

Parish Bulletin Župni Vjesnik

August 9, 2015 - 9. kolovoza 2015.



Towards Our Lady Ususret Gospi

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Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

Posjeti bolesnicima – uvijek

Sick calls – at any time

Krštenja – po dogovoru

Baptisms – by appointment

Ispovijedi – pola sata prije mise

Confessions – before Masses

Vjenčanja – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

Weddings – arrange 6 months in advance

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Hrvatski katolički radio Chicago

Subotom: 12 - 12:30 sati
na 750 AM

Croatian Catholic Radio Chicago

Saturday: noon - 12:30 p.m.
on 750 AM

Monday, August 10 - Ponedjeljak, 10. kolovozaSt. Lawrence – *sv. Lovro***7:30 a.m.**

† Matthew Čondić *uncle*
 † Joseph LaScola *N. N.*

6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND VELIKA GOSPA'S NOVENA

7 p.m.

† Ivan Vrdoljak *Cathy and Andrew*
 † Fritz Perisin *family*
 † John "Ish" Botica *Gen and family*
 † Mara Budich *Kay Siani*
 † Marilyn Scardino *mother*
 †† Carmen, Carmella and Tommy LaPapa *daughter*
 †† of Čondić, Utrobičić and Šupuk families *Duško*
 For intentions of Nicholas Scardino *Great Gram*
 For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*

Tuesday, August 11 - Utorak, 11. kolovozaSt. Clare – *sv. Klara***7:30 a.m.**

† Grace Gusich *Wally Gusich*
 Special intention *Vicko Glunčić*

6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND VELIKA GOSPA'S NOVENA

7 p.m.

† John "Ish" Botica *Gen and family*
 † Mary Grace Zekich *Cannatello family*
 † Lucille McGrath *Cannatello family*
 † Jude Anne Natzke *Peter and JoAnn Peso*
 † Diane Dispensa *Mary Ann and Pecky*
 † Grace Gusich (birthday remembrance) *Sorich family*
 † Julie Paljetak *John and Laura Perseghin*
 † Lena Marino *Bonnie DiCaro*
 † Marilyn Scardino *kuma Giggie*
 †† Joe and Jean Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 †† Joseph and Eleanor Caputo *Pete and Sandy Schurla*
 †† of Čondić, Utrobičić and Šupuk families *Duško*
 For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*

Wednesday, August 12 - Srijeda, 12. kolovoza**7:30 a.m.**

† Caroline Tadin *Pauline and Marilyn Bogetich*

6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND VELIKA GOSPA'S NOVENA

7 p.m.

† Marilyn Scardino *Perisin sisters*
 † Jeff Grybas *family*
 † John "Ish" Botica *Gen and family*
 † Samuel Biamonte *niece Bonnie*
 †† Frank and Anna Bozinovich *family*
 †† Frank and Marge Lauric *family*
 †† Edward and Joseph Bozinovich *family*

†† of Stipan Budich family *Kay Siani*
 †† of Michael and Rose Iozzo family *Terri and Sam Babich*
 †† of Božić and Gržetić families *Stretch and El*
 †† of Čondić, Utrobičić and Šupuk families *Duško*
 For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*

Thursday, August 13 - Četvrtak, 13. kolovoza**7:30 a.m.**

†† Mike and Sis Marano *Perisin family*

6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND VELIKA GOSPA'S NOVENA

7 p.m.

† Julie Paljetak *Cathy Amato*
 † John "Ish" Botica *Gen and family*
 † Carol Segvich *Cannatello family*
 † Luke Čondić *Debbie Kodžoman*
 † Caroline Markovich *Babich children*
 †† John and Mary Harzich *Joan Sipich and family*
 †† Duje and Frances Bakovich *Ann Green*
 †† John, Vivian and Carmella Bakovich *Ann Green*
 †† of Zaninovich and Vulich families *Toni Zaninovich*
 †† of Tarantino, Catizone and Senese families *Cathy*
 †† of Čondić, Utrobičić and Šupuk families *Duško*
 For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*
 In honor of Our Lady of Sinj *Ivan and Iva Maroš*

Friday, August 14 - Petak, 14. kolovozaSt. Maximilian Kolbe – *sv. Maksimilijan Kolbe***7:30 a.m.**

† Diane Dispensa *family*
 †† of Cannatello, Butera, Hanson and Botica families
 *Cannatello family*

6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND VELIKA GOSPA'S NOVENA

7 p.m.

