

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY February 24th/25th

- 3:45 **Rosary** - Sorrowful Mysteries – Eng.
Intention: God’s Blessing on our Beautiful Country
- 4:00 Paul, Antonia, Tony, Jeff & Sandy Bergant
- 9:00 Ana & John Jurkovic
For our Parishioners
- 9:45 Stations of the Cross – Eng.
- 10:30 Matt Plečnik – 11th Ann.
- 11:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov.

MONDAY, February 26: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Anthony Spech, Jr. – Chapel

TUESDAY, February 27: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Sen. Frank J. Lausche & Family – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, February 28: Lenten Weekday

- 5:00 Albin Kremžar – Chapel

5:00 – 8:00 Annual Diocesan Confessions – Church

THURSDAY, March 1: Lenten Weekday

- 4:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov. – Chapel
- 5:00 Josephine Kerzičnik – Chapel
- 6:30 St. Martin de Porres H.S. Junior Ring Mass – Church

FRIDAY, March 2: Lenten Weekday

- 3:00 – 5:00 Exposition & Adoration of Bl. Sacrament–Chapel
- 5:00 Nežka Vidmar – 30 day – Chapel

SATURDAY, March 3: Lenten Weekday

- 3:45 **Rosary** - Sorrowful Mysteries – Eng.
Intention: God’s Blessing on our Beautiful Country
- 4:00 Felix Danton & Dec. Mem. of Boy Scout Troop 250

SUNDAY, March 4: Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 Anthony & Albina Pozelnik
- 9:45 Stations of the Cross – Eng.
- 10:30 Mimi & Štefan Rezonja
For our Parishioners
- 11:30 Stations of the Cross – Slov.



PSALM RESPONSE * ODPEV PRI PSALMU

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Hodil bom pred Gospodom v deželi živih.

LECTORS/BRALCI --- March 3rd/4th, 2018

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Anna Marie & Ron Luzar
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Jean Kendzierski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Kati Likozar-Cup

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – March 3rd/4th, 2018

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Rick Jaksic
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Mary Petelin
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Michelle Plecnik

EXPERIENCE GOD’S MERCY – “How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost”. Pope Francis tells us. Please join us for the annual diocesan-wide “Evening of Confession,” **this Wednesday, February 28th**, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Individual confessions will be heard throughout the evening. If you have family members or friends who are away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent, and experience God’s gift of healing through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.



WORD OF GOD FOR THIS SUNDAY – Many thoughts come to mind in connection with Lenten observance. First, Lent is given for our benefit. During Lent, each person tries to forge a stronger relationship of faith with the Lord. We try to respond in faith to Lenten calling to give up sinning and accept God’s ways in our daily lives. We do this by praying more frequently, listening to and meditating on scriptures and making the kind of personal sacrifices which truly make a difference to us, not just a slight inconvenience. Second, Lent turns our minds and actions towards the spiritual and temporal needs of our neighbor. Our love of God must be all inclusive of people around us. We can do this in many different ways, e.g., giving of alms for the needy. In short, each Lenten time is a pilgrimage in faith growth. Please pray for one another and for our parish so that Lent may indeed be a time of spiritual growth for all.

ST. VITUS SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

BENEFIT BRUNCH – This Sunday in St. Vitus Parish Auditorium, from 9:30 a.m.–Noon! **The Menu:** French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, pastry, fruit cup, orange juice, milk & coffee. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 years old or younger. Tickets may still be purchased at the door. Net proceeds benefit the St. Vitus Slovenian School. **All invited!**



ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY – will have its monthly Mass and Holy Communion next Sun., March 4th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Meeting will follow in the Village Slovenian Room.

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 – “Fasting through Lent and the Future” - On the song books at the entrances of the church, there is a Lenten prayer that could be helpful in bringing about a change in our lives. Please take one.




