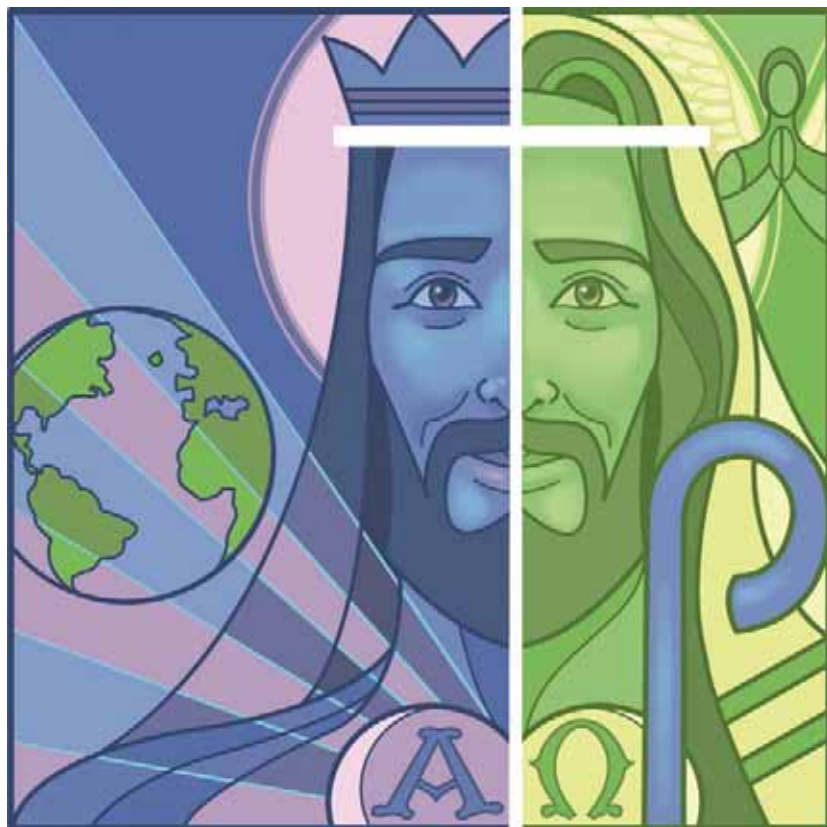


# Parish Bulletin Župni Vjesnik



June 19, 2016 - 19. lipnja 2016.



St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish  
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

2823 S. Princeton Ave. • Cardinal Stepinac Way  
Chicago, IL 60616

Croatian Franciscan Friars

Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM - Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

find us on 

## 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 od podne do 1 poslije podne  
na 750 AM

**Croatian Catholic Radio Chicago**

Saturday: noon - 1 p.m.  
on 750 AM

**Monday, June 20 - Ponedjeljak, 20. lipnja****7:30 a.m.**

† Leona Paradowski ..... *Cathy Amato*  
 Special intention ..... *friend*

**Tuesday, June 21 - Utorak, 21. lipnja**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga - *sv. Alojzije Gonzaga*

**7:30 a.m.**

† Connie Farina ..... *Lou and Mary Scalise*  
 † Josephine Barbara ..... *Camille and Mike Kristich*

**Wednesday, June 22 - Srijeda, 22. lipnja****7:30 a.m.**

† Babetta Smith ..... *Perisin family*  
 †† Dan and Pat Fagen ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*

**Thursday, June 23 - Četvrtak, 23. lipnja****7:30 a.m.**

† Alfred DiFrancisco ..... *daughter*  
 † Frank Munizzi Sr. .... *Frank and Luanne*

**7 – 8 p.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

**Friday, June 24 - Petak, 24. lipnja**

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
 ROĐENJE SV. IVANA KRSTITELJA

