

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**February 13, 2022**

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS! A very Happy and Blessed 90th Birthday to Julka Zalar who celebrates her special day this weekend. Julie took to heart the Lord's command to "Feed the hungry". How many thousands and thousands of meals she prepared over the years, not only in our parish but throughout the Slovenian Community, for other parishes, for our fraternal organizations, societies and more. Enjoy your special day surrounded by the love, care and support of family and friends. Kol'kor kaplic tol'ko let. Bog ti daj na svet živet! Živijo, o živijo, o živijo na svet!!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY. The second Sunday of February is a special day of prayer for all married couples. We pray that they may live the joy of their vocation of life and love, and find strength in the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony. May all married couples realize the tremendous gift they are to the Church as they manifest the love that Christ has for his Bride, the Church.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. So far only two families have contacted us about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Candidates must be in the 8th grade or older. Last week we received new guidelines for Confirmation which will have a tremendous impact on where and how we will celebrate the sacrament in the Diocese of Cleveland beginning in the fall of this year, 2022. If a member of your family wishes to receive Confirmation, please contact Fr. Kumse as soon as possible at 216-761-7740.

FISH FRY TIME. We will be hosting our Lenten Fish Fries here at St. Mary's and are in need of helpers, especially with waiting tables, set up and clean-up. If you could give some of your time, please contact the rectory office at 216-761-7740. We would be very happy to have our junior high and high school students offering their help and support.

RETOUVAILLE is a Lifeline For Troubled Marriages. Retrouvaille, which means "Rediscovery" is a program in our Diocese of Cleveland run completely by couples who volunteer their time and support to help couples whose marriages have become cold or distant. Once again, we will have a Retrouvaille Weekend in our Diocese, scheduled for March 4-6, 2022. The program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230 or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHURCH MANNERS. More and more people who attend Mass come from an "unchurched" background, people who through no fault of their own have grown up out of the Catholic tradition, and even people who have been raised in the Faith but may have forgotten what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior in church. When entering the church, God's house, we acknowledge that we are entering a sacred space where we bless ourselves with holy water, reminding us that our baptism has called us to "be holy as God is holy". We greet Christ Jesus, just as we would greet someone whose home we are entering, by genuflecting, bending our right knee to the floor, (cont. next column)

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,895

Church Needs: \$20 in memory of Ann Zakacs from Victor Stepec; \$20 in memory of Ann Zakacs from Ursula Stepec; \$100 in memory of Ann Zakacs from William Tonni; \$100 from Stanley Gerich.

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

or bowing to his Presence in the Tabernacle before taking our place in the pew. We take some time to talk to him in quiet, reflective prayer. Sound travels in St. Mary's Church because of so many hard surfaces and the barrel ceiling. Any greeting or conversation before Mass should be minimal with our "church voices", not talking as if we're still out in the parking lot. Gentlemen should remove their hats when entering the church, including baseball caps and stocking caps. It's hard to believe the number of people coming to church, especially for funerals and weddings with drinks, sometimes even setting out water bottles for the guests. Add to this the people who come to church with coffee containers or a bottle of pop. Mass is only an hour at most. We're not crossing the Sahara Desert, so I don't think we'll dehydrate before the end of Mass without our water bottle. And for those who have the munchies or feel you have to bring breakfast for the kids, please eat before coming to church or afterwards. The only food or drink that should be taken is the Body and Blood of Christ.

One priest put up a sign at the entrance of his church, "Your mother doesn't work here, so clean up after yourself". Please don't throw used Kleenex on the floor or stuff them in the Missal rack. That would be like going to a friend's house and stuffing your old dirty Kleenex under the sofa cushions. Take them with you, and that goes for candy wrappers, gum, juice boxes, water bottles (see above) and even church bulletins.

