

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, July 2, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Ciaccio Mary & Debby  
Mr. Emile Ranjit Fatima Rattinassamy  
Health of Giggie Cortese Eva Madia  
Na nakanu Ob. Ilija Miletic

**Tuesday – Utorak, July 3, 2012**  
**St. Thomas, apostol – sv. Toma**

**7:30 a.m.** Phil Rizza Catherine LoCoco  
Debbie Thome Nancy & Bob Link  
Paul & Mary Boban Louis & Mary Scalise

**Wednesday – Srijeda, July 4, 2012**  
**Independence Day**

**7:30 a.m.** Carmen Borbolla Matt & Anna Babich  
Corrado Sarro Nancy & Bob Link  
Marija Galović Božo & Stoja Kosir  
Na nakanu Dragan Marić

**Thursday – Četvrtak, July 5, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Katie Valenti son Ross  
Maria Ann Gazzi (B-day rememb.) Gazzi family  
Sam F. Madia Michael & Teresa DiStasio  
Na čast Srcu Isusovu Dragica Karačić

**Friday – Petak, July 6, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Ciaccio Frano & Carol Marasovich  
Frank Horton Jr. James Wilfinger  
John & Jenny Plevel George Rozman

**Saturday – Subota, July 7, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
Sam Madia M/M Ray Sanchez  
Jakov & Frances Krolo Diane Krolo  
Marija Galović sestra Roza

**5:30 p.m.** Mary Ann Romano Romano family  
Joe Vercillo Terri & Sam Babich  
Frank Szatkowski Szatkowski family  
Carol "Sis" Marano Pete & Sandy Schurla  
Catherine Fratto Cathy Amato  
Georgeann Ferro Catherine LoCoco  
Margaret Haptas John & Paulette Nowacki fam.  
Marko Mišerda Nedjeljko Jukić i ob.  
Dragica Glavaš ob. Tomislav Erkapić

**Sunday – Nedjelja, July 8, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Ciaccio Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine, Jozo Čondić Duško  
Georgeann Ferro Charles & Patricia Marino  
Margaret Tolitano Charles & Patricia Marino  
Dec. of Kraslen fam. Kraslen brothers

**9:30 a.m.** Raymond Biamonte niece Bonnie  
Paul Krstulovich Mr. & Mrs. William J. Babich  
Anne Linevitch Gwen Walters  
John Catezone Matt & Anna Babich  
Joe Ciaccio Maria and Miriam Rodriguez

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

Zvonimir Gović Tomislav i Marija Erkapić  
Ivan Žužić kći Željka Aldemann i ob.  
Ana Bugarija Jelica Šimunić  
Tome Bulić Josip i Kata Bajzec  
Josip Bajzec Josip i Kata Bajzec  
Boško Žuljević ob. Ivan Bajić  
Marica Radić Babich children  
Vena Zvonar obitelj Rudman  
Andrija i Marija Mrzljak Katica Kosić i ob.  
Franjo Grašić ob. Tomo Mulc  
John Nagy Giggie  
Marijan i Andrija Jukić Nedjeljko Jukić i ob.  
Pok. ob. Čondić Duško  
Pok. ob. Grgić Luca Grgić

## LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat., July 7, 5:30 p.m.** Joseph Magyar /Jan Ferro  
**Sun., July 8, 7:30 a.m.** Emmett Turney / Rosemary Brcich  
**Sun., July 8, 9:30 a.m.** Sonia Antolec/MaryBeth Insalaco  
**Sun., July 8, 11:00 a.m.** Josip Novak, Damjan Karlović, Mario Pehar

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., July 7, 5:30 p.m.** Nowacki, Valenti, Yarus  
**Sun., July 8, 7:30 a.m.** Lucente, Wilkie  
**Sun., July 8, 9:30 a.m.** Olson, Ruich, Sandoval  
**Sun., July 8, 11:00 a.m.** Deni Grgić, M. Kosić, L. Kosić, Dominik Grgić, M. Karačić, Darko Grgić

## For Rent

► **Apt. 26<sup>th</sup> Princeton, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**, 3 bdrms, newly remod., all utilities included, porch & backyard. Rent: \$1,175. Call Mike at 773 425 7001.  
► **Apt. 34<sup>th</sup> & Lowe**, 5 rooms, 3 bdrms, hardwood floors. Rent \$1,000. Call 773 315 4748  
► **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

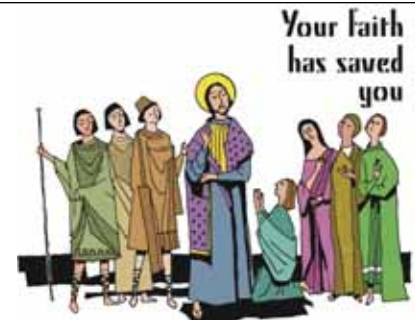
Caregiver Available: Will sit with Seniors. And Babysit. Contact Cathy 312-929-6140

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 13th Sunday of the Year

The woman who came to Jesus was desperate. For 12 years she had been suffering and had exhausted the human possibilities of healing. Then she heard about Jesus. She believed that if she could touch the hem of his garment she would be well. The woman's faith was rewarded. She received her cure. Jesus let her know that "Your faith has saved you." She had played an

important part in her own healing.

Jairus, the leader of the synagogue, came to Jesus begging for a cure for his young daughter. Jesus immediately set out for the house of Jairus, but while on the way news came that the girl had died. Nonetheless, Jesus urged Jairus to have faith. Jesus went into the child's room and said to her, "Arise!" Immediately the little girl got up.



