

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

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With today's feast day we end the Christmas Season and return to Ordinary Time. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan is another epiphany or manifestation of the divinity of Jesus with the voice of the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove giving testimony to the one Godhead of the Holy Trinity. The Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The feast also marks the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and the decline of the ministry of John the Baptist who exclaimed, "He must increase. I must decrease."

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John resisted because of his own unworthiness. Jesus insisted and John obeyed. We, too, must not let our unworthiness stand in the way of the Lord's leading. False humility does not serve the Lord. Listen, obey, and see what God will do.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins this Saturday, January 18th, concluding with the feast day of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th. Pray that all believers in Jesus Christ may one day soon share one faith, one baptism, one common altar.

PEW RESTORATION AND FLOOR REPAIRS begin this week in church. We still hope to use the church for Sunday Masses and funerals, but daily Masses will be in the Slovenian Room. The project is scheduled to be completed on April 1, 2020.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Slovenian Room. All members are asked to attend to discuss upcoming parish activities, including the Appreciation Dinner.



A VERY BIG "THANK YOU" TO ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY for the generous Christmas donation to the parish

of \$7,000. This is a gift given from the heart and through the work of their hands. It is through their dedication and sacrifice that they not only support the parish financially but keep us well taken care of with krofe sales every month, a benefit dinner in October and delicious bakery for the Summer Picnic and Fall Festival. And to top it off, they send up a lot of prayers to heaven for us. What more can we say than "thank you" and God bless each and every one of you!

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,456.00

New Year's Day: \$3,327.00

For the Needy: \$508.00



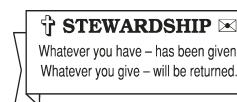
Special Christmas Gifts: \$7,000 in memory of Tone & Amalia Gregorc and Frank & Mara Hren; \$6,000 anonymous; \$500 from Folknorna Skupina Kres; \$250 from Raymond & Joan Champa; \$100 from Slovenska Pristava; \$50 from Mrs. Stane Hocevar; \$50 from Mary Oliveri; \$50 from M/M Lawrence Sack
Church Needs: \$25 in memory of Carmela Fiorta from Suzanne Vadnal; \$100 from Adrienne Paonsha; \$250 from Sally Yozipovich; \$20 in memory of Rose Kocin from Joanna Pope; \$20 in memory of Rose Kocin from Victor Stepec; \$30 in memory of Rose Kocin from Julius & Almut Dill; \$100 in memory of Peggy Mochan from husband, James; \$80 in memory of Peggy Mochan from Bob & Joann Shenkel

The Following in Memory of Josef Lah: \$40 from Marie Giuffre, \$50 from Karl & Ani Zajec, \$100 from Lewis & Josette Merletti, \$50 from NDCL Hockey Team, \$15 from Milka Krulc, \$20 from Amelia Maslac, \$25 from M/M Anton Adamic, \$25 from Magda Valerian, \$30 from M/M Steve Engstrom, \$50 from M/M Andrew Celestina, \$50 from M/M Anthony Rus, \$50 from John Zupancic, \$50 from M/M Joseph Kosir, \$50 from M/M Mario Ovsenic, \$50 from M/M Edward Mejac, \$50 from M/M Adravko Novak, \$75 from Janice & Peter Sugarman, \$100 from M/M Paul Kosir, \$100 from M/M Patrick Viancourt, \$100 from M/M Rudolf Kolaric, \$15 from M/M Valentin Ribic, \$15 from Ursula Stepec, \$20 from Victor Stepec

The Following in Memory of Helena Percic: \$15 from Ursula Stepec, \$20 from Victor Stepec, \$20 from Florian & Pat Osredkar, \$20 from M/M Valentin Ribic

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

SLOVENIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER will be on Sunday, January 19th. This year a wienerschnitzel dinner will be served in the parish hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation for the dinner is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets may be purchased from Slovenian School parents and also at the door on the day of the dinner. Everyone is very welcome. All proceeds help with the operation and activities of the school.



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOME FOR HAITI ADVENT APPEAL. Great news! Our Advent

Appeal to build a new house for a needy family in Haiti has concluded and we have surpassed our goal of \$7,000. **92 donors have given \$7,880. for this project.** But still more wonderful news is that our **Blessed Mother Teresa Society** has given a **matching gift of \$7,000** to build a second house in Haiti. We are so grateful and so proud of the generous and charitable spirit of our St. Mary parishioners who once again have put their Faith into action. God bless everyone who helped with this noble project.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Masses for the Week of Jan. 13-19, 2020

Monday:	(1/13) ST. HILARY (Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Ivan & Frančiška Kozina (Friend)
Tuesday:	(1/14) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Herman Doerfer
Wednesday:	(1/15) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Pavsek (Son, Richard)
Thursday:	(1/16) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Pedro Slovša (Mary Miklavčič)
Friday:	(1/17) ST. ANTHONY (Abbot)
7:45 a.m.	Angelo Giallombardo (Wife, Yvonne)
Saturday:	(1/18) BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:45 a.m.	Anthony Ruttar (Ivanka Matic)
5:00 p.m.	Jakob & Margaret Zajc (Granddaughter, Margaret Pograins-Bennish)
Sunday:	(1/19) SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Slovenska Šola
12:00 noon	Marie Oblak (Arlene Kascak)

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of January 18/19th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Joanna Pope/Lou Drasler/ Cindy Smith
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Karen Spehar/Dr. Tony Ogrinc
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Marsic/Vic Stepec/ Frank Zalar
	12:00 noon	Joe Valencic/MaryAnn Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick: Josephine Strle, Helen Jajcic, Chris Chermely, Lucille Tomasic, Marlene Sorz, Robert Klancher

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in the Fall of this year, 2020, here at St. Mary's. We are asking those who will be in the 8th grade this year and anyone in the higher grades or any adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, to contact Fr. Kumse if you wish to receive the Sacrament this year. We will begin our Preparation Program in late winter. Please either see Fr. Kumse personally after Mass or call at 216-761-7740.

