

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**February 21, 2021**

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL! The first Sunday of Lent always carries for us an account of the temptation of Jesus in the desert, as he prayed to his heavenly Father. The desert can be a frightening place, not so much because of its dryness, but because of its silence. It is in the desert that we are confronted with our own thoughts, and sometimes, that can be a fearful experience. Lent is our desert journey with Jesus. It is a time of silence to listen to what God is speaking to us, a time to be confronted with what God expects of us. It is a time to pray, fast, and give to charity, but above all is a time to be confronted by our own conscience, to hear God speak to us, and to listen to Him in the silence as he calls us to repent from our sins, to embrace the Gospel, and prepare for the coming of the kingdom. The Scriptures tell us it is a frightening thing to fall into the presence of God, but to those who listen to Him in wisdom and in faith, it is a blessing, because we fall into the hands of his mercy.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS. Stations of the Cross are prayed twice a week: on Fridays in English at 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Slovenian. Eucharist Adoration is every Thursday during Lent from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is also a Eucharistic Holy Hour after the Friday evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., concluding with Night Prayer, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us and make this Lent a time of prayer and sacrifice.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT. Don't forget that Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from all meat and meat products. Meat is considered the flesh of any warm-blooded animal (that includes chicken).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL IN-PEW APPEAL IS TODAY!! Please be very generous in making your yearly pledge to serve the hungry and the homeless, those with disabilities, senior citizen care, family centers and children's services. Your thoughtfulness and care will go a long way to "Love Your Neighbor". Remember the words of Jesus, "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat: when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. When I was sick, you cared for me." Our parish goal is \$34,377.

FISH FRY DINNERS. Since we are not having fish fries this Lent, Tavčar's Catering, 746 E. 200th St. is offering Drive Thru Fish Fry between 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for \$10. Call or text your orders early at 216-402-6082.

Also, the American Zagreb Jr. Tamburitzans & Cleveland Junior Tamburitzans are offering a Fish Fry at the Croatian Home on Lakeshore Blvd. in Eastlake from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Take-out or sit-in dining with bar service. Menu features battered cod, coleslaw & potatoes. Cost is \$13.75. Take-out and curbside pickup by calling 440-227-6300.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,759**Eastern Europe Collection: \$1,329****For the Needy: \$1,781****Online Church Offering: \$1,644.80**

Church Needs: \$100 in memory of Matthew Dolenc from daughters, Christine & Laura; \$20 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Kristjan & Marija Sedmak; \$20 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Louis Brnusak; \$50 in memory of Dorothy Hodnichak from Rita Dawson; \$25 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Joy Black; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from John & Silva Kutnar; \$25 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Erik & Mary Ann Krevh; \$10 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Ann Stanisha; \$15 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Maria Draginc; \$30 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from John Nemeč; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Tony Cerer, Sr.; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from M/M Tony Cerer Jr. & Family; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from M/M Eddie Cerer & Family; \$25 in memory of Dorothy Hodnichak from Marylee Baller; \$20 in memory of Eleanore Lonchar from Dorothy Squire; \$20 in memory of Eleanore Lonchar from Elsie Lawrence; \$100 in memory of Alojz & Slavka Fortuna from daughter Stella Giegerich.

Online Church Needs: \$50 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Barbara Zitnik; \$100 in memory of Millie Novak from nephew, Jim Stitt; \$50 in memory of Dušan Maršič from David Arters; \$50 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Tom & Maria Stepec; \$100 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Jani Tisovic; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Edward Stepec; \$50 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Doris Zajec; \$30 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Nada & Bill Malone; \$100 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Kathryn Stepec; \$500 in memory of Ivanka Volčjak from Tom & Maria Stepec; \$20 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Nada & Bill Malone; \$20 in memory of Dušan Maršič from Nada & Bill Malone.

High School Scholarship Fund: \$100 anonymous.**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

CONGRATULATIONS!!! The total value of Winter Raffle Pot was \$6,125. Winner of the 50/50 split prize of \$3,062.50 is Bob Frederico. Congratulations, and our sincere thank you to all who participated in the raffle by either buying or selling tickets.

BIBLE STUDY. We are considering a two session Bible study of the crucifixion narrative of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. Dates and time is still to be determined. Because of COVID, this study would be conducted electronically via Zoom. If you are interested, either email or call Marie Kushner at mjckushner@att.net or 440-257-7799.

2020 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are still available to be picked up by the priests sacristy, near the parking lot entrance of the church, as well as the 2020 Financial Report. If you have not yet picked up your statements, do so as soon as possible.