Those who believe in Jesus know that he desires to tell us "Arise to heaven" after our death. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

## Our Parish History / Through Our Stories

### *Memories connected to St. Jerome's... let's start at the beginning...*

My late father, Ivan Pavić, left his homeland Croatia in 1944 ahead of the communist partisans who were occupying the land. He fled to Austria. He was never allowed nor did he ever return to his country. The communist regime did not even allow his earthly remains to be transported to Croatia to be buried in the village where both my parents are from, Rašeljke, in the county of Tomislavgrad, where he had had erected a family tombstone. It was his wish that even if it remained empty, it would serve as a marker that the family was once there....

In 1950, Catholic Charities paid for his trip across the ocean to the United States, to New Orleans specifically. He paid back the fare by working as the caretaker of the cemetery of a small church for 6 months. Thereafter, a social worker arranged for him to move to Chicago where a Croatian community existed. That's how he came to Bridgeport and to our parish, St. Jerome's.

During this time period, the communists did not allow my mother, Kata Pavić, my brother, Peter, and my sister, Jela (Helen Kutleša) to leave the oppressive state of Yugoslavia. My family members were forcibly separated for 18 years (20 for Peter who had to complete service in the army)!

All those years, my father worked hard and provided for his family, sending them packages of all kinds. The late Fr. Ferdinand Skoko, pastor at the time, helped him per-



sonally so much and in so many ways. He, along with some other parishioners, used to write his letters to my mother because my dad only knew how to sign his name.

When my mother and Helen came to America in 1962, it was time for a new beginning. Finally going to be with "her John," my mother had one big concern: how was she going to attend Mass and understand anything. She always recalls the first time she came to church at St. Jerome's and heard Mass in her Croatian language: She felt as though the sun shined down directly upon her! She was so thankful to God.

At that time, the late Fr. Mark Kozina was holding English classes for newcomers in the school, which my mom and sister took. They say that after a few weeks, Fr. Mark asked people to speak up and say what they had learned. One lady raised her hand and said, "OK!"

My parents were faithful to one another, to their marriage all throughout their 18 years of forced separation which had followed only 5 years of marriage, 3 of which were in the middle of wartime. God rewarded them by giving them another child in their later years (me) as well as 21 years of life together until my father's death in 1983. His funeral Mass was at St. Jerome's, concelebrated by 7 of our Franciscan priests. The main celebrant was the late Fr. Hrvoslav Ban (the associate pastor) joined by the late Fr. Jerry Kučan (pastor), by Fr. Častimir (Tim) Majić and Fr. Paul Maslač and deceased Fathers Gracijan Raspudić, Serafin Vištica and David Zrno.

**Ivanka Paraga**

*We encourage our parishioners and friends to write their memories on events, people... we are collecting our oral history in order to preserve our beautiful experiences.*



## Medjugorje Mass appreciation

Thank you to all who made our celebration of the 31st Anniversary of Medjugorje so special this past Monday evening: the glorious singing, the gift bearers, the six young people presenting roses, all in attendance at the Mass, all who made possible the gathering in the Parish Hall afterward, and those who made possible the visit by our guest preacher, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, who flew here from Portland, Oregon. Deacon Harold, who was deeply inspiring, was grateful for this first encounter with our community of faith.

### ***COMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar***

#### *Santa Lucia Summer fest*

*Saturday, July 14*

*Please join our good neighbors for their annual fest from 3 to 10 p.m. at 30th & Wells Street. Enjoy food, music, a special raffle, a build a bar and a gift certificate basket. Come and support St. Lucy School!*

**St. Jerome School's 90th Anniversary celebration: Feb. 2, 2013**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation for our 7th and 8th graders** will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, April 7, 2013. at 2 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

*Please pray for our Croatian folklore group "Club Stepinac" as these high school students and their parents tour and perform in Croatia, starting this coming week. Interestingly, one of their first stops will be Krasic, the hometown of their namesake, Blessed Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. May their voyage be inspiring, fruitful and safe!*

***Special Evenings:*** A rosary for our beloved deceased, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and for your intentions EVERY WEDNESDAY at 7 p.m., 2716 Princeton Ave (Backyard). Any questions, call Gerard at 312 213 2843. Everybody is welcome for this prayerful time.

**ROME AND ASSISI:** St. Jerome's pilgrimage is October 8-18 to Rome and St. Francis's town of Assisi. IF YOU HAVEN'T COMMITTED BUT WISH TO COME, IT IS ***THE LAST WEEK TO DO SO.*** CALL THE RECTORY, 312-842-1871.

**Velika Gospa Feast:** the raffle tickets will soon be mailed. The first prize to be drawn Aug. 15 will be **\$20,000**; second prize \$5,000; 3rd to 7th place prizes: \$1,000 and the two early bird prizes (the first being July 29 and the second early bird prize being Aug. 5) will each be \$1,000, with the winning early bird prizes being put back into the barrel for the Aug. 15 drawing. **As always your generous volunteer help is deeply appreciated.**

**"The Year of Sunday Mass" begins this month in the Archdiocese of Chicago.**

*More info to come...*

### ***Congratulations to our St. Jerome students doing well:***

Mount Carmel High School just announced that **Pablo Iglesias**, a member of St. Jerome Parish and a 2009 graduate of our school, has been elected to the position of President of the Mount Carmel Student Council for the 2012-2013 school year.

Moreover, **Alex Khong**, St. Jerome Class of 2010, was elected as a Student Council Representative.

*May the Lord bless them with all the wisdom and strength necessary to accomplish their duties well!*