

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 8th/9th**

- 4:00 John & Dorothy Kirk
- 9:00 Slak & Likozar Families
- 10:30 Pavle, Antonia & Paul Dolenc  
For our Parishioners

**MONDAY, December 10: Advent Weekday**

- 5:00 Angela & Josephine Perusek Family - Chapel

**TUESDAY, December 11: Advent Weekday**

- 5:00 Ana & John Jurkovic - Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- 10:15 St. Martin de Porres H. S. Mass - Church
- 5:00 Helen Jerse -1st Ann. - Chapel

**THURSDAY, December 13: St. Lucy**

- 5:00 Julius & Jožica Černoga - Chapel

**FRIDAY, December 14: St. John of the Cross**

- 4:00 Anthony Colnar - 30 Day - Chapel

**SATURDAY, December 15: Advent Weekday**

- 4:00 Darlene Turek - 8th Ann.

**SUNDAY, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 Bishop Edward Pevec - 4th Ann.  
For our Parishioners
- 10:30 Milan & Paula Dolinar

**PSALM RESPONSE \* ODPEV PRI PSALMU**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
Velike reči je Gospod za nas storil.

**LECTORS/BRALCI --- December 15th/16th, 2018**

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Sr. Mary Avsec/Pat McKibben
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Jean Kendzierski
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Slovenian School

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 15/16th, 2018**

- Sat. 4:00 P.M. Joe Hocevar/St. Stan Kuhar
- Sun. 9:00 A.M. Mary Kaplan/Roger Mallik
- Sun. 10:30 A.M. Mary Petelin/Jim Szymanski

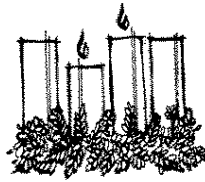
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**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Every year St. Vitus Church is beautifully decorated for Christmas and the days following the Birth of Christ. We invite parishioners to use the December envelope designated for the **"Christmas Flowers"**. In this way every donor is included in the decorations in honor of the Holy Infant!

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL** - which is traditionally used by Slovenian families observing the Christmas Eve tradition of blessing homes and families will be available next weekend, December 15/16th, in the main vestibule of the church. The packets consist of two halves of one charcoal piece & grains of incense. A larger grain of incense is large enough to fill an entire room with the sweet smelling fragrance. These packets are made available one to a family. Free will offering may be placed in the "Poor Box".



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Many things are happening around us in the weeks before Christmas. Life does not stop because of Advent; rather Advent asks us to redirect our spiritual vision towards the One who is the Son of God and Son of Justice. Long ago, He came into the world so that people of faith and good will would recognize Him as the Savior of the world. It is exceedingly difficult these days for Christians not to be distracted by commercialism and everyday concerns to see that Christmas above all else means Jesus Christ is among us. In the words of John the Baptist, each believing person must try to "straighten out" those aspects of one's personal life which inhibits a fuller welcome of Christ into their life. Likewise, each person must try harder to move away from the alluring distractions which hide the true meaning of Christmas.

**HELPING RETIRED RELIGIOUS MEN & WOMEN ANNUAL COLLECTION** - is **this weekend**. Please use the envelope in December's packet. Generations of St. Vitus parishioner children were served well by the Sisters of Notre Dame and succeeded in life because of the education they received at St. Vitus. They gave all they could. Can YOU now help a little?

**ST. VITUS ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** is **this Sunday** at 11:30 a.m. in the parish auditorium. All members are invited to come and share this special time together. It is a wonderful time of friendship, hospitality and the awaiting of our Savior's birth!



**ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY** - monthly corporate Mass and Holy Communion is this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Usual meeting & breakfast will follow in The Village Slovenian Room.

**ROSARY FOR RIGHT TO LIFE** - The Holy Name Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a rosary and join in asking for Our Lady's help. Afterwards, please join in for coffee & donuts at The Village Slovenian Room.

**Please remember to wear your "Respect Life Rose"**.

**ST. VITUS KSKJ #25 MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY** - is **this Sunday** in the lower church hall. Meeting is at 1:00 p.m. followed by the party at 2:00 p.m. Members, please come have a wonderful time!

**ANNUAL AMLA CHRISTMAS PARTY** - The AMLA Lodges' Christmas Party is at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. **this Sunday** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**"MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION"** - This is the title of a very helpful Advent preparation booklet which was made available last weekend. There are still some copies left, please take one and read it faithfully during Advent. The booklets can be found in the entrances of the church.




### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE OF OUR HOME – BOUND PARISHIONERS

– As in past years, our parish family will remember the homebound with a visit and a token gift. Maybe during this Advent Season, you or your family might feel called to pay a visit and deliver the “gift” to one of them on December 15th & 16th. If you would like to participate, or need more information, please call Sr. Mary Avsec at (216) 432-9179. Baked good are needed for the care packages to the homebound. If you can help with this, please call Sr. Mary Avsec. The baked goods have to be at the parish house by Dec. 14th. Drivers can pick up the packages for delivery around 10:45 a.m. on the 15th in the church hall. **Thank you!**

**ST. VITUS HOLY NAME** – is sponsoring an Advent time for prayer. You are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a special way. **Advent Luncheon** – *“Walking in Advent with Mary of Nazareth,”* Mon., Dec. 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma, Ohio. Cost is \$30.00. Call 440-884-9300, ext. 310 or visit [jrh-cleveland.org](http://jrh-cleveland.org) for registration and additional information. The presenter will be Sr. Kathleen Glavich, S.N.D., who is an author, editor and international speaker. The presentation “will draw three practices that strengthen our relationship with God and prepare us for His coming – listening, trusting and loving.”

### DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

– on Fri., Dec. 12th, at 7:00 p.m., at St. John’s Cathedral, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland.  The concert is free and open to all! No tickets or reservations required. Free parking in surface lot – Rockwell Ave., or in the Cathedral Plaza Garage on Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th St. For additional information call 216-696-6525 or email [gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org) or x5510.



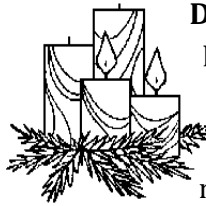
### • ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT •

The St. Vitus Christmas Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus Church on Sunday, December 30th, after the 10:00 a.m. all-parish Mass, and at St. Mary’s Church in Collinwood – Friday, Dec. 28th, 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!

**PARISH OFFERING** – last Sunday amounted to \$3,059.00  
**St. Vitus Bldg. Fund:** \$430. – Family & Friends in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Genovese; \$140. – Miss Elizabeth Dolinar; \$100. – M/M Peter & Sue Osenar in mem. of Mrs. Marilyn Genovese; **St. Vitus Endowment Trust:** \$400. – M/M Paul & Susan Schumacher in memory of parents and brother, William J. & Frances Millavec & William A. Millavec; \$100. – Anonymous in memory of father, Pavel Dolenc.

**Sincerest thank you to all!**

**FARNA NABIRKA** – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$3,059.00  
Za vse druge podrobnosti si oglejte angleški del oznanila.  
**Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**



**DRUGA ADVENTNA NEDELJA** – V tednih pred Božičem se okoli nas dogaja veliko stvari. Advent ne ustavi življenja; raje nas poziva, preusmerimo naš duhovni pogled k Njemu, ki je Sin božji in Sin Pravice. Davno je že tega, ko je prišel na svet za uboge ki so pripravljene sprejeti kot Odrašenika sveta. Dandanes komercializem in vsakdanje skrbi ovirajo kristjane, da bi videli, da Božič predvsem pomeni, da je Jezus Kristus med nami. Po besedah Janeza Krstnika mora vsak vernik skušati urediti tiste stvari v svojem osebnem življenju, ki mu preprečujejo popolnejši sprejem Kristusa. Prav tako se mora vsak potruditi, da se izogiblje zapeljivih zabav, ki zakrivajo resnično pomembnost Božiča.

– **NABIRKA ZA POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA REDOVNICE IN REDOVNIKE** – je ta vikend. Ameriški katoličani že nekaj let zbirajo darove za upokojene redovnike in redovnice, od katerih je več ko polovico starih nad 70 let. V svojem času so ogromno prispevali k napredku katoličanov, kot na primer pri Sv. Vidu, kjer so redovnice vodile farno šolo skoraj sto let. V ovojnici cerkvenih kuvert je tudi kuverta za to posebno nabirko. Ta letošnja nabirka je zelo primerna in potrebna za tiste redovnike in redovnice, ki so vse svoje življenje posvetili delu za katoliške vernike. Ne smemo jih pozabiti v njihovi starosti in onemoglosti.

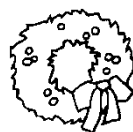
**OLTARNO DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA** – ima svojo letno božičnico to nedeljo ob 11:30 dopoldne v Avditoriju. Vse članice, prosimo, pridite na to lepo skupno praznovanje!



**DRUŠTVO NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA** – ima skupno mesečno mašo in sv. obhajilo to nedeljo ob 9ih zjutraj. Redni sestanek in zajtrk sledi v Slovenski sobi v St. Vitus Village.

**KSKJ DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA #25** – ima svoj sestanek in božičnico to nedeljo v cerkveni dvorani. Sestanek bo ob 1:00 popoldne, božičnica pa ob 2:00. Člani, pridite na to lepo skupno praznovanje!

**KADILO IN OGLJE** – bomo pripravili za prihodnji vikend, 15./16. decembra. Zavoji so namenjeni po enega na osebo ali družino. Kdor želi kaj darovati, naj to stori v **“Poor Box”**, ki je nastavljena na običajnem kraju.



**DAROV ZA BOŽIČNO OKRASITEV** – Vsako leto je cerkev Sv. Vida za Božič in v dneh po Kristusovem rojstvu lepo okrašena. Farane smo povabili, da uporabijo posebno decembersko kuvertu za **“okrasitev cerkve za Božič”**. Na ta način je vsak darovalec vključen v okrasitev v čast Božjega Deteta. Najlepša hvala!

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**DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY** – In anticipation of Christmas, may we ask for monetary donations for canned and non-perishable food items for St. Vitus Food Bank. Please place your donation in a sealed envelope marked **“FOOD BANK”** and drop it into the collection basket.