

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, December 7th/8th**

4:00 John & Dorothy Kirk  
 9:00 Milka Odar  
 For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 Antonia, Pavel & Paul Dolenc

**MONDAY, December 9: Immaculate Conception**

10:00 Marija - (Ann.) & Vinko Lipovec - Church  
 5:00 Parishioners & Benefactors - Chapel

**TUESDAY, December 10: Advent Weekday**

5:00 Helen Jerse - 2nd Ann. - Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, December 11: Advent Weekday**

5:00 Angela & Josephine Perusek Family - Chapel

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

10:15 St. Martin de Porres H.S. Mass - Church  
 5:00 Julius & Joži Černoga - Chapel

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

5:00 Anne Arhar - 5th Ann. - Chapel

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

4:00 Marge & Henry Szymanski

**SUNDAY, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 Milan Dolinar - 28th Ann.  
 10:30 Slak & Likozar Families  
 For Our Parishioners

**PSALM RESPONSE \* ODPEV PRI PSALMU**

Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace forever.  
 V njegovih dneh bo cvetela pravičnost.

**LECTORS/BRALCI --- December 14th/15th, 2019**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 14/15th, 2019**

Sat. 4:00 P.M. Stan Kuhar  
 Sun. 9:00 A.M. Linda Baznik/Mary Ann Janout  
 Sun. 10:30 A.M. David Turk/Mario Perčič

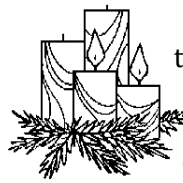
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**VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND AT ANYTIME** - If someone in your family is no longer able to attend Mass, we would be more than happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to the home at their convenience. Please call the parish house and Father Boznar or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



**AMLA CHRISTMAS PARTY** - The Annual AMLA Lodges' Christmas Party is **this Sunday** at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. 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.



**\* 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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Kindly note that the great Marian feast day will be observed this **Mon., December 9th**, because Advent Sunday takes precedence on that day. The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country. This day is for Catholics in the United States, almost always a holyday of obligation to attend Mass. This year, however, it is **not** a holyday of obligation. At St. Vitus we **will be** observing the feast day next Monday with a 10:00 a.m. Mass in church. Parishioners are invited to come to the Mass.

**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 CHRISTMAS PARTY** - is **this Sunday** at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Vitus Village Slovenian Room. 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 Meeting 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 us for coffee & donuts at The Village Meeting 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 and have a wonderful time!



## 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 14th & 15th. If you would like to participate, or need more information, please call Sr. Mary Avsec at (216) 432-9179. Baked goods 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. 13th. Drivers can pick up the packages for delivery around 10:45 a.m. on the 14th in the church hall. **Thank you!**

**ADVENT SPEAKER** – The *St. Vitus Young Adult Ministry* welcomes all parishioners and friends to join them next Sunday, Dec. 15th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass to hear Mr. Marty Dybicz speak about preparing for Christmas in the secular world. Mr. Dybicz is an educator, a prolific writer and speaker, currently serving as the principal at St. Rocco Parish School. He is also author of *The Fullness of Life* and monthly column for *Catholic Stand*, and is passionate about our Catholic faith and theology. Coffee and donuts will be served immediately after Mass. “*Young Vitus*” t-shirts will be available for sale \$10.



## \* ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT \*

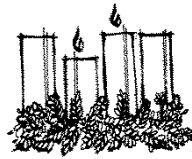
The *St. Vitus Christmas Choir* will present its annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus Church on Sunday, December 29th, after the 10:00 a.m. all-parish Mass. The choir's repertoire includes traditional carols in English, Slovenian, Latin and Italian. Admission is FREE but donations will be most welcome. A social will follow in parish Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and join us for this very special Christmas treat!

**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 14/15th, 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”.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS** – 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 for “*Christmas Flowers*”. In this way every donor is included in the decorations in honor of the Holy Infant!



**PARISH OFFERING** – last Sunday amounted to \$3,321.00 *St. Vitus Endow. Trust*: \$50. – M/M Mike & Pat Grasson in honor of their 50th Wedding Ann.; *St. Vitus Bldg.*: \$290. – Ms. Elizabeth Dolinar. **Sincerest thanks to all!**



**DRUGA ADVENTNA NEDELJA** \* V tednih pred Božičem se okoli nas dogaja veliko stvari. Advent ne ustavi življenja; raje nas poziva, da preusmerimo naš duhovni pogled k Njemu, ki je Sin božji in Sin Pravičice. Davno je že tega, ko je prišel na svet za uboge ki so pripravljene Ga sprejeti kot Odrešenika 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.

## – PRAZNIK BREZMADEŽNEGA SPOČETJA –

Opozarjamo vas da je obhajanje tega praznika letos predstavljeno na ta ponedeljek, ker ima adventna nedelja prednost pred tem dnevom. Marija z naslovom Brezmadeža Spočeta je patron naše dežele. V Washington, D.C., poleg katoliške univerze, so katoličani Združenih držav Amerike zgradili veličastno svetišče v čast Brezmadežni. Pri sv. Vidu bomo imeli sveto mašo v ponedeljek ob 10ih dop., čeprav ta dan ni letos zapovedan praznik. Vabimo vse farane, da pridete k sv. maši.



**OLTARNO DRUŠTVO SV. VIDA** – ima svojo letno božičnico to nedeljo ob 11:30 dopoldne v St. Vitus Village Slovenski sobi. 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 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!

**NABIRKA ZA POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA OSTARELE REDOVNICE IN REDOVNIKE** – je ta vikend. Ameriški katoličani že nekaj let zbirajo darove za upokojene redovnice 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. Ta nabirka je zelo primerna in potrebna za tiste redovnice in redovnice, ki so vse svoje življenje posvetili delu za katoliške vernike. Ne smemo jih pozabiti v njihovi starosti in onemoglosti. Prosimo, bodite radodarni.

**KADILO IN OGLJE** – bomo pripravili za prihodnji vikend, 14./15. 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.

**FARNA NABIRKA** – pretekle nedelje je znesla \$3,321.00 Za vse druge podrobnosti in imena darovalcev si oglejte angleški del oznanila. **Vsem prav prisrčna hvala!**