

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 6, 2012**

7:30 a.m. William Gusich M/M Petar Varvodić
Na nakanu Karlo i Ivan Karačić

Tuesday – Utorak, February 7, 2012

7:30 a.m.
Carmen Tarantino (20th Anniv.) daughter Cathy
William Gusich Joann LaScola

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 8, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family
Claire Narel family
Carmella Barbara (B-day remembrance) children

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 9, 2012

7:30 a.m. John Catezone Viola Evola
Marko Mišerda Marija Mišerda

8:05 a.m. Pro populo—for deceased & living of parish

**Friday – Petak, February 10, 2012
Feast day of Blessed Alojzije Stepinac**

7:30 a.m. William Ruyechan Frano & Carol Marasovich
William Gusich Donna DeGrazia

Saturday – Subota, February 11, 2012

Our Lady of Lourdes, patronness of the sick – Gospa Lurdaska

7:30 a.m. Eva Garcia Wilkie family
Margaret Loscalzo daughter Ellen O'Donnell

5:30 p.m. Dolly Vari Nancy & Bob Link
Della Neeson Babich family
Dominick Bruno Sego family
Paul Krstulovich Kevin & Colleen Platt
Peter Pivac Terri & Sam Babich
Carol Herrera family
Dec. of Thompson and Iozzo families Iozzo fam.

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 12, 2012

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Romano Romano family
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čondić Duško
Tom Nolan Dengler family
Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers
Dec. of Mladinov family Ben

9:30 a.m. Corrado Sarro Wilkie family
Ann Kotarac Katie Ferro
John "Ish" Botica Michelle & Brian Curtin
Della Neeson Lisa & Bob Link
Maggie Daley Mark Gusich & fam.
Paul Krstulovich Giggie
Carmen, Carmella and Tommy LaPapa daughter
Marion Catezone Giggie
William Gusich M/M Petar Varvodić
Scully Scalise Giggie

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Biserka Marušić Tomica i djeca
Zvonimir Gović Mr. & Mrs. Marko Paljetak
Janja i Andy Samardžić Božo i Stoja Kosir
Rozalija Galić ob. Bešlić
Šima Pavković Anica Ostojić
Dragica Horvat sestra Blaženka i ob.
Zdravko Habl Jela Kutleša
Zvonko Rogić sin Jadre Rogić
Veselko Sivrić Marijo i Ankica Pehar
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško
Na čast bl. Alojziju Stepincu "Klub Stepinac"

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro / Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 12, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich / Rosemary Brcich
Sun., Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo / Ellen Ryan
Sun., Feb. 12, 11:00 a.m. Mariana Kikaš, Ivana Kosir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m. Mangan, Wilkie, Yarus
Sun., Feb. 12, 7:30 a.m. Nowacki, Meo
Sun., Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, Ruich, Zekich
Sun., Feb. 12, 11:00 a.m. CARDINAL STEPINAC MASS

For Rent

► **Apt. 26th Princeton, 1st floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remod., all utilities included, porch & backyard. Rent- \$ 1,175. Call Mike- 773 425 7001.
► **Apt. 34th & Lowe**, 5 rooms, 3 bdrms, hardwood floors. Rent \$1,000. Call 773 315 4748
► **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
► **Apt. 29th Shields**, 5 rms, 2 bdrm, just painted, new carpeting, central heat & a/c, ceiling fans, blinds. 312-593-2864.
► **Apt. 33rd Lowe**, 5-Rm, 3 Bdrm., h/w flrs, Appliances, \$975 plus utilities & sec. 773-852-4244

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we read that Jesus lent a healing hand to the mother-in-law of Simon Peter, who lay sick with a fever: "He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her..."

We see in this miracle and in

the many other miracles described in today's Gospel the openness to Jesus' healing power while he walked among us.

We of course today have the healing grace of Jesus available to us in the Sacraments of the Church that Jesus founded to

bring his healing touch to future generations. Clearly, spiritual and physical healing is needed now more than ever.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to bring people, including ourselves, to the realization of the healing power so close at hand.

Our Holy Land pilgrims walking in His footsteps

Twelfth in a series

Day 9:

Wednesday, Nov. 9:

