parish, and very encouraged by the many kindnesses shown to us. These and other good things in our ministry make our work easier and worthwhile. To one and all, our sincerest thanks and best wishes for the New Year 2018!

Fr. Joe Boznar & Sr. Mary

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!



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – This Sunday the Church observes the ancient feast day of the Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus to those outside of the Jewish faith. Three wise men from the East came in search of the Child foretold by Jewish prophets and indicated by the mysterious star which guided them on the long and lonely journey. When they reached Bethlehem and gazed on the Child of promise, they presented Him with precious gifts, signs of honor and submission. One wonders whether or not the star was observed by others, and if it was, why was it not followed? And if the star was seen only by the Wise Men, why only by them and not by others? We have been graced with faith in Jesus at Baptism while many others are still searching for Christ against many obstacles. Do we value our Faith as a precious gift to be shared with others?

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – This Monday the liturgy speaks of the occasion when Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. People of the surrounding district had already been coming to John the Baptist for spiritual direction. On many occasions he spoke about the impending coming of God's judgment and of the necessity to do penance for sins. Many secretly hoped that John would be the long anticipated Messiah, but each time John denied it, and said that his job was merely to prepare the way for God's work in the world. On this occasion Jesus approached John and asked to be baptized. Though He was sinless and did not need baptism, He nevertheless asked to be baptized as an act of total obedience to God's direction for Him and to symbolically show that He had come to break the power of sin over people. When Jesus emerged from the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and the voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son, on You my favor rests".

**125th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VITUS PARISH**

– The first event to observe the 125th year of founding of St. Vitus Parish will be an **All-Parish Mass next Sunday, January 14th**, at **10:00 a.m.** Following will be an appreciation brunch for parish volunteers in the St. Vitus Parish Auditorium. The brunch is by invite only. Please **RSVP** no later than **Wed., January 10th**.

ATTENTION HOLY NAME SOCIETY – This month's group Mass and Holy Communion will be on **Sunday, Jan. 21st**, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Meeting/breakfast (coffee & donuts) will follow in the Village Slovenian Room. Members, please attend!

ROSARY FOR RIGHT TO LIFE – The Holy Name Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary on **Sunday, January 21st**, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. VITUS KSKJ LODGE #25 MEETING – will be on **Sunday, January 21st**, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in The Village Slovenian Room. Members, please take note of this.



Christmas and the Christmas Season would not be what they are for St. Vitus Parishioners without the beautiful singing of the two parish choirs, **Lira**, under the direction of Frank Coffelt, and **The St. Vitus Choir**, under the direction of John Srsen. The third, **The St. Vitus Christmas Choir**, presents the Annual Christmas Concert on the first Sunday after Christmas. This choir currently consists of over 46 members drawn from the two parish choirs and former members who return each year for the concert. Last Sunday a crowd of around 450 people attended the ALL-PARISH Mass and stayed to enjoy the wonderful concert. Afterwards about 300 guests gathered in the parish auditorium for a lovely reception prepared by Kelly Bencun and staff of Kiseljak Catering. People stayed and visited for nearly two hours. Many, many thanks to the Choir for a most enjoyable Christmas concert and gratitude to all who helped with the hospitality!

ST. VITUS PARISH FOOD PANTRY – work of Christian charity is done on a monthly basis throughout the year by our parish volunteers, who on the average prepare 60 baskets a month of food items which are distributed from the church hall. The contents of the food baskets also reflect the special occasions during the year like Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Day. This Christmas, our parish volunteers distributed 60 baskets of food along with other household items. We are blessed with the following food pantry volunteers who we thank most sincerely. They are: Betty Svekric, Rudy Sterk, Josie Manfreda, Joe Rozman, Maryanne Zadell Scafe and Don Kern. God bless you!

