

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY February 17th/18th

- 3:45 **Rosary-** Sorrowful Mysteries – Eng.
- 4:00 Joseph & Jean Jernejcic
- 9:00 Dec. Members of St. Vitus School Class of 1968
- 9:45 Stations of the Cross – Eng.
- 10:30 Pavle Žakelj – 25th Ann.
For our Parishioners
- 11:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov.

MONDAY, February 19: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Ann Clemence – Chapel

TUESDAY, February 20: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Brother Cyril Vellicig, M.M. – 30 Day Mass – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, February 21: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Anne & Frank Vidmar – Chapel

THURSDAY, Feb. 22: Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

- 4:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov. – Chapel
- 5:00 Ivana Cerar – Chapel

FRIDAY, Feb. 23: Lenten Weekday

- 3:00 – 5:00 Exposition & Adoration of Bl. Sacrament–Chapel
- 5:00 Lois J. Peterlin – 30 day – Chapel

SATURDAY, Feb. 24: Lenten Weekday

- 3:45 **Rosary** - Sorrowful Mysteries – Eng.
Intention: God’s Blessing on our Beautiful Country
- 4:00 Paul, Antonia, Tony, Jeff & Sandy Bergant

SUNDAY, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 Ana & John Jurkovic
- 9:45 Stations of the Cross – Eng.
- 10:30 Matt Plecnik
For our Parishioners
- 11:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov.



PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospodove steze so dobrotu in zvestoba

LECTORS/BRALCI --- February 24th/25th, 2018

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – February 24/25th, 2018

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Mary Ann Janout/Joe Hocevar
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Linda Baznik
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Michelle & Matt Plecnik



IN MEMORIAM – Our parishioner Brother Cyril Vellicig died in California this past January 20th. He was 96 years old. Over 70 years ago Brother joined the American founded **The Maryknoll**

Missionary Society of Priests and Brothers. Brother retired from that missionary posting in Tanzania 11 years ago. For many years prior to his retirement Brother held various important positions in the mission posts where he was stationed at that time. Brother Cyril grew up in a very devout Catholic family, which, besides his parents included his sister Mary and two brothers. A memorial Mass will be prayed this week on Tuesday in The Village Chapel.

May He Rest In Peace.

PRAYER FOR LENT



God our Father, in this Lenten season may we not betray your love by trying to deserve it. Help us to fast from all that distracts us from your love. Help us to recognize you as the origin and goal of all of the desires you place in our hearts. Help us to be true to ourselves and true to you by continuing to beg for your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Magnificat Lenten Companion 2018)

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – This Sunday’s 9:00 a.m. is in gratitude for the alumni and teaching staff of St. Vitus School (1902 – 2003). The **Class of 1968**, consisting of 77 graduates is especially remembered as it is **its 50th Year Anniversary**. We pray for and remember 12 deceased members of this class: Kevin Byers, Paul Dolenc, Lorrie Hammond, Dennis Johnson, Mollie Kozina, Vincent Lovsin, John Massera, Deborah May (nee Koesel), James Mishic, Candice Prebil, Daniel Prijatelj & Mike Radenkov. Principal was Sr. Mary Ramon, SND and 8th Grade teachers were Sr. Mary Carolyn, SND and Mr. James A. Grandillo. Following the Mass, please join us for coffee and donuts social in the lower church hall.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE – During Lent a confessor will be available to hear confessions before the 4:00 p.m. Sat. Vigil Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please do this Easter duty well in advance of Holy Week.

FRIDAYS OF LENT – Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in The Village Chapel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Eng. language. Parishioners are invited to the adoration during the day and then to the concluding Mass. Parishioners can gain access to the Chapel on Fridays by ringing the bell at The Village entrance marked “Chapel bell”. Otherwise, Rudy Sterk, The Village Manager, will open the door for you.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of strict fast and abstinence from meat, (no snacking between meals, two small meals and one smaller regular meal, **ALL FRIDAYS** of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 yrs. of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics 18 – 59 yrs. of age. These Lenten penitential rules are few and ought to be observed as much as possible.

+++ **IMPORTANT LENTEN DEVOTIONS** +++

Please refer to the weekly Mass Schedule for the days and times of the Lenten Devotions.

A **LENTEN PRAYER** - in back of church, on the song books, there is a Lenten prayer that could be helpful in bringing about a change in our lives. Feel free to pick one up.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL READING – Last weekend, St. Vitus Parish distributed **“The Magnificat Lenten Companion”**, daily meditations, helpful in keeping the spirit of Lent. We still have some booklets available at the entrances of the church. Also, you may take an extra copy to an adult member of your family or a homebound friend.



**ST. VITUS SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL
BENEFIT BRUNCH – Next Sunday, Feb. 25th,**
in St. Vitus Parish Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.–Noon!

The Menu: French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, pastry, fruit cup, orange juice, milk & coffee. Cost is \$10. for adults and \$6. for children 12 yrs. old or younger. Tickets may be purchased from Slovenian School parents or at the door on the day of the brunch. Net proceeds benefit the St. Vitus Slovenian School. **All invited!** For additional information, please contact markcelestina@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

"Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities." –

Sincere thank you to all who took the time last weekend to make a donation or pledge to Catholic Charities. We will give an opportunity to do the same on the weekend of May 19th/20th to anyone who may **NOT** have been at St. Vitus Church last week. This will conclude this aspect of the Annual Appeal.

