

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****February 9, 2020**

**EVENING OF CULTURE PROGRAM IS TODAY, FEBRUARY 9TH** at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is very welcome to this free performance.

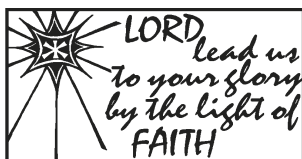
**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE.** Relationships die from neglect or harsh criticism. They need at least five positive to each negative interaction. Be light and salt in your marriage by saying that kind word with a note or flowers, or other acts of care. Go the extra mile in helping with family chores. Give encouragement rather than criticism. Let those you love hear and see your love. "Let your light shine through good deeds."

**CONVERSION: FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST.** Lent is a time of conversion, a time to turn back to the Lord and direct our energy and attention to deepening our relationship with Christ. Every Tuesday of Lent from March 3rd to March 31st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's DVD in which he uses persons of the Bible to demonstrate how ordinary people are met by Jesus and called to a better life through him. Cost for this 5 week series is \$25, which includes a study guide and refreshments. Call the rectory office at 216-761-7740 to register for this Lenten program.

**PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Please note the meeting place is changed this month.

**MAŠKARADA.** Our pre-lenten Masquerade Dinner/Dance is this Saturday, February 15th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Music will be by Veseli Godci. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for those age 7 to 12 and children age 6 and under have free admittance. Join us for an evening of food, fun, frolic and friendship before our penitential season of Lent begins.

**PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER.** On Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall, we will honor our many volunteers who give so much of their time and talent for the good of our parish of St. Mary's. It's a small way to say "thank you" for the great things that you do. Invitations have been mailed. Please, if you have not received an invitation and you are a volunteer, please call the parish office as soon as possible.

**TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:****"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."****Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,974.00**

**Church Needs:** \$50 in memory of Ivan Berkopec from brother Anton; \$25 in memory of Josephine Stinziano from daughter, Jo Ann **Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**RICE & BLOOD SAUSAGE DINNER (KOLINE).** On Shrove Tuesday, February 25th, we will have a rice, blood and garlic sausage dinner in the parish hall for the benefit of the Slovenian Cultural Garden. Donation is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Dinner features either 3 garlic sausages, or one rice & garlic sausage or one blood and garlic sausage. Patty C & the Boys will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. For dinner reservations, please call the rectory office at 216-761-7740 no later than Thursday, February 20th.

**ST. VALENTINE OR STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS?** February 14th is traditionally St. Valentine's Day, in honor of the Roman priest and physician who was tortured and beheaded for his Christian Faith under the Emperor Claudius around the year 269. This day's romantic overtures are connected to the medieval belief that birds began to pair on this day.

In the reform of the Roman Calendar, February 14th became the Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the date of Cyril's death in the year 869. (In many of the Slavic countries of the Roman rite, including Slovenia, the old date of July 5th is still observed with great solemnity).

The two brothers, Constantine (he took the name of Cyril when he became a monk shortly before his death) and Methodius were born in Thessalonika, Greece. Both highly educated, they were sent by Byzantine Emperor Michael III to work with the Khazars in the Dnieper-Volga regions of Russia. In 863, Prince Rastislav of Moravia asked the Patriarch of Constantinople to send the brothers as missionaries among the Moravians. Because of their knowledge of the Slavonic language they were quite successful, which caused much jealousy among the German missionaries sent from Salzburg and Passau. Because they used the Slavonic language in the liturgy, they were summoned to Rome. Pope Adrian II received them and gave his blessing to the use of Slavonic in the Liturgy. (Until that time, it was common belief that only Hebrew, Greek and Latin, the languages that appeared above the cross of Jesus, could be used in the Liturgy). While in Rome, Cyril died and was buried in the Church of St. Clement. Methodius returned to Moravia as bishop of the new archdiocese of Moravia and Pannonia that was established by Pope Adrian with the center of the diocese at Velehrad, Stare Mesto in present day Czech Republic. The German hierarchy was not happy with this, and had Methodius imprisoned. Pope John VIII had him freed after two years, restored him to his place as rightful bishop and again permitted the use of Slavonic in the liturgy. Methodius died on April 6, 864. Cyril and Methodius are called the Apostles of the Slavs and along with St. Benedict, are co-patrons of Europe. The alphabet used by many of the Eastern Slavic people is called Cyrillic, in honor of St. Cyril, who adopted the Greek alphabet to fit the particular sounds of the Slavic tongue. Pope Leo XIII in 1880 extended their feast day to July 5th for the Universal Church, which was then moved to February 14th in 1969. So which saints do we honor on February 14? For the tradition of love, St. Valentine. For the love of tradition, Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