† Joseph Amato *wife Cathy*
 † John "Ish" Botica *Gen and family*
 † Matija Markotić *Stoja and Božo Kosir*
 † Maria Ann Gazzi *Gazzi family*
 † Antonio Rodriguez *Maria and Miriam Rodriguez*
 † Dan Bakovich *Giggie*
 † Zvonko Čabo *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 † John Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 † Mary Grace Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 †† Joe and Jean Zekich *Ken, Jan and John Zekich*
 †† Bob and Josie Hanson *Michelle and Brian*
 †† Petar and Ana Šćurla *Pete and Sandy Schurla*
 †† Ivan and Iva Kozina *Maria and Miriam Rodriguez*
 †† of Sam and Sima Babich families *Terri and Sam Babich*
 †† of Čondić, Utrobičić and Šupuk families *Duško*
 For intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*
 Special intention *Milenka Lišnić*

Saturday, August 15 - Subota, 15. kolovoza
 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 UZNESENJE BDM – VELIKA GOSPA

7:30 a.m.† Christina Blake *Debbie Kodžoman***9 a.m.**† Anna Svoboda Kuchan *family*† Nora Curtin *Brian and Michelle*† John Segvich *wife Helen*† Carol Segvich *M. and M. Romanović*† Harry Pavela *Mary*† Michael Burazin *Robert Gecas*†† of Mikicich family *Radman family*†† of Velcich family *Radman family*†† of Radman family *Radman family*†† of Bozich and Čerina families *Vera and family***High Mass (noon)**† Mark Šuper *mama i tata*† Luka Markotić *Božo i Stoja Kosir*† Ilija Pavljašević *Božo i Stoja Kosir*† Milan Žolo *supruga Ana i obitelj*† John "Ish" Botica *Ken, Jan i John Zekich*† Marko Perić *Marija i obitelj*† fra Marko Kozina, OFM *Carol i Frano Marasovich*† Ante Mišura *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*† Blaž Bilonić *Jakov i Milenka Bilonić i obitelj*† Sofija Pastuović *obitelj Jureta*