FEBRUARY 14th to MARCH 25th, you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. And, 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 Hts. 44146, or **Family Planning**, 54 S. State St., Painsville, 44077. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information and volunteer to help, call Milan Rihtar, 440-944-5309, John Noall, 216-245-9744, or 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 \$60.00 per person. Dinner only tickets are available at \$25.00 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 Pkwy., Independence, Ohio 44131.



The St. Vitus War Vets continuously, throughout the year, service our deceased soldiers and military families with various outreach programs. Among them are; tirelessly place wreaths and flags at All Souls, Holy Cross, All Saints and Calvary cemeteries, visitation to veterans in hospitals, in November create “goodie bags” and gift certificates for veterans for use at the “canteens” at Stokes VA Hospital.

The St. Vitus Alumni mission is to award annual scholarships to deserving 8th grade students desiring to further their education at a tuition paying Catholic High School.

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.

PARISH OFFERING – last Sunday amounted to \$3,819.00 **St. Vitus Endow. Trust:** \$3,000. –M/M Peter & Sue Osenar; **St. Vitus Building Fund:** \$1,770. – Frank Vidmar & Family & Friends in mem. of Nežka Vidmar; \$50. – M/M James & Madeline Debevec in memory of Nežka Vidmar; **Parish Needs:** In Mem. of Dec. Members of St. Vitus Class of 1968: \$200.–M/M Frank Jancar, \$100.–Mr. Tom Lobe, \$100.–Mr. Frank Petrovic; \$68. – M/M Joe & Kathy Petelin; **Winter Heating:** \$380. *Sincerest thank you to everyone!*



BOŽJA BESEDA ZA TO NEDELJO – Postni čas nas opozarja na več stvari. Prva je, da nam je Post dan v našo dobrobit. Vsak poskuša v tem času, da poglobi in utrdi svojo vero in se tako približa Bogu. Postni klic nas opominja, da se odpovemo grehu in da se v vsakdanjem življenju ravnamo po božjih razpovedih. To delamo s tem, da pogosteje in več molimo, da poslušamo in razmišljamo, kaj nam Sv. pismo pripoveduje v tem času in da tudi osebno žrtvujemo nekaj, kar nas bo duhovno dvignilo pa tudi prizadelo bolj kot kakšna vsakdanja nevšečnost.

Druga stvar, na katero nas Postni čas opominja pa je, da ne pozabimo na materialne in duhovne potrebe naših bližnjih. Naša ljubezen do Boga mora vključevati vse ljudi okoli nas in to lahko pokažemo, na primer s tem, da obdarujemo potrebne. Z drugimi besedami povedano, Postni čas je čas, da poživimo duhovno rast in poglobimo našo vero.

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.

DOBRODELNI “BRUNCH” SLOVENSKE ŠOLE SV. VIDA – je to nedeljo 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 vratih. **Vsi vabljeni!**



OLTARNO DRUŠTVO – bo imelo skupno mesečno mašo in sv. obhajilo prihodnjo nedeljo, 4. marca ob 10:30 dop. Po maši bo sestanek v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village.

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.

VEČER KULTURE – Februar je mesec Kulture v čast slovenskemu pesniku Francetu Prešernu. To nedeljo ob 6ih zvečer bo v farni dvorani Marije Vnebovzete večer petja, glasbe in deklamacije z lokalnim talentom naše Clevelandske Slovenske skupnosti in tudi drugimi če želijo sodelovati. **Pridite!**

MISIJSKO DOBRODELNO KOSILO (MZA)– bo v nedeljo, 11. marca od 11:00 dop. do 1:00 pop. v farni dvorani Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu. Dar za kosilo je \$15. za odrasle, \$8. za otroke. Vsi prisrčno vabljeni!



FARNA NABIRKA – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$3,819.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**

SLOVENIAN MISSION AID SOCIETY BENEFIT DINNER – Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mary Parish Hall. The chicken & roast pork dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Donation is \$15. for adults and \$8. for children. All invited!