At 8 a.m. we drive to our first destination of the day, to the town of **Nazareth**, the place of the **Annunciation**, where it all began. We see Mary's house where the angel Gabriel came to announce that she would become the Mother of God. She said YES! Every place we visit in the Land of Jesus serves as a most powerful teaching moment, so Nazareth teaches us two simple things that we can learn from Mary. First, saying YES to God, but that yes is not a fictional yes. It is a YES to love, gentleness, justice, unselfishness, kindness, friendships, faith, family. The second thing we learn from Mary is something she said at the wedding feast in Cana. *Do whatever He tells you*, meaning - follow Him. These are her last recorded words in the Gospels. It is dangerous for us to postpone all those yes's for the unknown tomorrow. Visiting the place of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth where only a few hundred people lived at that time brings us a message of simplicity and humbleness of

heart. Outside the Annunciation Basilica we see many different images of Mary from different countries; those images show us the beauty of being Catholic. Being Catholic is to be universal. Being universal means belonging to

something bigger than us. Nazareth is living proof of that. While in Nazareth we encountered a Croatian group on pilgrimage. It was a group of 40 people, primarily from Posusje, led by Fr. Milan Loncar, a Franciscan. Yet again, we seem to keep making connections with people. Today the city of Nazareth has about 50,000 people, 55% Muslim, and 45% Christian. On our way down from the Basilica to the main street, we stopped at the town square where there is a huge billboard in Arabic and in English that states if you are not Muslim that you are a "loser." How disturbing!

Then we proceed to **Cana**, the place of the wedding feast, the only wedding feast Jesus is recorded to have attended. It is only about 5 miles east of Nazareth. A beautiful Franciscan church was built on the site. We have an outdoor chapel



Renewing vows at site of the miracle at wedding in Cana

for ourselves where a beautiful event takes place, namely eleven couples from our group renew their marriage vows: Uremovic, Barun, Dusevic, Pesce, Fasching, Jovic, Vojvodic, Kosir, Bajic, Knezovic and Knutson. The men kiss their wives and promise 50 more years of faithful love! We even had a wedding cake provided by our bus driver, Walid, a Catholic Palestinian.

After lunch we drive to **Mount Tabor**, the place of the **Transfiguration**. Our bus takes us half way up the mountain, but it is not able to maneuver the winding curves at the top half of the mountain, so we got into taxi vans that take us to the top. There is a beautiful church at the top of the mountain built by the Franciscans in the 1920s. Next to the church is the Franciscan monastery and an interesting place where they have a rehabilitation center

for drug addicts. The church's roof is made of oak from the Slavonian region of Croatia, where I grew up. The view is breathtaking! This is where Jesus was Transfigured and was joined by Moses and Elijah. The teaching moment here for us is that

Jesus strengthened his disciples before the Passion by very powerful signs.

The view of the Israeli valley below us goes all the way to the Mediterranean Sea, to Haifa and Tel Aviv, and it tells the story of a very fertile land. Israel exports so many oranges and flowers, as well as other agricultural products. Then we got back in our taxi vans down to the midway point of the mountain, and get on our bus to go back to our hotel in Tiberius, back to the Sea of Galilee.

It feels good to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It feels even better to be a Christian; it feels the best to follow the Master. Very sincerely to those of you in Chicago or wherever you are, who don't have time to go to church on Sunday to meet Christ, think twice, think three times...

(to be continued)

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An invitation to share YOUR 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. And as always, we appreciate the chance to copy St. Jerome-related letters and photographs for our archives.

CROATIA TRIP: 6 seats left

The St. Jerome Centennial Year Trip to Croatia from June 27 to July 9 is almost full. If you are seriously interested in going on this well-planned trip from our community to Croatia (visiting Zagreb, Opatija, the Plitivice lakes, Split, Trogir, Medjugorje, historic Dubrovnik, etc.), please contact Louis Scalise at 312 287 3454 as soon as possible.

Maybe a centennial pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi? After our fruitful parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the start of our centennial year at St. Jerome's, some have expressed a desire to go to Rome. If you are interested in a pilgrimage this October to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi, please let us know.

2012 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

"Be Imitators of Christ!"

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. While funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, the Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial assistance for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a *pledge* campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an or-

Our 100th anniversary yearbook

Time is running out. There are still a few days to give us your form and materials for our centennial yearbook. We would like, if possible, that every family would be represented not only with a picture of the current generation but also through ancient pictures from the family album of the earliest generations at St. Jerome's, pictures with faces, names and dates if possible of our ancestors in the faith. Your photos should be put on a CD or flash drive.

If you have no one to do this for you and need help, please let us know at the Rectory (312-842-1871).

And finally, on the back of the Centennial Yearbook form, simply draw how you want your page to look, where you want the pictures to be, write the text where you want it, and we will make it look nice.

Next weekend is our annual "Cardinal Stepinac Days" celebration

Saturday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., dance-and-music concert at M.L. King High School (4445 S. Drexel, plenty of parking). Tickets are \$20. After the concert there will be a dinner and dance in St. Jerome Hall.

Sunday, Feb. 12, solemn Mass at 11 a.m., after which there will be a short program with a dinner in our parish hall. Tickets are \$30.

Your participation will help support our Croatian School "Cardinal Stepinac."

Spiritual renewal for men? Come March 1st

Last year, our parish's women of the Marian Society went to Notre Dame on retreat. What about the men of our parish? Spiritual fatherhood, brotherhood are themes to be explored at a workshop for men to be led by Fr. Joe on March 1st. This workshop, in English, will be a time of learning, prayer, fellowship.

ganization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.