



**A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL PARISHIONERS,  
PARISH FRIENDS, BENEFACTORS  
AND VISITORS  
TO OUR CHURCH!**



**VESEL BOŽIČ  
VSEM NAŠIM FARANOM,  
FARNIM PRIJATELJEM,  
DOBROTNIKOM IN  
OBISKOVALCEM NAŠE CERKVE!**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT      December 23, 2018**

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 22nd/23rd**

- 4:00 Anthony Grdina – 1st Ann.
- 9:00 Rihtar & Cerar Families
- 10:30 Anton Teskac – 12th Ann.  
For our Parishioners

**MONDAY, December 24: VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

- 4:00 Christmas Vigil Mass  
Liv. & Dec. Members of St. Vitus Altar Society  
Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

**TUESDAY, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY/BOŽIČ**

- 12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS – POLNOČNICA  
Liv. & Dec. Members of St. Vitus Altar Society
- 10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

**WEDNESDAY, December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr**

- 5:00 Alojs & Maria Kornik – Chapel

**THURSDAY, Dec. 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

- 5:00 Jože, Ljudmila & sin Jože Lekan – Chapel

**FRIDAY, December 28: The Holy Innocents**

- 5:00 Mary (Arko) Napoli – 30 Day – Chapel



**SATURDAY, Dec. 29: 5th Day Octave of Christmas**

- 4:00 For Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY, Dec. 30: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- 10:00 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors
- 11:30 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Church

**PSALM RESPONSE \* ODPEV PRI PSALMU**

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Razjasni svoje obličje in rešeni bomo.

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**A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ST. PAUL'S PARISHIONERS**

This Saturday, December 22nd, Bp. Nelson Perez officially installed the Reverend Zvonko Blasko as pastor of St. Paul Croatian Parish. Fr. Blasko has served as the associate pastor at the parish for over 15 years and has won the affection and trust of the people of St. Paul's Parish. *Congratulations and God's blessings to Father Zvonko Blasko!*

**A GIFT FROM THE HEART** – At the St. Vitus Altar Society Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 9th, Mrs. Nevja Avzlahar, president of the Society, presented to the Pastor a monetary gift of \$8,000.00, which was earned from the monthly Krofe Sale and annual benefit dinner that the Altar Society Ladies sponsor once a year. This year's gift is for the needs of the parish. Our heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of the St. Vitus Altar Society for this most generous gift to the parish!

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – Tuesday is Christmas. Today's liturgy shows us that God's ways are mysterious and certain. The period of waiting for the Savior by the chosen people has come to an end. Let us ask the Lord to help us be able to receive the good news of salvation as Mary did.

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** – Kindly note that Monday and Tuesday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Masses will be offered for living and deceased parishioners, parish friends and benefactors and living and deceased members of the St. Vitus Altar Society. Our church will be open at 3:30 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and then at 11:00 p.m. in preparation for the Midnight Mass. We have provided security around the church & parking lots. The Norwood Rd. parking lot behind the school will be open until midnight and closed throughout the Mass. Parking will also be available across from the church and around St. Vitus Village, i.e., the gated parking lot with entrance on E. 61st St., in front of St. Vitus Village garages and east side towards Norwood Rd. with entrance on Lausche Ave.

**A MASS TIME CHANGE** – PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:00 A.M. MASS, BUT AN ALL-PARISH MASS AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE EXPLANATION PLEASE REFER TO "ANNUAL ST. VITUS CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT" IN THIS BULLETIN.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – The St. Vitus Christmas Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus Church next Sun., Dec. 30th, after the 10:00 a.m. all-parish Mass, and at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood on Fri., Dec. 28th, at 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!

**FEASTDAY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD** – is next Tuesday, Jan. 1st, New Year's Day. There will be a Vigil on Mon., December 31st at 4:00 p.m. and an ALL-PARISH Mass on New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m. 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!

**VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND AT ANYTIME** - If someone in your family is no longer able to attend Mass, we would be more than happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to the home of their convenience. Please call the parish house and Father Boznar or Sr. Mary Avsec, S.N.D. will be happy to visit your family member.





**SINCERE THANK YOU FROM ST. VITUS CWV POST 1655!** – "This past December 12th, five members of the St. Vitus CWV Post 1655 distributed 100 gift backpacks at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital Homeless Veterans Facility. In the backpacks were socks, stocking caps, puzzle books, vouchers to purchase items at the snack bars and gift shop. The cost of doing this was \$1,800. and was made possible by your support of our **Poppy** distribution. The Post thanks you so much for your support of this program, without which this Christmas gift to our homeless veterans would not be possible. So we at the Post thank you again for showing our homeless vets they are not forgotten." **Thank You!**

**John Kirk, Post Commander**

**WEDDING DATES** – Parish couples planning their wedding at St. Vitus need to reserve their church wedding date prior to securing the hall and not vice versa. Checking first with the Pastor among things, also assures that a priest will be available on the wedding date. Couples desiring a wedding date at St. Vitus have to show a history of personal participation in parish life and worship that is more than Easter and Christmas Masses. St. Vitus Church is not a "church of convenience" for weddings. On the other hand e.g., St. John's Cathedral at times makes helpful exceptions for couples shopping for a convenient church setting, but understandably charges a substantial rent fee for the use of the cathedral and for the time spent preparing couples for their big day.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE** – at St. Mary's Parish, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110, on Monday, Dec. 31st. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. – dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The evening will include a delicious meal (with appetizers), music by **Veseli Godci**, a champagne toast when the clock strikes twelve and a midnight snack. Tickets are \$45. per person. For reservations and/or more information, please call Ursi (Wein) Prosen, 216-233-3689. On-site babysitting services are available at a fee and must be requested when making reservations. Welcome in 2019 with great food, fun and friends!

