

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****December 6, 2020**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.** Even though the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been suspended during the time of the pandemic, it is still fitting and proper to honor Mary, immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother St. Ann, on her feastday, December 8th. This is also the patronal feastday of the United States of America. We will have Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. as well as Masses on December 8th at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. May we beseech Mary to pray for us as individuals and as a nation and bring us closer to her Son Jesus, the Giver of all Life, especially in defending the rights of the unborn. We pray also that Mary extend her mantle of protection and peace over these United States.

**ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.** Every Thursday during the Holy Advent Season, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Beginning at 6:15 p.m. we will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose “yes” to God allowed earth to be touched by Heaven in the person of Jesus Christ, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as we worship the Presence of Emmanuel — God among us.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.** Next weekend is the annual collection to help retired religious order of priests, brothers and sisters who spent their lives serving the needs of God’s people. In good times and in bad, these dedicated men and women devoted themselves to service and acts of mercy. Years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough savings to care for them in their old age. Your generous gift helps provide medications, nursing home care and other necessities. Please be generous. As they helped us, may we never forget to help them.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE.** Even in spite of the Corona virus, there are still many people who could use a little bit of Christmas joy this year. Please take a gift suggestion ornament from the Giving Tree next to the St. Lawrence statue (and free gift bags, too). Please bring your gifts to church by December 15th so we can distribute them to the Westside Catholic Center and Birthright.

**COOKING WITH MICKA NEW COOKBOOK.** Toni Srsen has worked very hard to put together the favorite recipes of St. Vitus and St. Mary parishioners, along with stories to go along with the recipes. The cookbooks will be ready by Christmas. Donation is \$25 and may be ordered by calling the rectory office at 216-761-7740. Proceeds of the sales will benefit both St. Vitus and St. Mary Parishes.

**Today’s Psalm Response:**

**“Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.”**

**Last Sunday’s Offering: \$ 5,215.00****Online Donations: \$2,085.50**

**Church Needs:** \$3,274.08 anonymous; \$150 in memory of France & Metka Dejak from Ed & Christine (Dejak) Boone on the occasion of the wedding of their son Colin & Sarah Boone; \$100 from Colin & Sarah (Grosswiller) Boone on the occasion of their wedding; \$100 in memory of Paul Borstnik from Kevin Markert & Susan Gerber; \$50 in memory of Paul Borstnik from Karl Zajec; \$100 in lieu of Fall Festival from Florian & Pat Osredkar; \$50 in memory Janez Švigelj from wife Antonia and family; \$25 in memory of Tim Petric from Marie Giuffre; \$20 in memory of Tim Petric from Florian & Pat Osredkar; \$200 in honor of the baptism of their son Oskar, from Robert & Courtney Zalik.

The following in memory of Joseph Cah: \$20 from Kristjan & Marija Sedmak; \$20 from Joakin & Brigita Mejak, \$20 from Mari Celestina.

The following in memory of Josephine Strle: \$20 from Jeanne Matuch, \$20 from Helena Gorshe, \$20 from Rezi Ferkulj, \$20 from M/M Zdavko Novak, \$20 from Anne Nemeč, \$15 from Ludmilla Krulc, \$15 from Tili Spehar, \$50 from Yvonne Giallombardo.

**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** To help prepare for the coming of our God at Christmas, we will offer the sacrament of Confession from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays of Advent during Eucharist Adoration.

**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS.** If you wish to donate for the decoration of our church during the Christmas Season, please use the envelopes by the entrances of the church to contribute in memory of your loved ones.

**CUSTODIAN NEEDED.** We are looking for a self-motivated, responsible person who would be willing to take pride in cleaning the parish hall, church, and school building, as well as doing some minor repairs and outdoor maintenance with minimal supervision. This could either be a full or part time position. If you are personally interested, or if you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740.

**50/50 WINTER RAFFLE.** Tickets for our raffle are now available. They may be picked up either in the entrance way to the church near the priest’s sacristy or in the rectory office. Donation is \$5 per ticket and you may take as many as you wish to either buy or sell. Return them with your donation along with the Sunday collection in an envelope marked “raffle”. The drawing will be on Fat Tuesday, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday.

**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP).** This federally funded program is designed to help low income citizens with winter heating bills. You may apply for the 2020-2021 HEAP season up to May 1, 2021. There are applications by the east and west parking lot entrances of the church.

**Masses for the Week of December 7-13, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(12/7) ST. AMBROSE (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Parents Veronica & Joseph and brother Joe, Jr. (Stanley Gerich)
7:00 p.m.	Mary Aucin (St. Mary Seniors)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(12/8) THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
8:00 a.m.	Ana Medved (Tone & Ani Medved)
7:30 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(12/9) ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Nick Spehar Family (Karen Spehar)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(12/10) ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Josephine Strle (30 day)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(12/11) ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	James Slapnik (Family)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(12/12) OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE</b>
7:45 a.m.	Mary Grozdanik (Sisters Judith and Christine)
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Ivan Kavaš Family (Robert Zalik & family)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(12/13) THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Mejak & Potočnik Families (Mejak Family)
10:00 a.m.	Valentin & Marija Ribič and Frank & Marija Sedmak (Kristjan & Marija Sedmak)
12:00 noon	Parishioners

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Rev. William Jerse, George Rozman, Tom McNulty, Tom Adamich, Maria Nitsche, Zdravko Novak, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Brenda Prebevsek.