**7:30 a.m.**

† Josie Hanson ..... *Michelle and Brian*  
 † Jennie Salerno ..... *daughter*

**Saturday, June 25 - Subota, 25. lipnja****7:30 a.m.**

† John Edgworth ..... *Duško*  
 † Julia Frigan ..... *Cathy and Andrew*

**5:30 p.m.**

† Jack Ruggiero ..... *family*  
 † Theresa Ropke ..... *Terri and Sam Babich*  
 † Mary Butera Conroy ..... *Cannatello family*  
 † Frank Petrone ..... *Jim and Maryann Saracco*  
 † Gene Gazzi Sr. .... *Jim and Maryann Saracco*  
 † Giggie Cortese ..... *Luce kids*  
 † Pete Pivac (birthday remembrance) ..... *family*  
 † Caroline Markovich ..... *Debbie and Mary*  
 †† Frank and Anna Anerino ..... *Gazzi family*  
 †† Scott and Hoyan Eumont ..... *family*  
 †† Pasquale and Maria Consola ..... *Debbie and Mary*  
 For intention of Blessed Mother ..... *D.*  
 In honor of Our Lady of Sinj ..... *Yvonne Mangiaracina*

**Sunday, June 26 - Nedjelja, 26. lipnja****13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****13. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU****7:30 a.m.**

† John Čondić ..... *Catherine Borovina*  
 †† William and Mary Catizone ..... *children and grandchildren*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

**9:30 a.m.**

† Giggie Cortese ..... *Zorica Krišto and family*  
 † Anthony Giacalone ..... *Joe and Lisa Amoruso*  
 † Mary Battaglia ..... *Catherine and Nick Perisin*  
 † Rosemarie Barbieri-Knutson ..... *Cathy Amato*  
 † Dolores Draski ..... *Cindy and Don Benedyk*  
 † Rich Nestor ..... *JoAnn and Peter Peso*  
 † Louis Budvaitis ..... *Mark Gusich and family*  
 † Rosemary Broderick ..... *Nancy Link*  
 † Laurie Harzich ..... *Mom and Dad*  
 † Sharon Cerino ..... *Kay Siani*  
 † William O'Shea ..... *Danielle J. Miller*  
 †† Matt and Antoinette Grubisich ..... *family*

**11 a.m.**

† Nevenka Mulc ..... *Tomislav i Milica Lisnich*  
 † Milan Jurković ..... *Donna i sinovi*  
 † fra Nikola Jureta, OFM Conv ..... *Lucy Filipović*  
 † Dragica Jureta ..... *obitelj Jureta*  
 † Jela Lovrić ..... *Zorica Krišto i obitelj*  
 † Anton Hostička ..... *Joe i Lisa Amoruso*  
 † Lovro Rudman ..... *JoAnn i Peter Peso*  
 † Marko Šulentić ..... *obitelj Šulentić*  
 † Frano Kraljević ..... *Vlado i Jenny Kraljević i obitelj*  
 † Ante Žgela ..... *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*  
 † Blago Grbavac ..... *Ante i Anica Lončar*  
 † Tereza Savković ..... *Jadre Rogić i obitelj*  
 † Kathy Uremović (10. godišnjica) ..... *Vlasta Sopić i obitelj*  
 † Ljubica Rodić ..... *Agnes Rodich*  
 † Mirko Belan ..... *Ruža i Mile Perković*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *obitelj Žolo*  
 † Luca Varenina ..... *Petar Žaper i obitelj*  
 † Marija Tokić ..... *Petar Žaper i obitelj*  
 † Nikola Planinić ..... *obitelj i prijatelji*  
 † Ivica Slišković ..... *Ante i Anica Lončar*  
 †† Vjeko i Ivo Gregor ..... *obitelj*  
 †† Mate i Ana Popović ..... *kći Milka Lisnich*  
 †† iz obitelji Slišković ..... *Ante i Anica Lončar*  
 †† iz obitelji Markotić ..... *Božo i Stoja Kosir*  
 †† iz obitelji Špehar ..... *obitelj Špehar*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Vicko Glunčić*





## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Evangelist Luke, taking up the cross daily did not mean fastening a piece of jewelry around his neck. He lived in a time when it was clear that being a Christian meant living a very different way of life. It meant getting up before dawn on the first day of the week to hasten to the early morning gathering for the breaking of the bread. Sunday was a day of work like any other. It meant contributing to the welfare of others instead of looking out only for oneself. And it meant being prepared to face persecution because one's faith was not consistent with the commonly held opinions of the day.