† fra Nikola Jureta, OFM Conv

..... *obitelj Ziman*† Julia Paljetak *hrvatski crkveni zbor*† Dolores Coker *Mirko i Olga Soldo*† Ivan Babich *obitelj*† Robert Jurlina *obitelj Jurlina*† Michael Burazin *supruga Irene Burazin*† Milan Bagarić *Ivo i Silvija Kosir i obitelj*† Mirko Jurković *Ivo i Silvija Kosir i obitelj*†† Stipe i Vinko Sipić *Ante Sipich*†† Joseph i Millie Bogetich *obitelj*†† Vice i Mara Čuvalo *Ante Čuvalo i obitelj*†† Luka i Iva Majjić *Ante i Danica Čuvalo*†† Mirko i Mara Kosir *Ivo i Silvija Kosir i obitelj*†† Stipe i Matija Šušnjara *rodica Dragica Karačić*†† Tomislav i Šima Vasilj *Andrija i Zdenka Vasilj i obitelj*†† Tom Hostička, Lenny i Stipe Bajić *obitelj Hostička*†† iz obitelji Luke Brajkovića *Neva Zelić i obitelj*†† iz obitelji Petra Zelića *Ante Zelić i obitelj*†† iz obitelji Zelić *obitelj Zelić*†† iz obitelji Kosir *Ivo i Silvija Kosir i obitelj*†† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*†† iz obitelji Čuvalo i Majjić *Ante i Danica Čuvalo*†† iz obitelji Krolo, Beritić, Bajić i Kevo *Diane Krolo*Na čast Gospe Sinjske *Ivanka Šušnjara i obitelj*Na nakanu *Milenka Lišnić***7 p.m.**† Marko Perić *Marija Hostička*† Tom Hostička *sister Marija Hostička***Sunday, August 16 - Nedjelja, 16. kolovoza****20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****20. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU****7:30 a.m.**† Mary Rizza *Catherine LoCoco*† Gene Dengler Sr. *family*†† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško***9:30 a.m.**† Angie Previte *family*† Nick Curkovich *Irene*† Linda Catino *Giggie*† Sharon Cerino *Giggie*† Marie "Mamie" Balestri *ONIA Women's Alliance*† Mary Wagner *ONIA Women's Alliance***11 a.m.**† Mare Žgela *Mile Krnić*† Catherine Halambek *obitelj Penavić*† Ivan Žužić *obitelj Žužić*† Sofija Pastuović *Steve and Mara Matan*† Katica Jazvo *Ivica Penavić*† Nevenka Mulc *Frano i Carol Marasovich*† fra Marko Kozina, OFM *Josip i Kata Bajzec*† Tomo Lovrinović *Ken Zekich i obitelj*† fra Nikola Jureta, OFM Conv *Ante Sipich*† Iva Dugandžić *Miro i Ankica Kikaš*† Marko Perić *supruga Marja i obitelj*† Rafo Rogić *Željka i obitelj*† Steve Špehar *Matt i Anna Babich*† Marija Špehar *obitelj Paraga*† Slavko Brzica *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*† Stipe Šušnjara *Dujo Šušnjara i obitelj*† Stipe Pervan *obitelj*† Josip Armić *obitelj Armić*† Ružica Cokarić *Nelica*†† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*†† iz obitelji Bradarić *Ljuba Pervan i obitelj*Za zdravlje Dominika Jurića *Nelica*Na čast bl. Alojzija Stepinca *Bože Guvo***LECTORS - ČITAČI**

7:30 a.m. – M. Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – D. Krolo

11 a.m. - po dogovoru

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

7:30 a.m. – M. Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – J. Perisin; 11 a.m. – D. Paraga

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

7:30 a.m. – Matthew and Molly McCormick

9:30 a.m. – F. Bertucci, I. Wroblewski, J. Zekich

11 a.m. – Emilijan i Kristijan Kosić, D. Skinger, M. Toromanović

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Daniel R. "Bocker" Bakovich, 88. Husband of +Lydia E. (nee Blasi); father of Diane (Benny) Gosling, Lynn (Jimmy) Gallelli, Cindy (Nick) Falakos, Daniel (Teri), Renee (Gino) Levato, and John Bakovich; son of ++Dujo and Frances Bakovich; grandfather of 13; great grandfather of 12; brother of Anna Green, and ++Carmel Sheppard, Vivian Sexton, and John Bakovich; brother in law of Edith Garigliano, and +Annette, and Tony Blasi; uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a past president of Club Sinj, and member of O.N.I.A.C. He was buried on Wednesday, August 5, at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL.

Patricia Mikulcich (nee Calleia), **91.** Wife of Andrew; mother of Rosalie "Dude" (+Martin) Maggio, and Donna (Joseph) Buscemi; daughter of ++Alfonso and Rose Calleia; grandmother of Anthony (Roseanne) Maggio, Angelo (Kelly) Buscemi, and Tricia (Nicholas) Raymond; great-grandmother of Sofia and Anthony; sister of Mary (Sal) Leopardo, Susan (+Joseph) Pulciani, and +Carmella (+Carl) Bonnan; aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was buried at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

May they rest in peace.