**NOVA KNJIGA, KUHANJE Z MICKO.** Toni Sršen se je zelo trudila zbrati skupaj priljubljene recepte jedi od župljanov Sv. Vida in Marije vnebovzete, zraven tudi zgodbo o receptu. Knjige bodo pripravljene za Božič. Dar za knjigo je \$25. Lahko jih naročite, če kličete župnijski urad 216-761-7740. Dohodek prodaje bodo imele korist obe župniji, Sv. Vid in Marija vnebovzeta.

*Cerkev živi pristno življenje, kadar izpoveduje in oznanja usmiljenje, najbolj čudovit pridevek Stvarnika in Odrešenika, in vodi ljudi k virom Odrešenikovega usmiljenja. (Sv. Janez Pavel II)*

**DANES JE DRUGA ADVENTNA NEDELJA.**

**PRAZNIK BREZMADEŽNEGA SPOČETJA.** Četudi je neobvezno udeležiti se maše ob nedeljah in praznikih v času pandemije, je še vedno primerno počastiti Marijo, brezmadežno spočeto v telesu njene matere Sv. Ane, na njen praznik 8. decembra. To je tudi patronski praznik Združenih držav Amerike. Mi bomo imeli mašo vigilio v ponedeljek 7. decembra ob 7. zvečer in maše 8. decembra ob 8:00 zjutraj in ob 7:30 zvečer. Goreče prosimo Marijo, naj moli za nas kot posamezno in kot narod, naj nas prinese bližje k njenemu Sinu Jezusu, darovalcu življenja posebnim nerojenim. Molimo tudi, naj Marija razgrne svoj plašč zaščite in miru čez te združene države.

**ADVENTNA EVHARISTIČNA POBOŽNOST.** Vsak četrtek v Adventnem času, bomo imeli izpostavljeno Najsvetejše od 2:00 popoldan do 6:30 zvečer. Ob 6:15 bomo molili litanije Matere Božje, katere "DA" Bogu dopusti, da se zemlja dotakne Nebes v osebi Jezusa Kristusa, sledi blagoslov z Najsvetejšim ko častimo navzočnost Emanuela - Boga z nami.

**ZAKRAMENT SPOVEDI.** V pomoč priprave za prihod našega Boga za Božič, mi bomo nudili zakrament spovedi od 5:00 do 6:00 ure ob četrtkih v Adventu med Evharistično pobožnostjo.

**CVETJE ZA BOŽIČ.** Če želite darovati cvetje za okrasitev cerkve za praznike, prosimo, uporabite kuverte, ki so pri vhodih v cerkev, za vaš prispevek v spomin vaših rajnih.

**DREVESCE OBDAROVANJA.** Tudi navzlic Corona Virusu, je še vedno veliko ljudi, ki potrebujejo malo božične radosti to leto. Prosimo, vzemite ornament z nasvetom darila z drevesca zraven kipa Sv. Lovrenca (in darilne vrečke tudi). Prosimo, prinesite vaše darilo v cerkev do 15. decembra, da jih bomo lahko razdelili za Božič na Westside Catholic Center in Birthright.

**POKOJNINSKI SKLAD ZA REDOVNIKE & REDOVNICE.** Naslednji vikend je nabirka za pomoč upokojenim redovnikom in redovnicam, ki so vse svoje življenje stregli potrebam božjega ljudstva. V dobrem in slabem času ti posvečeni mošje in žene so se posvetili služenju in dejanju usmiljenja. Vsa leta služenja za malo ali brezplačno je pustilo njihove redovniške skupnosti z malo prihrankov za skrb zanje v njihovi starosti. Vaš velikodušen dar pomaga za zdravila, starostni dom in druge potrebe. Prosimo, bodite radodarni. Kot so oni pomagali nam, naj mi nikoli ne pozabimo pomagati njim.

**IŠČEMO HIŠNIKA.** Iščemo samomotiviranega in odgovornega hišnika, ki bi hotel čistiti župnijsko dvorano, cerkev in šolsko poslopje in tudi majhna popravila zunaj z minimalnom nadzorstvom. Če se osebno zanimate ali veste za nekoga, ki bi se zanimal, prosimo pokličite g. Kumšeta na 216-761-7740.

**50/50 ZIMSKO ŽREBANJE.** Srečke za Zimsko žrebanje zdaj lahko dobite. Poberete jih lahko pri vhodu v cerkev zraven zakristije ali v župnijskem uradu. Dar je \$5 za srečko in jih vzamete kolikor jih želite za sebe ali da jih prodaste. Vrnite jih z nedeljsko nabirko na kuverto zapišite "raffle." Žrebanje bo na Pustni torek 2021, dan pred Pepelnico.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA :  
POKAŽI NAM, GOSPOD, SVOJO DOBROTO.**