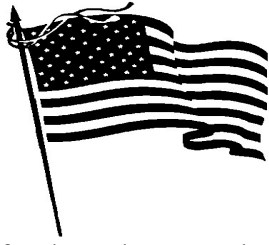


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! July 4, 1776, representatives from the 13 American colonies attending the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia declared their independence from the British Crown. So begins the Declaration

of Independence: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the cause which impels them to this separation We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Not only did these men take a radical step in declaring freedom for these United States of America, but the document declaring independence was radical for its day in proposing that all men are created equal and share in God-given rights. It was a perfect declaration for an imperfect people in an imperfect world, that would take generations to implement. But it was a beginning in the right direction. Since its founding, the people of America have sacrificed and died to make this dream of freedom a reality. People have sacrificed and died to defend it and strengthen it. It's unfortunate that we see too many Americans willing to surrender it today. As stated by George Washington on June 29, 1788: "By folly or improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered. But I hope and trust that there is sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost."

BEST WISHES, FR. BOŽNAR. After faithfully serving the people of St. Vitus Parish as Associate Pastor for 7 years and then as Pastor for 42 years, Fr. Joseph Božnar begins a well-deserved retirement from his administrative duties as pastor. He may have handed over the helm to new pastor Fr. Joh Retar, but he hasn't given up the ship! He will continue sharing his priestly ministry as he is able to do. I was blessed to have served as a newly ordained priest under his kind, capable, and wise leadership for 7 years at St. Vitus. May God bless him with continued good health, contentment, and much satisfaction for a job well done as a good and caring shepherd.

GOOD NEWS! We're happy to share with you the good news that Fr. Bill Jerse is back home. After surgery and a very long recovery, Fr. Bill returned to St. Jerome Parish a few weeks ago. Continue to keep him in your prayers as he slowly regains his strength.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 6,533

Peter's Pence: \$1,060

Church Needs: \$50 in memory of mother Mollie Jurecic's birthday (July 1st) from daughter Anna Maria Mozzicato; \$1,000 from Jack Avcin; \$100 in thanksgiving for 25th wedding anniversary of Dominik & Carol Gorshe from Helena Gorshe; \$50 in thanksgiving from Matt & Mary Ann Hozjan, \$100 in memory of parents Andrew & Josephine Fajdiga, sister Lillian Goryance and Nick Sovich from Josephine Sovich; \$25 in memory of Peter A. Hauptman from Jan & Vida Thorkelson; \$300 from M/M Lou Prebevsek.

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

ST. MARY SUMMER RAFFLE TICKETS may be picked up this weekend after Mass in the entranceway by the priest's sacristy. We ask that all of our parishioners either buy or sell all the tickets (\$30) for the success of the raffle. Our picnic will be Sunday, August 15th, our parish's patronal feast day, at Slovenska Pristava. Mark your calendars and invite your extended family and friends for one of the biggest annual picnics at Pristava.

SLOVENIAN MISSION AID SOCIETY (MZA) ANNUAL BENEFIT PICNIC will be on Sunday, July 11th at Slovenska Pristava 1024 Brandt Rd. in Harpersfield. The day will begin with Mass at 12:30 p.m. followed by dinner prepared by Joe Tavcar. Cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Advanced ticket reservations may be placed by calling Tony Lavrishia at 216-531-3413 OR email at meti@aim.com. Tickets are also available at the rectory office. Music by both Alpine Sextet and Veseli Godci. There will also be a Bake Sale and hamburgers and other food later in the day. The pool will also be open (for a nominal fee). This is a KSKJ Life Matching Fund Event with St. Joseph Lodge #169. Come and support MZA in its work of helping our Slovenian missionaries who work in 25 countries worldwide.

ST. VITUS SUMMER PICNIC, CELEBRATING 128 YEARS OF FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP. Our sister Slovenian parish's benefit picnic will be on Sunday, July 18th at Slovenska Pristava from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by the new St. Vitus pastor Fr. John Retar and concelebrated by Fr. Joseph Božnar at 12 Noon. Pork Schnitzel dinners prepared by Joe Tavcar will be served from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Dinner reservations are necessary and may be place by calling St. Vitus rectory at 216-361-1444. Cevapčići and other picnic foods will be available after 2:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Cleveland TOPS Swing Band from 1:45 to 4:00 p.m. There will also be a Bake Sale, featuring krofe. Main Raffle drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. All of our St. Mary parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Today's Psalm Response:
**Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading
for his mercy.**

Masses for the Week of July 5-July 11

Monday:	(7/5) ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA (Priest), ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
7:45 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday:	(7/6) ST. MARIA GORETTI (Virgin & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Wednesday:	(7/7) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Anthony Ruttar (Friend, Josphine Wutchiet)
Thursday:	(7/8) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Friday:	(7/9) ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG (Priest) and COMPANIONS (Martyrs)
7:45 a.m.	Christian Chermely (Wife Joan & family)
Saturday:	(7/10) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Martina Stepec (Anton & Ludmila Skrl)
10:00 a.m.	Betty Kozar Memorial Mass
5:00 p.m.	Pavle Borštnik (Pavli Dolinar)
Sunday:	(7/11) FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Martina Simičak (Metod Simičak)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Branko Pisorn, Tom McNulty, Brenda Prebevsek, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Veronika Udovič, Ann Marie Vene

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of July 10th/11th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Toni Jo Kozak/Cindy Smith
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Daley/Tony Ogrinc
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Marsic/Moni Daly

MISIJSKA ZNAMKARSKA AKCIJA (MZA) IMA PIKNIK v nedeljo 11. julija na Slovenski Pristavi. Začetek bo z mašo ob 12:30 popoldan, sledi kosilo, ki ga bo pripravil Joe Tavčar. Cena za kosilo je \$15 za odrasle in \$8 za otroke. Vstopnice za kosilo lahko naročite v naprej če kličete Toneta Lavriša na 216-531-3413 ali email na meti@aim.com, lahko jih dobite tudi v župnijskem uradu. Za zabavo in ples bosta igrala Alpski Sekstet in Veseli Godci. Imeli bodo prodajo peciva ter hamburgerje in drugo hrano pozneje popoldan. Bazen bo tudi odprt (za nominalno ceno). To je KSKJ Life Matching Fund Event z društvom Sv. Jožefa #169. Pridite in podprite MZA v njihovem delu v pomoč našim Slovenskim misijonarjem, ki oznanjajo Evangelij v 25 državah po svetu.