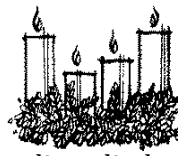
**CHURCH CALENDARS** – Beautiful church calendars are available at all the church entrances this weekend. They are compliments of the **Zevnik/Cosic Funeral Home** in Willoughby Hills. **Many thanks!**

**PARISH OFFERING** – last Sunday amounted to \$4,068.00 **Add. for Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** \$130.; **Add. for Retirement Fund for Religious:** \$395.; **St. Vitus Bldg. Fund:** \$1,000. – Anon.; \$500. – Anon.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The list of donor's names for Christmas, Christmas Flowers, St. Vitus Bldg. Fund, St. Vitus Food Bank and the St. Vitus Endowment Trust will be in next week's bulletin insert.

**Sincerest thank you to all!**

**FARNA NABIRKA** – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$4,068.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**



**ČETRТА ADVENTNA NEDELJA** – Le nekaj dni pred Božičem nam današnje bogoslužje kaže, da so Gospodova pota skrivnostna in gotova. Čas čakanja na Odrešenika je za izvoljeno ljudstvo končan. Prosimo Gospoda, naj nam pomaga, da bomo sposobni sprejeti dobro sporočilo o odrešenju, kot ga je sprejela Marija.

**MAŠE NA SV. VEČER IN BOŽIČ** – Farane opozarjamo, da bodo maše na sveti večer in božični dan darovane za žive in umrle farane ter farne prijatelje in dobrotnike in za žive in umrle članice Oltarnega Društva Sv. Vida. Na sv. večer bomo cerkev odprli ob 3:30 pop. za vigilijsko sv. mašo ob 4:00 ter ob 11. uri zvečer za polnočnico. Poskrbeli bomo za varnost okoli cerkve in na parkiriščih. Parkirišče na Norwood Rd. za šolo, bo odprto do polnoči, med polnočnico pa bo zaprto. Na voljo bo parkirišče nasproti cerkve in ob St. Vitus Village -- na južni notrajni strani z vhodom na E. 61 St., pred garadžami ob 61 St., in na vzhodni strani stavbe z vhodom na Lausche Ave.

**OPOZORILO** – RADI BI OPOZORILI FARANE IN PRIJATELJE, DA NASLEDNJO NEDELJO NE BO SV. MAŠE OB 9:00 AMPAK BOMO IMELI SKUPNO FARNO SV. MAŠO OB 10:00 DOPOLDNE ZA POJASNILA PREBERITE V OZNANILU VABILO NA VSAKO-LETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT.



**VSAKOLETNI BOŽIČNI KONCERT** – Letos bo naš **"Božični pevski zbor"** podal svoj božični koncert v nedeljo, 30. decembra pri Sv. Vidu po skupni sv. maši, ki bo ob 10:00 dop. in v petek, 28. decembra, pri Mariji Vnebovzeti ob 7:00 zvečer. Ta koncert je posebno darilo članov obeh cerkvenih zborov in nekaterih drugih pevcev. Vstopnine ni, vendar je vsak dar dobrodošel. Koncertu sledi običajno srečanje v farnem avditoriju. Vsi lepo vabljeni! Prosim, nikar ne zamudite tega dragocenega božičnega darila.

**PRAZNIK MATERE BOŽJE** – je prihodnji torek, 1. jan. Pri Sv. Vidu bo vigilijska sv. maša v ponedeljek, 31. dec., ob 4:00 pop. in vse-farna sv. maša v torek, na novega leta dan ob 10:00 dopoldne. 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!



**VELIKODUŠNO DARILO** – V nedeljo, 9. dec. je ga. Nevia Avzlahar, predsednica Oltarnega društva Fare Sv. Vida, izročila g. župniku dar \$8,000. ki je nabran z mesečno prodajo krofov in vsakoletnim kosilom. Letošnje darilo je namenjeno za farne potrebe. Pri-srčna hvala odbornicam in članicam Oltarnega društva za tako velikodušno darilo fari!

**CERKVENI KOLEDARJI** – Lepe cerkvene koledarje, ki jih je podaril **Zevnik/Cosic pogrebni zavod** v Willoughby Hills, Ohio, lahko dobite pri vhidih v cerkev. Prosimo, Postrežite si sami ali povprašajte enega rediteljev.

