

Chicago, July 2007

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Jerome's!

This year Chicago will have its 101st grand celebration of Our Lady's greatest feast day: **Velika Gospa, Assumption Day**. We remember those who began celebrating Velika Gospa here, and we remember the generations of St. Jerome parishioners and friends who have continued to honor Mary on her great day. May this living tradition inspire many more generations!

We invite you to participate in this year's events. We would be thankful if you make arrangements to dedicate this holy day, August 15, 2007, for participating in our Procession, Mass and Festivities. This year, Mary's Assumption Day falls on a Wednesday.



- Our spiritual preparation for the Feast Day begins with the **Novena**, which starts on Monday, August 6 and continues until Tuesday, August 14. Every evening the Masses will be at 7 p.m. Every Mass will feature a different priest and a new theme.
- The August 15th **Procession will begin at 10 a.m.** The Procession will include our schools, societies, clubs, excellent marching bands (among whom will be the U.S. Naval Band), and hundreds of people like you who share in our community's spirit.
- We are sending you two raffle tickets that we hope you will sell or buy for yourself. The **prizes** this year are much bigger: **\$20,000.00, \$7,500.00 and \$2,500.00**, provided that enough tickets are sold. The price of each ticket is \$100.00. The drawing will be at 10 p.m., August 15. Please return the filled-out coupons for the drawing and their payment to the Rectory. If you can sell more raffle tickets to friends and family, please contact our parish office at 312-842-1871.
- This will be a delicious celebration. Many home-made specialties will be available, including barbecued lamb. **A reminder: please order whole or half lambs in advance.**
- Much entertainment, music and socializing await you!
- Parking will be available. To find more information about where you and your friends can park, see our website: www.stjeromecroatian.org

Your grateful Franciscan Friars,

Fr. Joe Grbes & Fr. Ivan Strmecki