

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**January 16, 2022**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th. This year's theme is "We Saw The Star In The East, And We Came To Worship Him". The Middle East Council of Churches in Lebanon suggested this theme to highlight the diversity and importance of unity for the Christians of the Middle East. This year's prayer for Christian Unity:

"Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, has been made manifest in human history by becoming one of us. Born in a stable, born in homelessness, He is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.

The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany calls us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected. We are all human beings worthy of redemption and prepared by that redeeming love to the glory of your Kingdom. Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace.

As we who bear the name of Christian, from the days of the Church at Antioch, hold a special place in our hearts for the ancient Christian communities in the land we call holy, remind us to continually respond to our baptismal promises to you, who said through your Spirit at the Jordan, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Help your Church, merciful One, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God forever and ever. Amen"

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. Young people in 8th grade and older, as well as adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are asked to contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740. Fr. John Retar from St. Vitus Church has extended an invitation to combine our Confirmation preparation program with theirs, since both of our parishes have a relatively small number of candidates. While we would share the preparation, the Sacrament would be celebrated in our own parishes.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED. We are in need of a person who is self-motivated, cooperative, and detail-oriented for the position of custodian for our school/hall building and church. We have been without a custodian for almost 2 years now, and have been depending on volunteers, to cover the bare minimum of what has to be done. If interested in this position, or if you could recommend someone, please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740.

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS. We will prepare annual contribution statements to St. Mary's for the calendar year 2021 only if requested since many people do not want or need this information. Please complete the form below and return it along with your Sunday offering.

Yes, I wish to receive a copy of my contributions for the year 2021 to St. Mary Church.

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,903

Additional Christmas Offering: \$156 miscellaneous; \$400 Dr. & Mrs. Adolph Znidarsic, \$250 M/M Thomas McNulty, \$100 Yvonne Giallombardo, \$100 Sharon Merriman, \$100 M/M Matthew Sabbath, \$50 Olga Klancher, \$50 Dolores Mihelich

Church Needs: \$100 in thanksgiving for their 45th wedding anniversary from Bob & Kathy Zabak; \$50 in memory of Ivan Tomc from Joze Tomc; \$20 in memory of Rose Miklich from Marie Giuffre; \$20 in memory of James Corrigan from Marie Giuffre; \$50 in memory of Ana Staniša from Marie & David Kushner; \$50 in memory of Ignatius Omahen from Marie & David Kushner; \$20 in memory of Ignatius Omahen from Pavle & Pepca Hren; \$20 in memory of Jennie Jesek from Florian & Pat Osredkar

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: \$300 in memory of the Jevnikar and Champa Families from Raymond & Joan Champa; \$500 in memory of the Jakomin & Stepec Families from Bernadette Jakomin; \$100 from Constance Cetinsky

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE will be on Saturday, February 5th in the parish hall. Dinner and Mainboard tickets are \$60, extra dinner tickets are \$40. Music by Joey Tomsick. There will be side boards and open bar. For tickets, please contact the rectory office at 216-761-7740, Bob Frederico at 216-387-5773 or Art Cafardi at 440-655-8039. Everyone is very welcome.

THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT! "Birthright wishes to thank all of the St. Mary parishioners who donated baby clothes, diapers, wipes, blankets and other baby supplies through your annual Giving Tree. We will be able to make up many beautiful layettes for the babies we serve because of your generous support of our mission. God bless all of you for your generosity!"

WE REMEMBER. January 19, 1868, Bishop Frederic Baraga, born in Mala Vas, Slovenia was born into eternal life, as the first bishop of Marquette, in Upper Michigan. His life was marked by humility, holiness and a deep devotion and loving care for the Native American population in Upper Michigan, particularly the Ojibway Tribe. We continue to pray that Venerable Frederic Baraga will be recognized by the Church as one of our saints. Continue to pray for his Cause of Sainthood.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN. This Saturday, January 22nd, all Catholic churches in the United States pray for the protection of human life, especially the lives of the unborn, on the anniversary of the 1973 infamous Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion up to, and even during birth. A nation that kills its own, is a nation that will not long survive. What is legal is not always moral and abortion on demand is something for which we, individually and collectively, will have to give an account to the Supreme Judge.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:
Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Masses for the Week of January 17-23, 2022

Monday:	(1/17) ST. ANTHONY (Abbot)
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Korošec, Vičič & Logar Families and Sophie Vinkler (Maria Korošec Family)
Tuesday:	(1/18) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Angelo Giallombardo (Wife, Yvonne)
Wednesday:	(1/19) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Dorothy Lamm (Mira Alic)
Thursday:	(1/20) ST. FABIAN (Pope & Martyr), ST. SEBASTIAN (Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Vida Rupnik (St. Joseph KSKJ #169)
Friday:	(1/21) ST. AGNES (Virgin & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Joseph Gorn (30 Day)
Saturday:	(1/22) PROTECTION for the UNBORN CHILDREN
7:45 a.m.	Martina Stepec (B. Jakomin)
5:00 p.m.	Jennie Ribic (Family)
Sunday:	(1/23) THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Ivanka Volčjak (Pišorn & Krulc Families)
12:00 noon	Matt Dolenc (Shirely Ivancic Stall)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of January 22th/23th)

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Toni Jo Kozak/Marlene Sondergard
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Jesek/Vic Stepec
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Bruner/Frank Zalar
	12:00 noon	Andrew Liptak/Mary Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick: Donna Strainer, Kristjan Sedmak, Ted Jenda, Diana Kozak, Tom McNulty, Norah Konrad, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Baby Dylan Hoffert, Ann Zakacs, Marija Hočevar

VSAKOLETNI REVERSE RAFFLE DRUŠTVA NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA bo v soboto, 5. februarja, v župnijski dvorani. Vstopnice za večerjo in Main Board so \$60, vstopnice za dodatno večerjo pa \$40. Za zabavo bo preskrbel Joey Tomsick. Na voljo bodo side boards in odprta točilnica. Za vstopnice pokličite v župnijski urad na 216-761-7740, Bob Frederico na 216-387-5773 ali Art Cafardi na 440-655-8039. Vsi ste zelo dobrodošli.