The Mass, our greatest of all prayers, is a dialogue, a conversation with God. It's surprising to see so many younger people who rarely open their mouths to pray the Mass, even the "Our Father". For us as Catholics, the Consecration in the Eucharist Prayer is the most sacred moment of the Mass, as ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We kneel in respect and reverence (it's understandable that some people cannot kneel). But it's surprising how many people get up to either go to the bathroom or come back from using the facilities at that sacred time. (Maybe it's from drinking and eating during Mass!) Would it really be too hard to wait 2 minutes? When coming to the altar to receive Holy Communion, remember that only practicing Catholics are permitted to receive Holy Communion. If your non-Catholic friends are in church with you, remind them to remain seated and be respectful of our tradition of who may or may not approach for Communion. Leaving a banquet before the host thanks you for attending and sends you off with his best wishes is rude. The Mass is not "Dine & Dash". It's very rare that 3 minutes more in church for the post-Communion prayer and final Blessing will kill us. (Maybe that final blessing will be the extra grace you'll need for the day!) After Mass, it's great that so many people stay to meet and greet one another. Just be respectful of others who are still enjoying their quiet time with the Lord. The more we remember that the Mass is more than just one more thing on our schedule, but our encounter with God in a sacred setting, the more respect we'll have for God's house, our prayer traditions, and others who are worshipping with us.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Masses for the Week of February 14-20, 2022

Monday:	(2/14) STS. CYRIL (Monk) & METHODIUS (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	For Health of Kristijan Sedmak (Albert & Maria Frank)
Tuesday:	(2/15) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Fr. Philp DeCarlo (George Rozman)
Wednesday:	(2/16) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Frank & Angela Fujs (Francka Androjna)
Thursday:	(2/17) THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Friday:	(2/18) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Anton & Ana Tomsic (Mary Podlogar)
Saturday:	(2/19) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Anton & Veronica Skufca (Donna Strainer)
5:00 p.m.	Anton & Antonija Urbaničič (Marija Bajc)
Sunday:	(2/20) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Boltizar & Ana Hozjan (Laura Petrey)
10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
12:00 noon	Edward & Eleanor Pavsek (Rick Pavsek)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of February 19th/20th)

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Toni Jo Kozak/Marlene Sondergard
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Florian Osredkar/Kathleen Spilar
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Bruner/Tom Kastelic
	12:00 noon	Andrew Liptak/Mary Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick: Mary Umek, Tom McNulty, Ted Jenda, Donna Strainer, Diana Kozak, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Baby Dylan Hoffart, Janelle Hoffart, Ron Zagar

May He Rest in God's Peace:

+Eugene Kogovsek



BOG VAM DAJ ŠE MNOGO LET! Zelo srečen in blagoslovljen 90. rojstni dan Julki Zalar, ki ta vikend praznuje svoj poseben dan. Julka si je vzela k srcu Gospodov ukaz, naj "Nahrani lačne". Koliko tisoč in tisoč obrokov je pripravila skozi leta, ne samo v naši župniji, ampak po vsej slovenski skupnosti, za druge župnije, za naše kulturne organizacije in društva. Uživate svoj poseben dan obkrožen z ljubeznijo, skrbjo in podporo družine in prijateljev. Kol'kor kaplic tol'ko let. Bog ti daj na svet živet! Živijo, o živijo, o živijo na svet!!

SVETOVNI DAN POROKE. Druga nedelja v februarju je poseben dan molitve za vse zakonske pare. Molimo, da bi živeli radost svojega poklica življenja in ljubezni ter našli moč v milosti zakramenta zakona. Naj vsi zakonski pari zavedajo kakšen izjemen dar so za Cerkev, saj kažejo ljubezen, ki jo ima Kristus do svoje neveste, Cerkve.

ČAS ZA RIBJE VEČERJE. Pri Mariji vnebovzeti bomo spet gostili naše postne ribje večerje in potrebujemo pomoč, predvsem pri pripravi in čiščenju miz. Če si lahko posvetite nekaj svojega časa, pokličite župniški urad na 216-761-7740. Zelo bi bili veseli, če bi naši mladi študentje ponudili svojo pomoč in podporo.