The Christian values of Sunday prayer, charity toward others, and a strong faith in God have not changed. They are still things that the followers of Jesus cling to as important aspects of the faith. As any disciple would admit, taking up the cross is not about wearing a piece of metal dangling from a chain. That can be a reminder of the interior life one hopes to espouse, but they do not guarantee salvation. Only losing our life in Christ will lead to that.

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### LECTORS - ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro  
7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – Diane Krolo  
11 a.m. – Iva Galić, Mara Kosir, Antonia Stula

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### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro  
7:30 a.m. – Matthew Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – Julia Perisin  
11 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga

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### ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Angelina and Juliana Caruso  
7:30 a.m. – Victoria Luna, Lucas Mizera  
9:30 a.m. – Monica Matual, John Zekich  
11 a.m. – prema rasporedu

## 11. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Isusa zanima što ljudi o njemu misle, za koga ga smatraju, pa pita svoje učenike: "Što govori svijet, tko sam ja?" Od učenika dobiva različite odgovore: smatraju ga prorokom Ilijom ili Ivanom Krstiteljem, ili nekim od proroka. No, Isus se ne zadovoljava samo tim odgovorima, on očekuje od svojih učenika osobni odgovor ono što oni osobno misle, što u srcu osjećaju, i zato ih pita: "A vi, što vi kažete, tko sam ja?" Šimun Petar kao i uvijek - nagao i impulzivan, istupa naprijed i u ime ostalih apostola priznaje Isusa Mesijom - Sinom Božjim. Naziva ga starozavjetnim izrazom Mesija - Pomazanik Božji. Taj izraz želi osobito nama dozvati u svijest kako se u Isusu iz Nazareta, Kristu dogodila objava i ispunjenje dobrote, ljubavi i smilovanja Božjega prema svakome čovjeku. Pomazanje kao sadržaj ove Isusove titule, međutim, ne znači samo dostojanstvo i posebno odlikovanje, već nas podsjeća na ublažavanje boli, na vraćanje zdravlja, na zračenje miomiris, svježine, radosti i mira. Sve ovo bi ljudi morali primjećivati i doživljavati u susretanju s jednim kršćaninom, onim koji se diči Kristovim imenom. Sve to je ono što bi jedan kršćanin kao dar trebao poklanjati svojim bližnjima. Jer je svaki kršćanin, po sakramentima krštenja i svete Potvrde također pomazanik - pomazan Duhom Božjim i osposobljen njegovim darovima da, poput Krista, kao drugi Krist, sve oko sebe ozdravlja, iscjeljuje, osvježuje, donosi radost i mir. A to će moći ukoliko prvo dađe svoj osobni odgovor vjere, ako Isusa iz Nazareta prizna svojim Bogom i Spasiteljem. Jer vjera uključuje osobno opredjeljenje za Isusa. Nema pravoga kršćanstva bez takvog osobnog opredjeljenja: da se nije osobno opredijelio za Isusa, ne bi Petar postao ono što je kasnije postao; da apostoli nisu također tako postupili, ne bi bili temeljem Crkve.



## LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**Ann Brcich** (nee Cubelic), **89**. Wife of +Michael Brcich; mother of Joanne (Dave) Daley, Anthony (Patty) Brcich, Rosemary Brcich, Susan (+Dominick) Bruno, Patricia (Rick) Rinella and Patrick (Julia) Brcich; Baba to Jason, Eric (Vanessa), Dominick, Michael, Curtis (Mallory), Russell (Melissa), Frank, Alexandra and Ashley; great-Baba of Tegan and Gavin; daughter of ++John and Mary (nee Matkovich) Cubelic; sister of +Joseph Cubelic; friend to many. Ann was devoted to St. Jerome. She was buried on Monday, June 13, at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL.