**Masses for the Week of February 10-16, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(2/10) ST. SCHOLASTICA (Virgin)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Roy Sankovic
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(2/11) OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>
7:45 a.m.	John Toth (Dorothy Lamm)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(2/12) WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Josie Rus (30 Day)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(2/13) WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Adolf Korošec (30 Day)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(2/14) STS. CYRIL (Monk) and METHODIUS (Bishop)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Anton & Anna Tomsic (Daughter, Mary Podlogar)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(2/15) BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Fr. Anthony Dukich, OFM (Friend)
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Winter and Zabak Families (Bob & Kathy Zabak)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(2/16) SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Francis & Jernej Merela (M/M Stanislav Bobič)
12:00 noon	Millie Senger (Maureen Koshar)

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers  
(Weekend of February 15/16th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Joanna Pope/Vince Rozman/ Martha Rozman
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Karen Spehar/Dr. Tony Ogrinc
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Marsic/Tom Kastelic/ Zachary Bruner
	12:00 noon	Joe Valencic/Marie Kushner

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Chris Chermely, Helen Jejcic,  
Josephine Strle, Robert Klancher

**MAŠKARADA.** Naša pustna Maškaradna večerja in ples bo v soboto 15. februarja. Vrata se odpro ob 6:00 uri. Za ples igrajo Veseli godci. Dar je \$25 za odrasle in \$15 za mladino od 7 do 12 leta, otroci stari 6 let in mlajši imajo vstop prost. Pridružite se nam za večer hrane, zabave in plesa pred spokornim Postom.

**VEČERJA S KOLINAMI.** Na Pustni torek 25. februarja bomo imeli večerjo s krvavicami, riževimi klobasami in pečenicami v župnijski dvorani v podporo Slovenskega Kulturnega vrta. Dar je \$14 za odrasle in \$7 za otroke. Za večerjo dobite 3 pečenice ali eno riževico in eno pečenko ali eno krvavico in eno pečenko s prilogo. Paty C and Boys bodo igrali za ples in zabavo. Za rezervacije večerje kličite župnijski urad na 216-761-7740.

**SPREOBRNENJE:SLEDITI KLICU KRISTUSA.** Post je čas spreobrnitve, čas obrniti se nazaj k Gospodu in usmeriti našo energijo in pozornost, da poglobimo naš odnos s Kristusom. Vsak torek v Postu od 3. marca do 31. marca od 6:30 do 8:30 zvečer bomo predstavili DVD škofa Roberta Barrona v katerem vzame ljudi iz sv. Pisma in pokaže kako preprosti ljudje se srečajo z Jezusom, da izboljšajo življenje z njim. Cena za serije je \$25.

**DANES JE 5. NAVADNA NEDELJA.**

**DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA.** Odnosi umrjejo od prezira in osorne kritike. Oni potrebujejo najmanj pet pozitivnih za vsak negative medsebojni vpliv. Bodite luč in sol v vašem zakonu, da rečete dobro besedo, s pisemcem ali cvetjem ali drugim dobrim dejanjem. Naredite miljo več ko pomagate z družinskim delom. Dajajte spodbudo namesto kritiziranja. Dopustite tistim, ki jih ljubite da slišijo in vidijo vašo ljubezen. "Naj vaša luč sveti skozi dobra dela."