DANES JE 6. NAVADNA NEDELJA

NEKAJ MISLI O CERKVENEM VEDENJU. Več in več ljudi, ki pridejo k Maši, prihajajo iz "necerkvenega" ozadja, ljudje, ki so brez svoje krivde zrasli izven katoliške tradicije, in celo ljudje, ki so bili vzgojeni v veri, a so morda pozabili, kaj je primerno in neprimerno vedenje v cerkvi. Ob vstopu v cerkev, božjo hišo, priznamo, da vstopamo v sveti prostor, ko se blagoslovimo z blagoslovljeno vodo ki nas opomni, da smo pri krstu poklicani, da "naj bomo sveti, kakor je Bog sveti". Jezusa Kristusa pozdravimo, tako kot bi pozdravili nekoga, v katerega dom vstopamo, tako da poklekemo na desno koleno ali se priklonimo k njegovi prisotnosti v tabernaklju, predno vstopimo v klop. Si vzamemo nekaj časa, da se z njim pogovorimo v tihi, premišljeni molitvi. V naši cerkvi Marije vnebovzete, zvok potuje zaradi toliko trdih površin in strop podoben sodu. Vsak pozdrav ali pogovor pred mašo naj bi bil minimalen z našimi "cerkvenimi glasovi", ne pa govoriti, kot da smo še vedno zunaj na parkirišču. Gospodje naj ob vstopu v cerkev vzamejo dol klobuke in kape. Težko je verjeti, koliko ljudi prihaja v cerkev, zlasti na pogrebe in poroke s pijačo, včasih celo postavijo steklenice vode za goste. K temu dodajte še ljudi, ki pridejo v cerkev s kavo ali steklenico pijače. Maša traja največ eno uro. Ne bomo šli skozi Saharsko puščavo, zato mislim, da ne bomo dehidrirali pred koncem maše brez vode. Tisti, ki mislite da morate prinesiti zajtrk za otroke, jejte pred ko pridete v cerkev ali pozneje. Edina hrana ali pijača, ki jo je treba zaužiti, sta Kristusovo telo in kri.

Neki duhovnik je na vhodu v svojo cerkev postavil napis: "Tvoja mama tukaj ne dela, zato počisti za seboj." Prosimo, da rabljenega papirnatega robčka ne mečete na tla in ga ne dajte v stojalo za misale. To bi bilo tako, kot da bi šel k prijatelju in svoje stare umazane robčke natlačil pod blazine kavča. Vzemite jih s seboj in to velja za zavitke sladkarije, žvečilni gumi, škatlice od soka, steklenice od vode (glejte zgoraj) in celo cerkvena oznanila.

Maša, naša največja molitev, je dialog, pogovor z Bogom. Presenetljivo je videti toliko mlajših ljudi, ki redko odprejo usta, da bi molili mašo, še posebno "Oče naš". Za nas kot katoličane so besede postavitve in posvetitev evharistične molitve najbolj sveti trenutki maše, saj navaden kruh in vino postaneta Kristusovo telo in kri. Klečimo v spoštljivostjo in v spoštovanju (razumljivo je, da nekateri ne morejo klečati). Toda presenetljivo je, koliko ljudi med tistem svetem času vstanejo, da gredo ali se vrnejo od stranišča. (Morda zato ki pijejo in jejo med mašo!) Bi bilo res pretežno počakati 2 minuti? Ko pridete k oltarju, da prejmete sveto obhajilo, ne pozabite, da je sveto obhajilo dovoljeno samo zvestim Katoličanom. Če so vaši nekatoliški prijatelji z vami v cerkvi, jih opomnite, naj ostanejo v klopi in spoštujejo našo tradicijo o tem, kdo lahko ali ne sme prijeti obhajila. Zapustiti banket, preden se vam gostitelj zahvali za udeležbo in vas pošlje z najboljšimi željami, je nesramno. Maša ni "Dine & Dash". Redko bi bilo, da bi nas ubilo če ostanemo tri minute več v cerkvi za molitev po obhajilu in za zadnji blagoslov. (Morda bo ta zadnji blagoslov dodatna milost, ki jo boste potrebovali za ta dan!) Po maši je lepo, da toliko ljudi ostane, da se srečajo in se pozdravijo. Bodite spoštljivi do drugih, ki še vedno uživajo mirni čas z Gospodom. Če pomislimo, da je maša več kot le še ena stvar v našem urniku, ampak da je maša naše srečanje z Bogom v svetem okolju, bomo imeli več spoštovanja do Božje hiše, naših molitvenih izročil in do drugih, ki molijo z nami.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Blagor vsem, ki zaupajo v Gospoda.