IŠČEMO HIŠNIKA. Iščemo samo-motivirano, sodelujočo in natančno usmerjeno osebo za mesto hišnika naše šole/dvorane in cerkve. Že skoraj 2 leti smo brez hišnika in smo odvisni od prostovoljcev, da naredijo kar je naj manj potrebno. Če vas to delovno mesto zanima ali če bi koga priporočili, pokličite g. Kumše-ta na 216-761-7740.

ZAHVALA OD BIRTHRIGHT! "Birthright se želi zahvaliti vsem župljanom Marije vnebovzete, ki ste v okviru vašega vsakoletnega drevcesce obdarovanja darovali otroška oblačila, plenice, odeje in druge otroške potrebščine. Zaradi vaše velikodušne podpore našemu poslanstvu bomo lahko pripravili veliko lepih stvari za dojenčke, ki jim pomagamo. Bog vas blagoslovi za vašo velikodušnost!"

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Pripovedujte med narodi o Gospodovih čudovitih delih.

DANES JE 2. NAVADNA NEDELJA

V TOREK, 18. JANUARJA, SE ZAČNE TEDEN MOLITVE ZA EDINOST KRISTJANOV. Letošnja tema je "Videli smo zvezdo na vzhodu in smo ga prišli častiti". Cerkevni Svet na Bližnjem vzhodu v Libanonu je predlagal to temo, da bi poudaril različnost in pomen enotnosti za kristjane Bližnjega vzhoda. Letošnja molitev za edinost kristjanov je:

"Gospod Jezus Kristus, Božja beseda, se je razodel v človeški zgodovini, ko je postal eden izmed nas. Rojen v hlevu, rojen v brezdomstvu, On je naš Kralj in Gospod. Modri so bili priče o Luči upanja, ki je prišla na svet, ko so zvesto sledili zvezdi, ki je prihajala iz tujih dežel na vzhodu in prispela v Judejski Betlehem.

Solidarnost Boga z ustvarjenim človeštvom v tem daru Razglašenja nas kliče k življenju z solidarnostjo z brezdomci, begunci, slabotnimi in zavrnjenimi. Vsi smo človeška bitja, vredna odrešenja in pripravljeni s to odrešilno ljubeznijo v slavo Vašega Kraljestva. Pomagaj nam, o milostljivi Gospod, da to storimo v enotnosti in miru.

Mi, ki nosimo ime Kristjani, od antiohijskih dni Cerkve, imamo posebno mesto v naših srcih za starodavne krščanske skupnosti v deželi ki jo imenujemo sveta, nas opominja, naj se nenehno odzovemo našim krstnim obljubam njemu, ki je rekel po svojem Duhu pri Jordanu: 'Ta je moj ljubljeni Sin, nad teboj imam veselje.'

Usmiljeni, pomagaj svoji Cerkvi, da bo luč edinosti v sebi in svetilnik upanja za vse človeštvo. To prosimo po Jezusu Kristusu, ki je z nami in Svetim Duhom en Bog na vekomaj. Amen"

ZAKRAMENT BIRME. Mladi od 8. razreda in starejši, pa tudi odrasli, ki še niste prejeli zakrament birme in si to želite, kličite g. Kumše-ta na 216-761-7740. g. Janez Retar pri sv. Vidu, vabi, da združimo naš program za pripravo na birmo z njihovim, saj imata obe župnji razmeroma majhno število kandidatov. Medtem ko bi si delili pripravo, bomo obhajali zakrament vsak v svoji župnji.

SPOMNIMO SE. Škof Frederik Baraga, rojen v Mali Vasi, Slovenija, se je 19. januarja 1868 rodil v večno življenje, kot prvi škof Marquette-a, v zgornjem Michiganu. Njegovo življenje je zaznamovano z ponižnostjo, svetostjo ter globoko predanost in ljubečo skrb za indijansko prebivalstvo v zgornjem Michiganu, zlasti za pleme Ojibway. Molimo še naprej, da bi Cerkev priznala Častivrednega Frederika Baraga za enega naših svetnikov. Molimo še naprej za njegovo svetost.

DAN MOLITVE ZA ZAKONITNO VARSTVO NEROJENIH OTROK. To soboto, 22. januarja, vse katoliške cerkve v Združenih državah molijo za varstvo človeškega življenja, zlasti življenja nerojenih, ob obletnici zloglasne odločitve vrhovnega sodišča Roe proti Wadeu leta 1973, ki je uzakonila splav do rojstva in celo med rojstvom. Narod, ki ubija svoje, je narod ki ne bo dolgo preživel. Kar je zakonito, ni vedno moralno in splav na zahtevo je nekaj, za kar bomo morali, posamezno in skupaj, dati račun vrhovnemu sodniku.

IZKAZI CERKVENIH PRISPEVKOV 2021. Za leto 2021 bomo pripravili letne obračune prispevkov samo za tiste ki jih zahtevajo, saj veliko ljudi teh podatkov ne želijo ali potrebujejo. Izpolnite spodnji obrazec in ga vrnite skupaj z nedeljsko nabirko.

Da, želim prejeti kopijo svojih prispevkov za leto 2021 od Cerkve Marije vnebovzete.

IME: _____

KUVERTNA ŠTEVILKA: _____