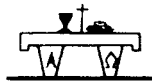


**MASS INTENTIONS****New Year's Eve, Mon. – Pon., Dec. 31, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Ana & Ivan Vrdoljak Cathy and Andrew

**6:00 p.m.** Manda Slišković Božo Kosir  
 Maria Ann Gazzi Gazzi family  
 Bill, Mondo and Ralphie Giggie  
 Tonka, Sophie and Josephine Giggie

**New Year's Day, Tue. – Utorak, Jan. 1, 2013**

**Mary, Mother of God – Majka Božja**  
*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*

**7:30 a.m.** Carmella & Vito Barbara family

**9:30 a.m.** Dec. of Peso family family  
 Dec. of Botica & Hanson families Michelle & Brian

**11:00 a.m.** Robert Jurlina Jurlina family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 2, 2013**

**7:30 a.m.** Dolores Cerney Emily Dengler

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 3, 2013**

**7:30 a.m.** James Bradac Mary Radman  
 Frank & Connie Fratto Mary Fratto  
 Diane Dispensa Saracco & Ciaravino fam.

**Friday – Petak, January 4, 2013**

**7:30 a.m.** Karmela Čudina Frank and Chuck Scalise

**Saturday – Subota, January 5, 2013**

**7:30 a.m.** Dec. Čondić Godparents Duško

**5:30 p.m.** Joe Vegetabile Mr. & Mrs. James Gurgone  
 Jimmy Caruso Louis & Mary Scalise family  
 Herbie Johnston Pete & Sandy Schurla  
 Jim Cunningham Terri & Sam Babich

**Epiphany Sun. – Tri Kralja Ned., Jan. 6, 2013**

**7:30 a.m.** John "Ish" Botica Gen  
 Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško  
 Dominick & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce  
 Gene Dengler Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) family

**9:30 a.m.** James Caruso Marie Balestri  
 Frances Mililli Giacalone Laura & John Perseghin  
 Jack Parker Mark Gusich and Gina Palomino  
 Dec. of Milicevic family family

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

John Nagy ob. Tomislav Lišnić  
 Marija Galović suprug Ante i obitelj  
 Rozalja Galić Josip i Anđa Novak  
 Biserka Marušić Tomica i djeca  
 Mara Jurčević ob. Stipe Tokić  
 Kata i Grga Hrgota ob. Hrgota  
 Ivica Miličević ob. Hrgota  
 Mara Šušnjara Iva Šipić i obitelj  
 Dumica i Ljubo Tanfara djeca  
 Frank i Maria Cecchini Bruno i Jasna  
 Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
 Na nakanu ob. Penavić

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Cannatello Jr. / Jan Ferro  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 7:30 a.m.** Matt Pesce / Matt Pesce  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.** Sonia Antolec / Ellen Ryan  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.** Mario Ivančić, Darko Grgić

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.** Mangan, Valenti, Wilkie  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 7:30 a.m.** Lucente, Wilkie  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.** Matual, Ruich, Zekich  
**Sun., Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m.** Dominik Grgić, Darko Grgić  
 Jr., A. Ledić, L. Draženović, L. Kosić

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dec. 16	Envelopes	\$ 7,218.00
	Loose Donations	\$ 655.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,873.00</b>
	<i>316 envelopes used – average gift \$22.84</i>	
	Candles	\$ 302.00

**For Rent**

- ▶ **Apt.** Lovely Bridgeport apartment, **33rd and Lowe** (312) 520-3066
- ▶ **Apt. 30<sup>th</sup> Emerald**, 2 bdrms, newly remodeled, washer & dryer on location, call 312 375 5323
- ▶ **Apt. 2-Bdrm**, Dining Rm, front rm, kitchen. 312-282-0097
- ▶ **Apt. 29<sup>th</sup> Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.
- ▶ **Apt. 33<sup>rd</sup> Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for Holy Family Sunday

When Jesus was 12, it was time for him to take on the obligations of the Law of Moses. Mary and Joseph took him with them to Jerusalem to do their Passover duty. As Mary and Joseph set out on the return journey, Jesus was left behind.

He wasn't really lost. He knew where he was, in the house of God. When at last they found him, their first question was understandable: "Why have you done this to us?" He

replied, "did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Though they did not understand his explanation, neither did they scold him.

Mary remembered his words and pondered them in her heart. Even though the incident was a painful one, it had the effect of bringing them closer together. Jesus saw

*I love my*  
**FAMILY**

how much Mary and Joseph cared about him. And Mary and Joseph ever more

deeply realized what a special child Jesus was. We too can appreciate Jesus more when we seek him in anxious times and find him in his Father's house.

## Old Year - New Year

Dear friends,

One more year is running out, the year 2012, so rich with events here at St. Jerome's. We celebrated 100 years of our existence: we made pilgrimages to the holy places of our faith; we had retreats to renew our souls; celebrated the main event in April in our church and at the Hilton; published our centennial yearbook, made a unique film on St. Jerome's and showed it on PBS.