Masses for the Week of February 22-28, 2021

Monday:	(2/22) THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
7:45 a.m.	Rudolf Kozan (Simoncic Family)
Tuesday:	(2/23) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Angela & Frank Fujs (Frances Androjna)
Wednesday:	(2/24) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Ivanka Volčjak (30 Day)
Thursday:	(2/25) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Antonia Berkopec (Mary Umek)
Friday:	(2/26) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Gerkman & Juhant Families (Ernest Gerkman)
7:00 p.m.	Poor Souls
Saturday:	(2/27) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:00 p.m.	Mike Hodnichak, Louis & Mary Hitty (Dorothy & Diane Hodnichak)
Sunday:	(2/28) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Marija & Valentin Ribič and Franc & Jelka Markovec (Milan & Breda Ribič)
12:00 noon	Ani Zajec (KSKJ #169)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Robert Menart, Mladen & Dusanka Lengel, Terezija Zelko, Tom McNulty, Camilla Brown, Brenda Prebevsek

May They Rest in God's Peace:

Carol Kausek
Paul Frate
Rev. Thomas Hagedorn, retired
Pastor of St. Patrick, Westpark

**Today's Psalm Response:**

"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."



RIBJE VEČERJE. Ker mi ne bomo letos imeli postne večerje z ribami, Tavčar Catering na 746 E. 200 cesti nudi večerje z ribami od 3:00 do 7:00 zvečer za \$10. Kličite vaše prednaročilo zgodaj na 216-402-6082.

Tudi Mladi Ameriški Zagrebški Tamburaši in Mladi Clevelandski Tamburaši nudijo večerjo z ribami v Hrvaškem domu na Lakeshore Blvd. v Eastlake-u od 5:00 do 8:00 zvečer. Večerjo vzamete domov ali lahko jeste v dvorani s postrežbo pijače. Jedilnik je cod, zeljnata solata in pomme frites Cena je \$13.75. Za pobrati hrano kličite 440-227-6300.

DANES JE PRVA POSTNA NEDELJA.**SPREOBRNITE SE, IN VERUJTE EVANGELIJU!**

Prva postna nedelja vedno prinaša nam poročilo o skušnjavi Jezusa v puščavi, ko je on molil k svojemu nebeškemu Očetu. Puščava more biti strašen prostor, ne zaradi suše ampak zaradi tišine. V puščavi je, ki se soočimo z našimi mislimi in včasih je lahko bojzljiv doživljaj. Post je naše puščavsko potovanje z Jezusom. To je čas tišine, da poslušamo kaj nam Bog govori, čas da se soočimo s tem kaj Bog pričakuje od nas. To je čas za molitev, post in miloščino, in nad vsem tem je čas, da se soočimo z našo lastno vestjo, da slišimo Boga, ki nam govori in Njega poslušamo v tišini ko nas kliče naj se spreobrnemo od naših grehov in objamemo Evangelij ter pripravimo za prihod kraljestva. Sveto pismo nam govori, da je strašna stvar pasti v navzočnost Boga, toda za tiste, ki Njega poslušajo v modrosti in v veri je blagoslov, zato ker smo padli v roke njegovega usmiljenja.

KAMPANJA KATOLIŠKE DOBRODELNOSTI V – KLOPEH JE DANES!! Prosimo, bodite zelo radodarni v vaši letni obveznosti za pomoč lačnim, brezdomcem, invalidom, za skrb ostarelim, družinam in otrokom, Vaša pozornost in skrb bo šla daleč v "ljubi svojega bližnjega." Spomnite se Jezusovih besed, "Lačen sem bil in ste mi dali jesti. Žejen sem bil in ste mi dali piti. Bolan sem bil in ste skrbeli zame. Naše župnije cilj je \$34.377.

POSTNE POBOŽNOSTI. Križev pot molimo dvakrat v tednu; v petek ob 6:30 zvečer v angleščini in v nedeljo ob 2:00 popoldan v slovenščini z blagoslovom. Evharistično čiščenje je vsak četrtek v Postu od 2:00 do 6:00 zvečer. Evharistična sv. ura je tudi po maši v petek ob 7:00 zvečer z zaključkom večerne molitve in litanijami Srca Jezusovega z blagoslovom z Najsvetejšim. Pridite, naredite ta Post čas molitve in žrtev.

ZDRŽEK OD MESA. Ne pozabite, da vsi petki v Postu so dnevi zdržka od mesa in mesnih izdelkov. Meso se smatra od toplo krvne živali (tudi kokoš).

2020 POROČILO VAŠEGA PRISPEVKA CERKVI, še vedno lahko pobere pri vходу v cerkev zraven zakristije in tudi Finančno poročilo za 2020. Prosimo, če še niste pobrali vašega poročila, da to storite čimprej.

ČESTITKE!!! Celotna vsota Zimskega žrebanja je \$6,125. Dobitnik 50/50 vsote \$3,062.50 je Bob Frederico. Čestitke in naša iskrena hvala vsem, ki ste sodelovali v tem žrebanju, da ste kupili ali prodali srečke.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
GOSPODOVE STEZE SO DOBROTA IN
ZVESTOBA.**