

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**January 31, 2021**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. In today's first reading, God promises to raise up a prophet to speak his words. Who are our modern-day prophets? The "Church of the Home" calls us to openness to the teaching of Christ. The psalmist reminds us that as we encounter trials and temptations that we should not harden our hearts, but to trust in God's goodness.

FEBRUARY 2, CANDLEMAS DAY. Today, 40 days after the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. As we remember Simeon's prophetic words that Jesus would be a "light to the nations" the true light and life of the world, on this day during 7:45 a.m. Mass, we will bless candles which will be used in the church or in the home.

FEBRUARY 3, ST. BLAISE DAY. At the conclusion of the 7:45 a.m. morning Mass, we will bless throats, asking the prayerful intercession of St. Blaise to protect us from all ailments of the throat and from every evil. Because of the COVID pandemic, we will offer the blessing to all in attendance by extending our hands over the people while saying the prayer of blessing. Individual blessings, for those who wish, will be given after Mass.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The St. Blaise blessing will also be offered after the rosary.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins today, January 31st. While St. Mary's no longer has a day school, we are still committed to Catholic Education through our Parish School of Religion (PSR Program), encouraging parents to be our first educators of their children in the Catholic Faith, and offering opportunities for growth in understanding and experiencing the priority of our faith and moral values in daily life. We encourage our parents to spend some time every week in sharing Catholic Faith with our children, even if only for 10 or 15 minutes. It could be through review of PSR lessons, asking questions about the people of the Bible, discussing importance of prayer, how God has touched your life, and discussing some of the moral dilemmas we face today. Ask your children questions and let them ask you questions. If you don't know or aren't sure of what we teach and believe as Catholic Christians, ask Fr. Kumse, Deacon David or someone else in the know. Every question is a good question.

Today's Psalm Response**"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."****Last Sunday's Offering:** \$5,247**Bishop Baraga Collection:** \$432**El Salvador-Latin American Collection:** \$912**Church Needs:** \$20 anonymous in memory of Walter Majer; \$20 in memory of Louise Koren from son, John.

The following in memory of Dušan Maršič: \$50 from Marie & David Kushner, \$25 from John & Noreen DeSantis, \$40 from Ben & Martha Stankewicz, \$25 from Dolores Mihelich.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

CANCELLATIONS. Because of the ongoing pandemic, there will be no Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, no Maškarada, no Pustni Torek Koline or Fat Tuesday Sausage Dinner, and no Lenten Fish Fries. Let's pray fervently for a speedy end to this terrible pandemic.

STARA MAMA'S TABLE. Toni Srsen's new cookbook containing recipes and stories from St. Vitus and St. Mary parishioners has been so well received that the first printing has been sold out. A second printing will soon be available. Orders for the cookbook may be made by calling the rectory office at 216-761-7740. Cost is \$25.

YEAR-END REPORT. Along with today's bulletin is a copy of our July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 Financial Report, as well as the 2020 Year in Review at St. Mary's. Please take the time to read these reports to keep yourself informed about the life of our parish. Even in spite of the pandemic we still managed to do quite a bit this past year. You will see that we operated in the red this past year because of church project expenses for the floor and pew work and the remaining costs of the church entranceway, as well as less income from the parish fund raisers, fewer donations and less return on some of our investment accounts.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS. The 2020 individual contribution statements may be picked up this weekend by the parking lot entrance to the church near the priest's sacristy. If you feel there are discrepancies, please contact us as soon as possible. Once again, we ask our working parishioners, especially our younger adults, to contribute at least one hour's wage per week to help support the parish. God has been so good to us in so many ways. Certainly he deserves more than our leftovers.

50/50 SPLIT THE POT WINTER RAFFLE will take place in a little more than 2 weeks. If you have not yet purchased tickets, please do so by picking them up in the entrance way by the priest's sacristy or in the rectory. Donation is \$5 per ticket. The pot is currently \$2,850.

Masses for the Week of February 1-7, 2021

Monday:	(2/1) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Mary Cerer (M/M Ivan Zakrajšek)
Tuesday:	(2/2) THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
7:45 a.m.	Julia Fabish (Elaine Mlakar)
Wednesday:	(2/3) ST. BLAISE (Bishop & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Thursday:	(2/4) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Mici Mohar (Terezija Ferkul)
Friday:	(2/5) ST. AGATHA (Virgin & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Karl Klement (Sister, Marija Bajc)
Saturday:	(2/6) ST. PAUL MIKI and COMPANIONS (Martyrs)
7:45 a.m.	Mary Kruse (Marie Giuffre)
5:00 p.m.	Ivan Jakomin (Family)
Sunday:	(2/7) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Albert Amigoni (Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Robert Menart, Zdravko Novak, Tom McNulty, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Brenda Prebevsek

May They Rest in God's Peace:

Ivanka Volčjak
Rev. Richard Burchell,
retired pastor, St. Rita, Solon



LETNO POROČILO. Skupaj z današnjim oznanilom je kopija našega finančnega poročila od 1. julija 2019 do 30. junija 2020, pa tudi leto 2020 v pregledu pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Vzemite si čas in preberite ta poročila, da se boste obveščali o življenju naše župnije. Kljub pandemiji smo v preteklem letu vseeno uspeli kar nekaj narediti. Videli boste, da smo v preteklem letu delovali v rdečih številkah zaradi stroškov cerkvenih projektov za tla in klopi ter preostalih stroškov vhoda v cerkev, pa tudi manjšega dohodka od župnijskih prireditev, manj donacij in zapuščin ter manjših donosov nekaterih naših naložbenih računov.