FEAST OF VELIKA GOSPA

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - VELIKA GOSPA - WILL BE CELEBRATED SOON FOR THE 109TH TIME. We invite all parishioners and friends to join us in honoring Our Lady with our devotions, procession, liturgical celebrations and festivities. We unite our prayers with town of Sinj and the whole of Croatia in celebrating the 300th anniversary of glorious defense from Ottoman army through the intercession of Our Lady. Here in Chicago our Archbishop Blaise Cupich will preside Mass after the procession. Welcome to all who return year after year, as well as those who will come for the first time.



- THE RAFFLE TICKETS are \$100 each. Please, stop at the Parish Office if you need more tickets. The winner of last Sunday's second Early Bird drawing was Rosemarie Knutson. The 1st prize to be drawn August 15 will be \$20,000, 2nd prize \$5,000, and 3rd to 7th prizes will be \$1,000 each. If you need more tickets, they are available at the Parish Office. Proceeds will help our Parish and our School. Thank you for your support.

- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Consider helping our parish family in various ways: setting up, cleaning, helping at the booths, helping at the bar or kitchen, selling tickets, miscellaneous tasks...

- Today, **August 9**, from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be Rižot dinner, homemade bread, coffee and cake as well as T-shirts Sale.

- OUR SPIRITUAL PREPARATION (Novena) for the feast of Our Lady continues this evening. Rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. There will be a priest available for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) from 6 p.m. And on. Come, bring your family, friends, and your intentions.

- VISITING THE SICK. We would like to visit sick and homebound parishioners on Monday, **August 10**. Please, call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

- On Tuesday, **August 11**, there will be coffee and cake after Novena sponsored by Croatian School.

- ANNUAL VELIKA GOSPA BAKE SALE will be on Thursday, **August 13**. Baked goods include Povitica, Burek and Strudel. There will be coffee and other goods as well.

- On the feast day, Saturday, **August 15**, the Great Procession will begin at 10:15 a.m. in front of the church. Please, bring your family and friends. Following the Procession, the Mass will be celebrated by Blaise Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago.

- FLOWERS. If you wish to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please, see Louis and Mary Scalise, Ken and Jan Zekich, or Ivan and Vesna Jureta.

- FOOD ORDERS. If you wish to order a whole lamb or half a lamb, please, call our Parish Office. Order forms for other foods are in the lobby of the church.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY HILL, WI

Our Annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Holy Hill, WI will be on Saturday, August 22. There will be a bus going from our parish at 7 a.m. If you will like to join us on the bus, please, call our Parish Office.

12TH VELIKA GOSPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, August 30, we will have a Velika Gospa Golf Tournament for the 12th time. It will be held at The Links at Carillon in Plainfield, IL. 18 holes shotgun style will be played. Dinner will be served with a special program. All are welcome. The proceeds will go for a children in need. Would you participate or be a sponsor?

For more informations call Miro Planinic at 773-983-9818.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Saturday, **August 15**
Velika Gospa
- Saturday, **August 22**
Pilgrimage to Holy Hill, WI
- Saturday, **August 29**
Croatian School Picnic on Drexel Blvd.
- Sunday, **August 30**
Velika Gospa Golf Tournament

300. OBLJETNICA SLAVNE POBJEDE POD SINJEM UZ GOSPIN ZAGOVOR (1715.-2015.)

U subotu 15. kolovoza Sinj i Hrvatska slave 300. obljetnicu pobjede nad turskom vojskom uz čudotvornu Gospinu pomoć. Naš narod časti Blaženu Djevicu Mariju u svim dijelovima Domovine i svijeta, a mi u Čičagu na poseban način častimo Čudotvornu Gospu Sinjsku, Majku od Milosti. Ove godine će s nama slaviti naš čikaški nadbiskup Blaž Čupić. Dobro došli!



RAČUNAMO NA VAŠU POMOĆ: Da bi cijela proslava bila uspješna, trebamo pomoć mnogih u pripremi te na sami dan proslave. Unaprijed srdačno zahvaljujemo na vašoj pomoći.