PRISTAVSKA NOČ BANQUET will be held on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. Donation for the dinner is \$45. The Alpine Sextet will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. To reserve a table or individual tickets, please call Ursi (Wein) Prosen at 216-233-3689. All proceeds of this event help the upkeep of Slovenska Pristava.

PRAZNIK JEZUSOVEGA KRSTA.

KRST NAŠEGA GOSPODA. Z današnjim praznikom mi končamo božični čas in se vrnemo v navadni čas. Krst Jezusa v Jordanu je še eno razglašenje ali dokaz o božanstvu Jezusa, z glasom Očeta in videzu Svetega Duha v podobi goloba v pričevanju na eno božanstvo Svete Trojice. Oče razglaša "Ta je moj ljubljeni Sin nad katerim imam veselje." Ta praznik tudi označi začetek Jezusovega javnega delovanja in upadanje delovanja Janeza Krstnika, ki je vzkliknil, "On mora rasti in jaz moram manjšati."

TEDEN MOLITVE ZA ZEDINJENJE KRISTJANOV, se začne to soboto 18. januarja z zaključkom na god Spreobrnjenja Sv. Pavla, 25. januarja. Molimo, da vsi, ki verujejo v Jezusa Kristusa, bi kmalu uživali eno vero, en krst, en skupen oltar.

ISKRENA "HVALA" OLTARNEMU DRUŠTVU za velikodušno božično darilo župniji \$7,000. Ta dar je podarjen iz srca in delu njihovih rok. To je po njihovi požrtvovalnosti, ne samo, da finančno podpirajo župnijo, ampak nas podprejo s krofi vsak mesec, kosilom v oktobru in dobrim pecivom na Poletnem pikniku in Jesenskem festivalu. In povrh tega, pošljejo veliko molitev v nebesa za nas. Kaj moremo reči več kot "hvala" in Bog blagoslovi vsako in vse vas!

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH HIŠO ZA HAITI. Dobra novica! Naša adventna prošnja, da zgradimo novi dom za ubogo družino v Haiti je zaključena in smo presegle naš cilj \$7,000. 92 dobrotnikov je darovalo \$7,880. Toda še lepa novica, da je naše društvo Blažene Matere Terezije darovalo še za eno hišo v Haiti. Zelo smo hvaležni in ponosni na plemeniti in dobrotni duh naših župljanov, ki so spet postavili vero v dejanje. Naj Bog blagoslovi vse, ki ste pomagali v tem plemenitem projektu.

PASTORALNI SVET ima sestanek v torek 14. januarja ob 7:30 zvečer v slovenski sobi. Vsi člani so naprošeni da se udeleže. Razgovor bo o prihodnjih aktivnostih župnije.

ZAKRAMENT BIRME, bomo obhajali jeseni v tem letu 2020, tukaj pri Mariji vnebovzeti. Prosimo tiste, ki so v 8. razredu letos in tudi druge v višjih šolah in tudi odrasle, ki še niso prejeli zakrament birme, da stopite v stik z g. Kumšetom, če želite prejeti Zakrament letos. Program priprave bomo začeli proti koncu zime. Prosimo, da osebno govorite z g. Kumšetom ali kličite na 216-761-7740.

OBNOVITEV CERKVENIH KLOPI IN POPRAVILO TLA se začne ta teden. Mi upamo, da bomo lahko rabili cerkev za nedeljske maše in pogrebe, toda dnevne maše bodo v slovenski sobi. Delo je v načrtu, da bo končano 1. aprila.

KOSILO NAŠE SLOVENSKE ŠOLE bo v nedeljo 19. januarja Letos bodo servirali dunajske rezke s prilogo v župnijski dvorani od 11:00 do 1:00 popoldan. Dar za kosilo je \$16 za odrasle in \$8 za otroke. Vstopnice za kosilo dobite pri starših učencev ali pri vratih na dan kosila. Ves dohodek pomaga delovanju in aktivnosti Slovenske šole. Vsi ste lepo vabljeni.

PRISTAVSKA NOČ. Tradicionalen ples in zabava Pristavska noč bo v soboto 25. januarja 2020 v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue. Začetek je ob 5:30 uri in večerja ob 6:45 uri. Cena za večerjo je \$45. Za ples in zabavo bo igral Alpski Sekstet. Za rezervacijo miz ali vstopnic pokličite Urši (Wein) Prosen na 216-233-3689. Člani in prijatelji Pristave lepo vabljeni.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

GOSPOD BO BLAGOSLOVIL SVOJE LJUDSTVO.