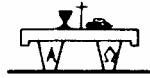


MASS INTENTIONS**Easter Monday - Uskrsni ponedjeljak, April 9, 2012**

7:30 a.m. Slavica Ćurić Bešlić ob. Bešlić
 Mary & Sam Nuzzo Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Catherine Fratto Luanne & Frank Munizzi

Easter Tuesday – Utorak, April 10, 2012

7:30 a.m. Rozalija Galić Veselko Pehar
 Bruno Bertucci Ross Valenti
 For health of Davorka Cokarić kći Nela

Easter Wednesday – Srijeda, April 11, 2012

7:30 a.m. William Ruyechan Wilkie family
 Agnes Roti Rose Ann
 Sam Nuzzo Patrick Botica
 John Nagy Joe & El Grzetic

Easter Thursday – Četvrtak, April 12, 2012

7:30 a.m. Nick LoCoco family
 Margie Balzano Cathy LoCoco
 Marion Catezone Vera Bozich & family
 Phil Rizza Catherine LoCoco

Easter Friday – Petak, April 13, 2012

7:30 a.m. Marie Diamond Gen & family
 Vena Zvonar ob. Rudman
 Health of Kathy Giggie

Easter Saturday – Subota, April 14, 2012

7:30 a.m. Jozo Milić Anđelka Vidović
 Catherine Fratto Marion Roti
 Marin Cokarić (1st Anniv.) kći Nela
 Na nakanu Anđa Novak

5:30 p.m. Ted Haptas wife & family
 Franjo & Milka Grašić ob. Franjo & Kate Mulac
 Carmen & Eva Butera Cannatello family
 Dominick Bruno Perisin grandchildren
 Paul Krstulovich Toni Zaninovich
 Marion Catezone John Biondo & family
 Carlo Storino Pete & Sandy Schurla
 Philip T. Rizza Rizza Cadillac workers
 Dec. of M. Iozzo Terri & Sam Babich

Divine Mercy Sunday, Mali Uskrs – April 15, 2012

7:30 a.m. Dorothy June Lasker Bob & Nancy Link
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernadine, Jozo Čondić Duško
 Margaret Loscalzo daughter Ellen O'Donnell
 Pat Contino Rose Russo
 Phil Rizza Nancy & Bob Link
 Mark Prokop Debbie

9:30 a.m. Sam Nuzzo Cimaglia family
 Gene Dengler Sr. grandchildren
 Filip Majic Majic family
 Ann Kotarac Albina Marasovich
 Corrado Sarro Mike & Karen Wagner
 John Fallon Priests and parishioners of St. Jerome
 Joe Ciaccio Elsa Mijares & family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Biserka Marušić Tomica i djeca
 Zvonimir Gović Nediljko Babich
 Toma Sipic Maria Sipich
 Iva Grbavac Božo i Stoja Kosir
 Zora Šego Zdravko i Luca Šego
 Rozalija Galić Josip i Anđa Novak
 Marijan Zurak Anica Ostojić i ob.
 Ivan i Ana Sekulić kći Anka i ob.
 Anđela Kadić ob. Penavić
 Martin Žignić Margaret Forsberg
 Ivan i Anđa Tokić ob. Stipe Tokić
 Pave i Joso Žgela Mare Žgela i djeca
 Vlatko Čuvalo Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 Mara Karačić i pok. ob. Karačić ob. Karačić
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. ob. Popović ob. Jadre Rogić
 Pok. članovi Kluba Cres Klub sv. Marija Cres

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Apr. 14, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar / Jan Ferro
Sun., Apr. 15, 7:30 a.m. Emmett Turney / Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Apr. 15, 9:30 a.m. Sonia Antolec / MaryBeth Insalaco
Sun., Apr. 15, 11:00 a.m. Anđela Bajić, Nikolina Mađer, Milan Žolo