PIKNIK SV. VIDA, PRAZNOVANJE 128 LET VERE, DRUŽINE IN PRIJATELJSTVA. Naše sestre Slovenske župnije piknik bo v nedeljo 18. julija na Slovenski Pristavi od 12:00 opoldan do 6:00 zvečer. Mašo bo imel novi župnik sv. Vida g. Janez Retar ob 12:00 opoldan s somaševanjem g. Jožeta Božnar. Kosilo z dunjaskimi zrezki bo pripravil Joe Tavčar in bo servirano od 1:00 do 2:30 popoldan. Dar je \$15 za odrasle in \$10 za otroke. Rezervacije za kosilo so potrebne, zato kličite župnišče Sv. Vida na 216-361-1444. Čevapčiči in druga pikniška hrana bo navoljo po 2:00 uri. Za zabavo bo preskrbel TOPS Swing Band od 1:45 do 4:00 popoldan. Imeli bodo prodajo peciva in tudi krofe. Žrebanje glavnega dobitka bo ob 5:30 uri. Vsi župljani Marije Vnebovzete so lepo vabljeni.

DANES JE 14. NAVADNA NEDELJA

VESELI ROJSTNI DAN, AMERIKA! 4. julija, 1776 so se predstavniki 13 ameriških kolonij udeležili drugi kontinentalen Kongres v Filadelfiji in razglasili njihovo neodvisnost od Britanske Krone. Tako se začne deklaracija neodvisnosti: "Ko se med človeškimi dogodki zgodi da mora eno ljudstvo razpustiti politične vezi, ki so jih povezali z drugimi, in dopustiti med močmi zemlje prevzeti ločeno in enakovredno postajo, na katero se nanašajo Zakoni Narave in Bog Narave jim daje pravico, dostojno spoštovanje mnenj človeštva zahteva, da razglasijo vzrok, ki jih primora k tej ločitvi.....Smatramo da so te resnice samoumevne, da so vsi ljudje enaki, da so obdarjeni od njihovega Stvarnika z nekaterimi neodtujljivimi pravicami, med katerimi so življenje, svoboda in iskanje sreče."

Ne samo da so ti moške radikalno stopili k razglasitvi svobode za te Združene Države Amerike, ampak je bil tudi dokument, ki je razglasil neodvisnost, za svoj čas radikalen, ko je predlagal, da so vsi ljudje ustvarjeni enako in si bodo delili v božjih danih pravicah. Bila je popolna deklaracija za nepopolne ljudi v nepopolnem svetu, ki bo vzelo generacije da izpopolnijo. Toda bil je začetek v pravo smer. Od začetka ustanovitve so Američani žrtvovali in umrli, da bi te sanje o svobodi uresničili. Ljudje so se žrtvovali in umrli da bi jo branili in jo okrepili. Žalostno je, da sedaj vidimo preveč Američanov, ki jo želi prodati. Kot je George Washington izjavil 29. junija 1788: "Zaradi neumnosti ali neprimerne ravnanja, ki izhaja iz različnih vzrokov, se občasno zmedemo. Toda upam in zaupam, da je ostalo dovolj občutka za vrlino, da si lahko opomoremo po pravi poti, preden bomo popolnoma izgubljeni."

SREČKE ZA POLETNI PIKNIK lahko poberte ta vikend po maši v veži pri zakristiji. Prosimo vse naše župljane, da sami kupijo ali prodajo vse srečke (\$30) za uspeh srečolova. Naš piknik bo v nedeljo 15. avgusta na patronski praznik naše župnije na Slovenski Pristavi. Zapišite si na koledar in povabite vašo družino in prijatelje na največji piknik na Pristavi.

VSE NAJBOLJŠE G. BOŽNAR. Po zvestem služenju vernikom župnije Sv. Vida, kot kaplan 7 let in potem kot župnik 42 let, g. Jože Božnar začne zasluženno upokojitev od njegovih upravnih dolžnostih kot župnik. On je odstopil krmilo novemu župniku g. Janezu Retar ampak on ni zapustil ladijo. On bo nadaljeval svojo duhovno pomoč, kolikor bo mogoče storiti. Jaz sem bil srečen da sem služil kot mladi kaplan pod njegovim prijaznem, sposobnem, modrem vodstvom za 7 let pri Sv. Vidu. Naj ga Bog blagoslovi z zdravjem, zadovoljstvom in z hvaležnostjo za dobro končano delo kot dober in skrben pastir.

DOBRA NOVICA. Veseli smo deliti dobro novico, da je g. Bill Jerse spet doma. Po operaciji in dolgem okrevanju se je g. Bill vrnil v župnijo Sv. Hieromina nekaj tednov nazaj. Molite zanj še naprej ko on počasi znova dobiva moč.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
SVOJE OČI DVIGAM K TEBI, KI IMAŠ PRESTOL
V NEBESIH.**