BOGATA LUTRIJA: Dobitnica drugog ranog izvlačenja je Rosemarie Knutson. Čestitamo! Izvlačenje ostalih nagrada će biti u subotu 15. kolovoza. Prva nagrada je \$20,000, druga je \$5,000, te imamo još pet nagrada po \$1,000. Cijena karte je \$100. Dobitak od ove lutrije pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala na sudjelovanju.

RIŽOT. Danas **9. kolovoza**, od 5 do 7 sati navečer ćemo imati rižot, domaći kruh, kavu i kolače. Moći će se nabaviti i prigodne majice.

DEVETNICU nastavljamo danas s molitvom krunice u 6:30 te sv. misom u 7 sati navečer. Prilika za sakrament pomirenja (ispovijed) će biti od 6 sati navečer.

CVIJEĆE. Ako želite darovati za cvijeće u spomen na svoje pokojne, javite se Louisu i Mary Scalise, Kenu i Jan Zekich, ili Ivanu i Vesni Jureta.

NARUDŽBA HRANE. Ako želite naručiti pola ili cijelo janje, nazovite Župni ured.

POSJET BOLESNICIMA. Planiramo posjetiti sve stare i bolesne u ponedjeljak **10. kolovoza**. Molimo, javite nam da se dogovorimo za posjet.

KAVU I KOLAČE će posluživati Hrvatska škola u utorak **11. kolovoza** nakon sv. mise i devetnice.

VELIKA PRODAJA KOLAČA će biti u četvrtak **13. kolovoza**. Bit će izobilja povitice, bureka i štrudli, kave i ostalih slastica.

Na samu svetkovinu, u subotu **15. kolovoza**, procesijom je u 10:15 sati prije podne. Sv. misa će početi kad se vratimo s Gospinom slikom u crkvu. Sv. misu će predvoditi nadbiskup Blaž Čupić.

HODOČAŠĆE NA HOLY HILL, WI

Godišnje hodočašće u svetište Gospe od Milosti na Holy Hill, WI će biti u subotu 22. kolovoza. Sv. misa će biti u 11 sati prije podne a Put križa te blagoslov u 2:30 poslije podne. Prijavite se u Župni ured ukoliko planirate ići s nama autobusom.



PIKNIK HRVATSKE ŠKOLE

Piknik Hrvatske škole će biti u subotu 29. kolovoza kod franjevačkog samostana na Drexelu. Piknik će početi u 10 sati prije podne. Bit će prilike za upis u novu školsku godinu. Također, djeca i odrasli će moći uživati u nogometu, bućanju i drugim sportovima, u lijepoj prirodi i ugodnome društvu. Nadamo se da će biti lijepo vrijeme. Ručak će početi u 1 sat poslije podne.

12. HRVATSKI DOBROTVORNI GOLFSKI TURNIR VELIKA GOSPA

U nedjelju 30. kolovoza imat ćemo Hrvatski dobrotvorni golfski turnir na The Links at Carillon u Plainfieldu, IL. Nakon igre bit će svečena večera. Cijena za ovaj događaj jest \$150 u što je uključeno igranje golfa, otvoreni bar, svečana večera i druženje. Ako ne planirate igrati golf, priključite nam se za večeru i druženje. Prihod ide za pomoć djeci u Hrvatskoj i BiH.



SRIJEDOM - MOLITVA KRUNICE S NAŠIM ČASNIM SESTRAMA NA DREXELU

Želite li produbljavati svoju vjeru i meditirati o otajstvima Isusova života? Pridružite se časnim sestrama i molitvenoj grupi koji se okupljaju svake srijede od 7 do 7:45 sati navečer u kapelici sv. Ante na Drexelu.

► Traži se ženska osoba koja bi se brinula za stariju gospođu (70-tak godina) koji živi u okolini zračne luke Midway. Ona se može kretati ali joj pamćenje postaje slabije. Trebalo bi se brinuti za nju i praviti joj društvo par sati na dan (home care), dva dana u tjednu. Potrebno je govoriti hrvatski. Za više detalja, javite se u naš Župni ured.