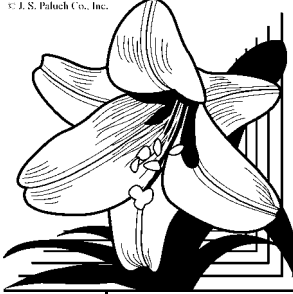
ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Apr. 14, 5:30 p.m. Ciabrone, Perseghin, Wilkie
Sun., Apr. 15, 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Valenti
Sun., Apr. 15, 9:30 a.m. Meo, Olson, Sandoval
Sun., Apr. 15, 11:00 a.m. Deni Grgić, M. Golub, L. Kosić, M. Karačić, K. Šego, L. Kutleša

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 ► **Apt. 26th Princeton, 1st floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remod., all utilities included, porch & backyard. Rent: \$1,175. Call Mike at 773 425 7001.
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 ► **Apt. 30th Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323
 ► **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097

HAPPY EASTER



Easter, that quiet holy day of light, calls us to reflect on light, on illumination, on the beauty of a life which is filled with light. Our assignment in this life should be to shine our light for others. Those who carry the light of God are those who bring light, joy, peace, goodness, understanding, for-

giveness and hope to others.

Our world is filled with so much darkness, lies, cloudy days, pessimism, shady and difficult personalities, disappointments and that

is why we need LIGHT! We need people around us who offer us the light and

do not wish to be a part of the darkness.

Those who carry the light within themselves are the conscience of a community or family, and they lead the way for those who are lost, and give strength and courage to those who are weak. These people bring the light and show the power of that light by their example.

May this Easter bring you peace, life and light. HAPPY EASTER!

Our Parish History / Through Our Stories

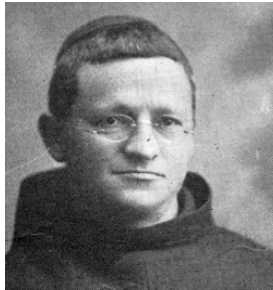
EVEN IN DEATH, ONE CAN FIND HUMOR

It seems only appropriate that among the first parish memories published in our Parish Bulletin should be one about our founding pastor, Fr. Leon Medić. Father Leon was the first Croatian Franciscan to come to America. As everyone knows, he organized our people and along with them, founded our parish. Important to this reminiscence of Father Medić is the person of John Engle, the undertaker who served most of our people at that time. Mr. Engle stood by Fr. Medić as his right-hand man helping him negotiate all the necessary details that required knowledge of English. He will play a subsequent role in this remembrance of Fr. Medić.

After having founded a second parish in Lackawana, N.Y., and having served Croatians in their various parishes across the U.S., Fr. Medić, like all mortals, grew old and tired. When it was time for him to retire, he returned to St. Jerome which he felt was his American home. Fr. Ferdinand Skoko was pastor at the time and welcomed him as his elder brother. Throughout my grammar and high school years, I was very active in our parish. Fr. Skoko often sought me out to help, and, as a result, I was frequently in the parish house. As I counted the Sunday Collection and prepared it for the bank, Father Medić would often say: "Duško, make me a cup of tea." As I presented him with the hot tea, he would ask that I give him a shot of rakija (brandy) so as "to cool down the tea." Because he liked sweets, he would often ask me to bring him a dish of ice cream. Of course, he would also ask for the obligatory shot of rakija "to warm up the ice cream."

Eventually, Father Medić's health began to fail. Since the Friars had no way of meeting his medical needs, they settled him in a beautiful convalescent facility in Rome, Indiana. The day he died, Father Skoko and I visited him. Arrangements were made to return his body to Chicago.

John Engle was still active as an undertaker and assumed the duty of preparing Father's body for burial. Originally, Engle had his funeral home on 23rd and Wentworth. Bow-



Our founding pastor, Fr. Leon, 1913 and later

man's Funeral Home in Chinatown now occupies Engle's former funeral home. Arrangements were made to hold Father Medić's wake in Engle's old funeral home. Fr. Leon's brother Franciscans gathered together in the afternoon hours along with a large number of our parishioners. As the supper hour approached, the chapel was empty except for our priests. Fr. Skoko asked if I would mind staying behind to greet any latecomers while the priests went to supper. They would return for the evening recitation of the Rosary. Of course, I did so gladly since I felt a closeness to Father Medić.