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$5,173.00

Additional Christmas Donations – \$9,065.00

\$1,500.–M/M Al & Kathy Zupan; **\$1,200.** – M/M Matthew & Alison Flynt; **\$1,000.**–Dr./Mrs. David & Neja Turk; **\$500.** – M/M Rudi & Vika Kolarič; M/M Brad & Christine Morsch; M/M John & Toni Srsen; Ms. Rebecca Zakelj; **\$350.** – M/M Tony & Rita Kosir; **\$300.**–Mr. Michael Rutar; **\$250.**: M/M Frank & Lisa & Olivia March; Mr. Barth Slak; Mr. Romano Vitulich; **\$200.**: M/M Mike & Maggie Milakovich; Mr. Joseph Oberstar; M/M Vinko & Mimi Štefančič; **\$150.**: – M/M Ben & Mindy Kosir; M/M Rudy & Marie Pivik; **\$100.**: Ms. Joanne Arhar; Mrs. Majda Lekšan; M/M Richard & Patricia Pangonis; Mr. Robert Peterlin; Miss Mary Ann Vogel; M/M Willard & Gwen Washington; M/M Ivan & Diane Zupan; \$75. – Miss Ann Mihelich; \$60.–M/M John & Ivanka Turk; **\$50.**: Mrs. Theresa Gabrič; M/M Jim & Ana Cisco; M/M Joe & Dawn Hocevar; Mrs. Milka Lovrinc; M/M Dennis & Marlene Vidic.

Additional Christmas Flower Donations–\$125.00

Mr. Joseph Oberstar; Mary Ann Vogel v spomin družine Štefančič & Vogel; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$1,420.; **St. Vitus Endowment Trust:** \$1,000.–Mr. James Nemanich in mem. of James Edward Nemanich; \$500. – Mr. Lawrence Sterk; \$524.–Anon.; \$100.–Mrs. Michelle Simpkins in loving mem. of Larry & Jason Simpkins; \$100.–Anon. in memory of Mrs. Antonia Dolenc; **Winter Heating:** \$370.

Sincerest gratitude for your continued generosity and support! We are very blessed!



PRAZNIK SV. TREH KRALJEV – Cerkev praznuje to nedeljo starodavni praznik Sv. Treh Kraljev, razodetje Jezusa tistim zunaj Judovske vere. Trije modri od Vzhoda so prišli, da bi našli Otroka, ki so ga napovedali Judovski preroki in jim ga je naznanila skrivnostna zvezda, ki jih je vodila na dolgem, samotnem in nevarnem potovanju. Ko so dospeli v Betlehem in strmeli v Otroka obljube, so mu darovali dragocenih daril v znak spoštovanja in vdanosti. Bog ve ali so videli zvezdo tudi drugi, in če so jo, zakaj jo niso sledili? In če so zvezdo videli samo modri, zakaj so jo videli samo oni in ne drugi? Pri Sv. Krstu smo mi prejeli dar vere in Jezusa, medtem ko mnogi drugi še iščejo Kristusa navkljub številnim zaprekam. Ali cenimo našo vero kot dragoceni dar, ki ga delimo z drugim?

JEZUSOV KRST – Liturgija tega ponedeljka govori o dogodku, ko je Janez krstil Jezusa v reki Jordan. Ljudje iz okolice so prihajali k Janezu Krstniku, da bi jim svetoval v duhovnih zadevah. Večkrat jim je govoril o neizogibni božji sodbi in o potrebi pokore za grehe. Veliko jih je na tistem upalo, da je Janez dolgo pričakovani Mesija. Janez pa je to vsakokrat zanikal in vztrajno trdil, da je on samo tisti, ki pripravlja pot za Gospodovo delo na svetu. Ob tej priliki pa se je Jezus približal Janeza in ga prosil za krst. Čeprav je bil Jezus brez greha in ni rabil krst, ga je vse eno prosil za krst, da je pokazal svojo popolno predanost božjemu navodilu zanj in da bi simbolično pokazal, da je prišel, da zlomi moč greha nad ljudi. Ko je Jezus prišel iz vode, je prišel nad nje-ga sv. Duh in glas z neba je dejal, “Ti si moj ljubljeni Sin, nad Teboj imam veselje”.

OPOZORILO – Radi bi opozorili farane in prijatelje, da naslednjo nedeljo, **14. jan.**, ne bo sv. maše ob 9:00 zjutraj ampak bomo imeli skupno farno sv. mašo ob 10:00 dop. Za pojasnila si oglejte angleški del oznanila.

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POZOR! DRUŠTVO NAJSV. IMENA – bo imelo skupno sv. mašo in sv. obhajilo v nedeljo, **21. januarja**, pri 9:00 jutrajni maši. Redni sestanek/zajtrk bo sledil v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village. Vse člane vabimo, da se udeleže te prve skupinske sv. maše in sestanka v novem letu!

K.S.K.J. DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA ŠT. 25 – sestanek bo v nedeljo, **21. jan.** ob 11:30 dop. v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village.

CERKVENI KOLEDARJI – Lepe cerkvene koledarje, ki jih je podaril Zevnik/Cosic pogrebni zavod v Will. 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 \$5,173.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**