We finished our celebration in December by our solemn entry into the second century of our parish life.

We want to move forward. How? These days most people around us are making resolutions to reform their old habits and old ways in order to make for a better future. Let us resolve to take some simple steps forward together:

- ◆ Let us be the people of love, ever giving love that never gets tired of giving. It is in giving that we receive.
- ◆ Let us unconditionally avoid conflicts. Conflicts lead to bitterness of our hearts and never give peace to our souls. Conflicts have nothing to do with who is right. Conflicts never bring happiness to anybody.
- ◆ Here in this church we find our spiritual home. Besides having a physical home, a house or an apartment, we need a home for our souls. The soul seeks its own dwelling place, its own friends and understanding.



Our parish has a gift of being a gift for our souls.

◆ Christ is the center of our lives. Let us not put Him in second or third place or somewhere behind. If we open ourselves to Him, we will always know what to do, how to do it and the difference between love, goodness and sin.

◆ Here at St. Jerome we have a long tradition of a special devotion to the Blessed Mother. Let us accept her as our spiritual Mother. She will lead us

and care for us like any good mother.

- ◆ Let us seek wisdom every day. Wisdom is found in our God-given experience and in the art of listening. If we walk through these dusty days our ours without her, we will be left empty.
- ◆ If the Lord gave us the gift of family and children, let us teach them not by our words but by our personal example. May we teach spirituality and principles by our own practice of them.
- ◆ We have many offers around us, many of those who look for our time and our soul. Let us be wise enough to always choose well. The New Year is a blessing of new time, but also a new challenge to do good. With soft hearts for our fellow brothers and sisters we can conquer the old and become the Apostles of Goodness. Let us walk the mile together!

*With much love — Fr. Joe*



## Thank you

**Thank you all**  
for sharing your  
Christmases  
with us.

**Thank you** for your  
donations to St. Jerome parish in this holy  
Christmas time.

**Thank you** for your flowers donations.

**A special thanks** to those of you who  
helped to clean our church.

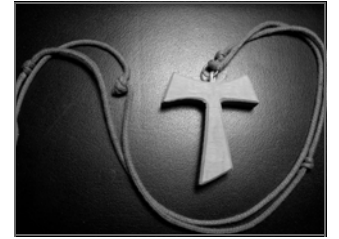
A most special thanks to **Kenny Zekich**  
and **Louis Scalise** for making our church  
so beautiful again.

**Thank you** to our Choirs for making this  
sacred time heavenly beautiful.

**Thanks** to our lectors, altar servers and  
all those who helped in any way. Thank  
you for your love and generosity. Thank  
you from our hearts to yours.

*THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING PART OF  
THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.*

## Changes in our Franciscan Community



At the last Chapter of the  
Franciscan Custody and  
at subsequent meetings of the newly elected  
Custodial Board, the following changes were  
decided:

**Fr. Joe Grbes** became the new custos and  
guardian.

**Fr. Ivica Majstorovic**, to be pastor of St.  
Jerome, Chicago.

**Fr. Paul Maslach**, to be pastor of Blessed  
Stepinac Parish, Chicago.

**Fr. Ivan Strmecki**, to be pastor of Sacred Heart  
Parish, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Fr. Stipe Renic**, to be associate pastor of St.  
Jerome, Chicago.

► **Boxes of offertory envelopes** are in the entrance area  
of the church. Please pick up your boxes as soon as  
possible. Thank you.

► **St. Jerome wall calendars for 2013** are available in the  
entrance area of the church, thanks to **Michael Coletta  
Sons Funeral Home**.

► **DVD of FILM** on St. Jerome's 100-year journey can be  
obtained in the rectory for \$20 (if you buy 3, the 4th one is  
free). We hope every family will have it.

### **Save the date:**

St. Jerome School's 90th Anniversary:  
Saturday, February 2, 2013.

For more info, check

**[www.stjeromeschool.net/alumni/](http://www.stjeromeschool.net/alumni/)**

## Fr. Joe and Fr. Ivan's Farewell

*Mark Your  
Calendars*

St. Jerome pa-  
rishioners and  
friends will have an opportunity offer  
their well-wishes to Fr. Joe and Fr.  
Ivan on Sunday, Jan. 20, at an after-  
noon Open House reception in our  
school hall as they leave for their new  
assignments. Fr. Joe will be moving to  
our Friary in Hyde Park to head the  
Croatian Franciscan Custody of the  
U.S. and Canada, and Fr. Ivan to be  
pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian Parish  
in Milwaukee, Wis.

*More details to follow.*



December 31st: **New Year's Eve Mass**  
at 6 p.m. *Thanksgiving for 2012.*

January 1st: **New Year's Day:** Sunday  
Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 and 11 A.M.