**Dominic Krolo**, **89**. Husband of +Rose; father of Diane, Linda, Denise, Marlene and Don. He was a long time member of Club Sinj. Visitation will be on Monday, June 20, at Dalcamo Funeral Home (470 W 26th St.) from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in our church on Tuesday, June 21, at 10 a.m. He will be buried at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL.

May they rest in peace.

## THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND

*Thank you for allowing us to hold our annual Mother's Day Flower Sale at your parish. Proceeds from the sale totaled \$929. We hope the mothers and grandmothers enjoyed their flowers. The support and generosity of your parish is a true blessing to The Women's Center. It is wonderful that you believe in our mission of defending the lives of the unborn.*

## THANK YOU

### FROM CROATIAN FRANCISCANS

*On behalf of all Croatian Franciscans, I wish to thank everyone who came last Monday, June 13, to our Franciscan Friary in Hyde Park for the feast of St. Anthony.*

*Fr. Joe Grbeš, Custos*

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Today we celebrate Father's Day. Our prayers and best wishes to all fathers, grandfathers and all who are responding to calling for fatherhood.

## PICNICS AND FESTIVALS

### AT CHICAGO CROATIAN PARISHES

Today, Sunday, June 19, BL. ALOJZIJE STEPINAC CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION is having their annual picnic on Bunker Hill Park in Niles, IL (Touhy, Devon and Caldwell Ave.). Croatian Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. There will be plenty of food, drinks and fun.

On Sunday, June 26, SACRED HEART CROATIAN PARISH will have their annual picnic on church grounds at 2864 E. 96th Street. There will be BBQ Lamb, pork and chicken; American, Croatian and Mexican food, and drinks; a lot of games, booths, raffles; a band will be playing for entertainment.

## MEDJUGORJE ANNIVERSARY

Every year we mark the events that started in Medjugorje on June 25, 1981. Please, join us in celebration on Saturday, June 25, with the rosary at 5 p.m. and a Mass at 5:30 p.m.

## ROSARY EVENINGS IN GERARD'S GARDEN

Praying of the Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory in Gerard Fratto's garden (2716 S. Princeton Ave.), every Wednesday, will start on June 22 at 7 p.m. Welcome.

## JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

ZUMBA - Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Big Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA (12 step program) - Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Small Hall.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. We pray and reflect with the Lord.

## VELIKA GOPSA GRAND RAFFLE

Our traditional Velika Gospa Grand Raffle, with its \$20,000 top prize, is under way! In your mail you will soon receive letter with two Velika Gospa Raffle tickets, which are the same as before, \$100 each. We will have two "Early Bird" drawings for those who buy their tickets early:

Sunday, July 10 is the first Early Bird drawing

Sunday, July 31 is the second Early Bird drawing.

Each "Early Bird" prize is \$1,000.

If you win an "Early Bird" prize, you still can win the Grand Prize – because your ticket stub goes right back into the drum so that you stay eligible for the Feast Day drawing and its seven prizes:

\$20,000 for the Grand Prize,

\$5,000 for the 2nd Prize, and

\$1,000 for the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Prize.

If you do not wish to purchase tickets for yourself, please try selling them to friends, relatives and acquaintances – perhaps selling half of a ticket to one person, the other half to another and writing both names on that ticket. And if it proves impossible to buy or sell a ticket, please return the unsold ticket to the parish office so that someone else might purchase it.

For more information, call us at the parish office at 312-842-1871, email us at [VelikaGospa@gmail.com](mailto:VelikaGospa@gmail.com), or visit our website [www.stjeromecroatian.org](http://www.stjeromecroatian.org).

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Thank you to those that have already participated in our parish wide feasibility study. It is crucial to get everyone's opinions and feelings toward a potential capital improvement project. We will continue conducting interviews and focus groups. In addition, all parishioners will be asked to complete a survey. I look forward to your ideas about the future of St. Jerome. Fr. Ivica, Pastor

## ZAHVALA SA DREXELA

Naši franjevci iz samostana sv. Ante izražavaju zahvalnost svima koji su sudjelovali u svečanoj proslavi blagdana sv. Ante u dvorištu samostana prošlog ponedjeljka. Hvala svima na dolasku, svima koji su sudjelovali u devetnici, svima koji su pomogli oko pripreme same proslave. Hvala svima na darovima i iskazanoj ljubavi.