Now alone, I heard the chapel door open. I looked up and saw a man enter who was clearly drunk out of his mind. I thought to my self—oh well, no harm. He approached the casket and knelt for a few minutes. Upon getting up, he approached me and offered his deepest sympathies "at the death of my mother." I had all I could do not to laugh. I also knew it would be futile to try to explain. (Father, of course had his habit on and his cowl was raised over his head. Quite reasonable for the man to assume he was a woman.) Keep in mind that Father had a soft, gentle face that suggested a smile even when no smile was present. He also had a full head of beautiful grey hair. As I accepted the man's gesture of sympathy, he assured me he would be back with some of his friends. He said I should not be alone in mourning my mother. I suppose if one looks beyond the humor of the moment, one could be justified in saying that Fr. Medić was not only the founding Father of our Parish, but that he also could be seen as having given birth to our Parish. Perhaps our inebriated friend was more of a prophet than he realized.

I can't but help think that St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus, met Father Medić at Heaven's portal with several bushels filled with red roses to reward him for all the Holy Cards of St. Therese that he distributed throughout his life. He dearly loved St. Therese as did he the people he served.

—DUSKO SIMON CONDIC

St. Jerome CENTENNIAL

- ◆ Our banners will be up soon along Princeton Avenue to mark this millstone
- ◆ Our Centennial Book is being printed.
- ◆ St. Jerome Documentary film is being ready.
- ◆ The St. Jerome Smart phone application is ready to go.
- ◆ Our 11-week Bible study is completed.
- ◆ Francis Cardinal George will preside over our Centennial Mass celebration on April 29th at 2:30 P.M.
- ◆ Cocktails will start at 4:30 P.M. at the Chicago Hilton & Towers (720 S. Michigan Ave). If you would like to take a bus to and from the hotel, please sign up as soon as possible in the rectory.
- ◆ **ROME AND ASSISI:** If you would like to go on a pilgrimage this October to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi, please let us know soon, so we can. **START PLANNING THIS Jubilee trip.**

A special Centennial, Jubilee favor

The concept of the **Jubilee** is a special year of remission of [sins](#) and universal pardon. In the Biblical [Book of Leviticus](#), a [Jubilee](#) year is mentioned to occur every fifty years, in which slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest. The year of **Jubilee**, in both the Jewish and Christian traditions, is a time of joy, the year of remission or universal pardon.

We would like therefore to invite you this year to be reconciled:

- ◆ To make peace, to bend your pride, to be forgiving, to mend all conflicts.
- ◆ To understand the true meaning of "Our Father Prayer."
- ◆ To become a peacemaker without looking for arguments and laying blame in our relationships but to seek peace.
- ◆ Peace is the foundation of our healthy spiritual life. It affects our actions and decisions, our characters and the state of our souls. If you would like to talk to our priests about this issue, please feel free to contact them. Let us move forward as a family of faith by making this Jubilee Year a year of new beginnings.

100th Anniversary Banquet Reservations

Our gala anniversary banquet is quickly approaching. We ask that you please submit your reservations to the rectory no later than



Wednesday, April 18, 2012. We hope to see you at this very special day in our parish history! We are hoping to have a big event, all the generations of people to join us for this momentous, once in a lifetime event.

Share your personal memories of people, generations, families, events...

We invite our parishioners who wish to share with us **short stories** tied to St. Jerome's. We will save the stories and print some in our bulletin. These would be your family's memories or your personal memories of our common life in this parish. It could be stories of Velika Gospa, or of great priests, or of funny happenings, etc.

We invite you to record these stories now, and then to give them to us personally, or mail or e-mail them to us. We have already received some charming stories!

And as always, we appreciate copying St. Jerome-related letters and photographs for our archives.

A thank you note from Fr. Paul

Thank you to the priests and parishioners of St. Jerome Parish who came to Milwaukee and participated at my Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Your presence was appreciated and I value your friendship. Thank you for your well-wishes, prayers and gifts. Your presence has touched my life — I will remember you always and pray for you in my daily Masses. God bless you and give you his peace.

Your priest and friend — Fr. Paul, ofm