TRAŽIMO UČITELJE HRVATSKOG JEZIKA

Hrvatska škola traži učitelje i učiteljice hrvatskog jezika. Nastava hrvatskog jezika se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:30 sati poslije podne. Javite se članovima odbora Hrvatske škole ili izravno fra Ivici.

- Imate li smisao za rad s djecom?
- Jeste li izvorni govornik hrvatskog jezika?
- Želite li djeci prenijeti ljubav prema hrvatskom jeziku i kulturi?
- Možete li subotom posvetiti djeci nekoliko sati svoga vremena?
- Hoćete li se odazvati na ovaj poziv?

ROSARY EVENINGS

On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. rosary is prayed with Croatian Franciscan sisters at St. Anthony's chapel in Hyde Park (4848 S. Ellis Ave.).

Praying of the Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory in Gerard Fratto's garden (2716 S. Princeton) every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Welcome.

ST. ROCCO 95TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Rocco will be celebrated on Sunday, August 16, with a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa Church and the traditional procession.

ST. JEROME SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is being accepted for the school year 2015-2016 for Pre-School through 8th grade. Call the office at 312-842-7668 for more info or a personal tour of our school. Experience St. Jerome School tradition... because great beginnings last a lifetime.

FOOTBALLMANIA RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for the St. Jerome School's Annual FootballMania Raffle are on sale. Each \$20 ticket has 11 chances to win a share of \$925 in weekly prize money for 17 weeks. Incentives are being offered to those who would like to become a ticket seller. Please, contact Jan Ferro (312-560-3864), Pauline Dengler (312-375-5416), or the School Office (312-842-7668). FootballMania begins September 10. Don't be a bench warmer... get in the game and get your tickets today!

VELIKA GOPSA OUTSIDE BAR

Dear parishioners, on behalf of Velika Gospa Committee, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you who have helped us run the outside bar for Velika Gospa. It is your time and effort that makes this special day so successful.

We would like to call upon you again to volunteer your time this year. We will need bartenders and servers all day but especially in the evening hours. We would only need a couple hours of your time to make this a successful day. If you would like to volunteer, please, send me an e-mail: babich.matthew@gmail.com and indicate what time you would be available.

Thank you!

Matthew Babich



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

There will be some new faces in the classrooms this year as St. Jerome Catholic School welcomes two new teachers to our current staff of energetic, creative, and enthusiastic educators.

Mrs. Carmen Kirsch will be joining us as our 7th Grade teacher. She is a Math and Science specialist for Grades 6 through 8. Mrs. Kirsch is strongly committed to



Catholic Education having taught in the Chicago Archdiocese for over 28 years, most recently at St. Turibius. She has been described as a classroom dynamo. Mrs. Kirsch is a STEM enthusiast with a passion and flair for science and technology. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education) focuses on

these areas together not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in how students learn most effectively. STEM is a teaching approach that is coupled with hands-on, problem-based learning. Mrs. Kirsch's experience, knowledge and approach to teaching will promote growth and development allowing students to excel in her classroom.

Mrs. Karen Healy will take the helm as our 8th Grade teacher and will share her expertise in the disciplines of Reading and Language Arts in Grades 6 through 8. In 2005 she obtained her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from St. Xavier University. For



11 years prior to joining St. Jerome, Mrs. Healy was a highly respected teacher at St. Rene Catholic School. Mrs. Healy's enthusiasm for learning drives her philosophy of education. She strongly believes children are innately curious and therefore she has developed a successful cross-curricular, theme based, democratic learning environment where student involvement encourages interest and motivation and students are given a voice in the classroom. Knowledge, inspiration, and leadership are core values in Mrs. Healy's classroom. Mrs. Healy believes in creating an environment where students are excited to learn.

These new faculty members will bring their own unique talents and vibrancy to St. Jerome Catholic School. Because of their personal drive, passion for education and students' success, Mrs. Kirsch and Mrs. Healy will be excellent additions to our teaching staff and parish community. We are delighted and blessed to welcome them into the St. Jerome Family.