IZKAZI FINANČNIH PRISPEVKOV. Izjave o posameznih prispevkih za leto 2020 lahko ta konec tedna poberete ob vходу cerkve pri zakristiji. Če menite, da obstajajo napake, nas čim prej kontaktirajte. Še enkrat prosimo naše zaposlene župljane, zlasti naše mlajše odrasle, da prispevajo vsaj eno uro plače na teden za podporo vaši župniji. Bog je tako dober do nas na toliko načinov. Zagotovo si zasluži več kot le naše ostanke.

50/50 ZIMSKO ŽREBANJE bo potekalo čez dobra dva tedna. Če še niste kupili srečke, prosimo da jih poberete pri vzhodu cerkve zraven zakristije ali v župnišču in jih kupite. Dar je \$5 za vsako srečko. Do današnjega datuma je \$2,850.

DANES JE 4. NAVADNA NEDELJA.

2. FEBRUAR -- SVEČNICA. Danes, štirideset dni po praznovanju rojstva Jezusa Odrešenika, cerkev praznuje Jezusovo darovanje v templju. Ko se spominjamo Simeonovih preroških besed, da bo Jezus "luč narodom", resnična luč in življenje sveta, bomo na ta dan med jutranjih mašah ob 7:45 blagoslovili sveče, ki bodo uporabljene v cerkvi ali doma.

3. FEBRUAR -- SV. BLAŽ. Po zaključku maše ob 7:45 bomo blagoslovili grla in prosili molitveno priprošnje svetega Blaža, da nas zaščiti pred vsemi boleznimi grl in pred vsakim zlom. Zaradi pandemije COVID bomo vsem prisotnim ponudili blagoslov tako, da bomo ob molitvi blagoslova iztegnili roke nad ljudi. Posamezni blagoslovi za tiste, ki želijo, bodo na voljo po maši.

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. V današnjem prvem berilu Bog obljublja, da bo povzdignil preroka, ki bo govoril njegove besede. Kdo so naši današnji preroki? "Cerkev doma" nas poziva k odprtosti do Kristusovega učenja. Psalmist nas opominja, da ko se srečujemo s preizkušnjami in skušnjavami, ne smemo zakrkniti svojih src, temveč zaupati v Božjo dobroto.

TEDEN KATOLIŠKIH ŠOL se začne danes, 31. januar. Čeprav nimamo več dnevne šole, smo vendar še vedno zavezani katoliškemu izobraževanju prek naše župnijske šole za vero (PSR); s spodbujanjem staršev, da so prvi vzgojitelji svojih otrok v katoliški veri; in s ponujanjem priložnosti za rast v razumevanju in doživljanju prednosti naše vere in moralnih vrednot v vsakdanjem življenju. Starše spodbujamo, naj vsak teden nekaj časa namenijo deljenju naše katoliške vere s svojimi otroki, četudi le 10 ali 15 minut. Lahko gre za pregled učnih ur PSR, postavljanje vprašanj o svetopisemskih osebah, razpravljanje o molitvi, kako se je Bog dotaknil vašega življenja in razpravljanje o nekaterih moralnih dilemah, s katerimi se danes srečujemo. Postavite vprašanja svojim otrokom in pustite jim, da tudi vas sprašujejo. Če ne veste ali niste prepričani, česa učimo in verujemo kot katoliški kristjani, vprašajte g. Kumšeta, diakona Davida ali nekoga drugega, ki bi vedel. Vsako vprašanje je dobro vprašanje.

MIZA STARE MAME. Nova kuharska knjiga Tončke Sršen z recepte faranov Marije Vnebovzete in sv. Vida je že razprodana, a bo kmalu ponatisnjena. Naročite jo lahko preko župnišča (216-761-7740) za \$25.

PATRIOTIČNI ROŽNI VENEC bomo molili v sredo, 3. februarja ob 6:30 zvečer v cerkvi. Po rožnem vencu bomo tudi blagoslovili grla.

ODPOVEDANI DOGODKI. Zaradi pandemije, odpadejo maškarada, kosilo v zahvalo prostovoljcem, koline na pustni torek in ribja večerja v postnem času. Goreče molimo za čimprejšnji konec te strašne pandemije.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
O da bi danes poslušali Božje besede!