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY – Join us on **Wed., Feb. 28th**, for the annual diocesan-wide "Evening of Confession." All churches in the diocese will have confessors available from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Experience God's loving mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, "God never tires of forgiving us." This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Feb. 14th–March 25th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days for Life–40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Also, to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm**, 12000 Shaker Blvd., 44120, **Planned Parenthood**, 25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights 44146, or **Family Planning**, 54 S. State St., Painesville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. For additional information and to volunteer to help, call our parishioner, Milan Rihtar, (440) 944-5309, John Noall, (216) 245-9744, or his email clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

REVERSE RAFFLE – St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655, in partnership with the St. Vitus Alumni Association will have their **Annual Reverse Raffle** on Tues., April 3rd at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30. Main Board tickets at \$60. per person. Dinner only tickets are available at \$25. per person. **ONLY 200 tickets** will be sold. Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved. Tickets are available at the Vets Post after 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, or call John Kirk, 216-432-1199, Frank Zitko, 440-488-8284 or Mia Graf, 440-442-1635. Make checks out to St. Vitus CWV Post 1655 **c/o** John Kirk, 1093 E. 64th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44103 or the St. Vitus Alumni **c/o** Andrea Plassard, Treas., 6625 Great Oaks Parkway, Independence, Ohio 44131.



PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$4,046.00
St. Vitus Endowment Trust: \$2,000. – M/M Tom & Sonja Kolaric; \$160.– Friends in memory of Mrs. Josephine Merc; \$100. – Mrs. Marija Žakelj in memory of husband Pavle on 25th Ann. of Death; **Winter Heating:** \$105.

Sincerest thank you to everyone!



"Vsemogočni Bog, daj nam, da se bomo v svetem postmen času vedno bolj poglobljali v Kristusovo skrivnost odrešenja. Pomagaj nam, da se bomo resnično spreobrnil." (Misal)

NABIRKA KATOLIŠKE DOBRODELNOSTI – Iskrena hvala vsem našim faranom, ki so preteklo nedeljo obljubili svoj dar Katoliški dobrotelosti. Na vikend 19./20. maja bodo imeli možnost narediti isto vsi, ki niso bili pri Sv. Vidu preteklo nedeljo. S tem bomo zaključili ta del te letne nabirke.

SPOVED – V postu bo spovednik na razpolago pol ure pred sobotno vigilijsko sv. mašo ob 4ih in po nedeljski sv. maši ob 9:00. Prosim, opravite svojo velikonočno dolžnost pred Velikim tednom.

PETKI V POSTU – Češčenje Najsvetejšega v petkih v postu bo v kapeli St. Vitus Village od 3:00 do 5:00 popoldne, nakar bo sledila sv. maša ob 5:00 v angleškem jeziku. Vsi farani so povabljeni k češčenju Najsvetejšega in k popoldanski zaključni sv. maši ob 5ih. Vsak faran lahko pride v kapelo, če pozvoni zvonec z napisom "Chapel bell". Vrata pa bo odprl Rudy Sterk, upravitelj St. Vitus Village.

DOBRODELNI "BRUNCH" SLOVENSKE ŠOLE

SV. VIDA – bo prihodnjo nedeljo, 25. februarja v Avditoriju. Postregli bodo od 9:30 dopoldne do 12ih opoldne. **Na voljo bo:** "French toast", umešana jajca, pečenice, pecivo, skodelica svežega sadja, pomarančni sok, kava in mleko. Cena za odrasle je \$10.00 za otroke 12 let in mlajše pa \$6.00. Nakaznice lahko kupite pri starših šolskih otrok ali pri vratih na dan prireditve. Za nadaljnje informacije e-mail markcelestina@gmail.com.



Vsi vabljeni!

VEČER KULTURE – Februar je mesec Kulture v čast slovenskemu pesniku Francetu Prešernu. Prihodnjo nedeljo, 25. feb. ob 6:00 zvečer bo v farni dvorani Marije Vnebovzete večer petja, glasbe in deklamacije z lokalnim talentom naše Clevelandске Slovenske skupnosti in tudi drugimi če želijo sodelovati. Če želite pokazati vaše talente, prosimo pokličite Martino Maršič, 440-460-0682.

FARNA NABIRKA – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,046.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**

LENTEN FISH DINNERS – FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. Mary's Parish, 15519 Holmes Ave.–216-761-7440, in parish hall, 3 to 7:00 PM – Fried Ocean Perch, Baked Cod, Shrimp, Crab Cakes or Combo Meals–\$10. & includes Slov. potatoes or French fries, coleslaw and strudel. Macaroni & cheese dinners–\$6. A different homemade Lenten soup will be featured each Friday for \$3.00. All invited!

Slovenian National Home–St. Clair Ave. – 5 to 8:30 PM. Call Gerri Hopkins, 216-347-9888 or 216-361-5115. Baked or Fried Fish \$11.; Shrimp \$11.; Combo \$12.; Pierogi \$11. All the dinners include: clam chowder, bread & butter, french fries or home fries, coleslaw, dessert & coffee. Take-outs available. A \$2. Club membership is required and available at the door.