**VEČER KULTURE JE DANES,** 9. februarja ob 6:00 zvečer v župnijski dvorani .Vsi lepo vabljeni na lep kulturni večer.

**SV. VALENTIN ALI SV. CIRIL IN METOD.** 14. februar je tradicionalno dan Sv.Valentina, rimskega duhovnika in zdravnika ki je bil mučen in obglavljen za njegovo krščansko vero pod cesarjem Klavdijem okrog leta 269. Današnje romantične ponudbe so zvezane v srednjeveško verovanje, da se ta dan začnejo ženiti ptički. Z reformo Rimskega koledarja je 14.februar postal god Sv. Cirila in Metoda, na dan smrti Cirila v letu 869. (V mnogih slovanskih deželah Rimskega obreda tudi Slovenija je še vedno obhajan na stari datum 5. julija z veliko slovesnostjo). Dva brata, Konstantin (on je vzel ime Ciril, ko je postal menih malo pred njegovo smrtjo) in Metod sta bila rojena v Solunu, Grčija. Oba sta bila visoko izobrazena, poslana sta bila od Bizantinskega cesarja Mihaela III, da delata med Kazari v Dnjeper –Volga okraju v Rusiji. Leta 863, je knez Rastislav iz Moravije prosil Carigradskega patriarha naj pošlje oba brata kot misijonarja med Slovane. Zaradi njihovega znanja slovanskega jezika sta bila zelo uspešna, kar je povzročilo veliko zavist med nemškimi misijonarji poslani iz Salzburga in Passau-a. Zato ker sta imela liturgijo v slovanskem jeziku, sta bila poklicana v Rim. Papež Hadrijan II jih je sprejel in jima dal blagoslov naj uporabljata Slovanščino v liturgiji.(do tega časa je bila misel, da samo Hebrejski, Grški in Latinski jezik, ki je bil napisan na križu Jezusa se rabi v liturgiji). Med časom v Rimu je Ciril umrl in je bil pokopan v cerkvi Sv. Klementa. Metod se je vrnil v Moravijo kot škof nove škofije Moravije in Panonije, ki jo je postavil papež Hadrijan II sedežem škofije v Velehradu, (Stare mesto v sedanji Češki republiki). Nemška hierarhija ni bila vesela tega in je vrgla Metoda v ječo. Papež Janez VIII je njega po dveh letih osvobodil in ga postavil na njegov prostor kot pravega škofa in spet dovolil liturgijo v Slovanščini. Metod je umrl 6. aprila 864 Ciril in Metod sta Apostola Slovanov in s Sv. Benediktom sta so-zavetnika Evrope. Pisava, ki jo uporablja veliko Vzhodnih Slovanov se imenuje Cirilica v čast Sv. Cirila, ki je posvojil grške črke da uravna poseben glas Slovanskega jezika. Papež Leon XIII je v 1880 letu podaljšal njihov god na 5.julij za Vesoljno Cerkev, ki je bil potem premaknen na 14. februar v letu 1969. Tako, katere svetnike častimo 14. februarja? Za tradicijo ljubezni Sv. Valentina, za ljubezen tradicije Sv. Cirila in Metoda.

**APPRECIATION DINNER.** V nedeljo 23. februarja ob 4:00 popoldan bomo počastili naše številne prostovoljce v župnijski dvorani, ki dajo veliko svojega časa in talente za dobrobit župnije Marije vnebovzete. To je majhen dar "zahvale" za velike stvari, ki jih storite. Vabila so poslana. Prosimo, če ste prostovoljec in niste prejeli vabila, prosimo pokličite župnijski urad čimpreje.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:  
V TEMI ZASIJE LUČ POŠTENIM.**