## SRETAN OČEV DAN (FATHER'S DAY)

Danas obilježavamo Očev dan. Najstariji zapis na kojem se spominje Očev dan otkriven je u starom Babilonu gdje je pronađena pločica stara više od 4000 godina. Na toj pločici dječak je napisao čestitku svom ocu i poželio mu dobro zdravlje i dug život. U SAD-u se Očev dan slavi od 1908. godine a službeno kao blagdan od 1972. godine. Uzor pravoga roditeljstva i očinstva imamo osobito u sv. Josipu kojega slavimo 19. ožujka.

Svim očevima i djedovima čestitamo što se ne-sebično brinu za svoju djecu i obitelji.

## OBLETNICA GOSPINIH UKAZANJA U MEĐUGORJU

Prema svjedočanstvu šestero djece iz župe Međugorje, 24. lipnja 1981. godine započela su ukazanja Blažene Djevice Marije. Tog dana vidioci su se uplašili Gospine pojave i pobjegli. Sljedećeg dana, 25. lipnja, odazvali su se na Gospin poziv i otišli na Podbrdo, gdje su s Gospom prvi put molili i razgovarali. Stoga taj dan slavimo kao obljetnicu ukazanja Kraljice mira, kako se Gospa predstavlja. U subotu 25. lipnja molitveni program će započeti u 5 sati navečer s moli-tvom krunice. U 5:30 sati navečer slavit ćemo sv. misu.

## USUSRET VELIKOJ GOSPI

PRIBLIŽAVA NAM SE proslava Marijina Uznesenja - Velika Gospe, koja se u našoj župi više od stoljeća časti svečanom procesijom, sv. misom i proslavom. Hrvatski narod časti Mariju u svim dijelovima naše domovine, a u Chicagu na poseban način častimo kopiju slike Čudotvorne Gospe Sinjske, Majke od Milosti, koju su gotovo prije 100 godina darovali braća Bradarich.

RAČUNAMO NA VAŠU POMOĆ: Da bi cijela proslava bila uspješna, trebamo pomoć mnogih u pripremi te na sami dan proslave. Očekujemo vašu podršku i ove godine. Unaprijed vam srdačno zahvaljujemo na tome.

DEVETNICA počinje 6. kolovoza sa sv. misama u 7 sati navečer, koje će predvoditi različiti gosti svećenici. Krunica svaku večer počinje u 6:30 navečer.

BOGATA LUTRIJA: Ovih dana ćete primiti pismo s kartama za našu bogatu lutriju čija je prva nagrada \$20,000. Druga nagrada je \$5,000, te još pet nagrada po \$1,000. Bit će dva ranija izvlačenja po \$1,000, koje

ćemo izvlačiti u nedjelje 10. srpnja i 31. srpnja. Ove "Early bird" karte bit će vraćene u bubanj za izvlačenje velike nagrade 15. kolovoza. Cijena karte je \$100. Molimo vas da kupite ili prodate ove karte. Ako niste u stanju da to učinite, vratite ih u naš župni ured. Dobitak od proslave Velike Gospe i ove lutrije uvelike pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala na sudjelovanju.

## SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, **June 25**
  - Međugorje Anniversary
  - Statehood Day of the Republic of Croatia
- Sunday, **June 26**
  - Sacred Heart Croatian Parish Festival (Picnic)
- Sunday, **July 10**
  - First early bird Velika Gospa Raffle drawing
- Sunday, **July 31**
  - Second early bird Velika Gospa Raffle drawing
- Saturday, **August 6**
  - Beginning of Velika Gospa Novena
- Monday, **August 15**
  - Velika Gospa



## NOVI ODBOR HRVATSKE ŠKOLE KARDINAL STEPINAC

U srijedu 25. svibnja održani su izbori za novi odbor Hrvatske škole Kardinal Stepinac. U novi odbor su izabrani:

- Ivo Kosir - predsjednik
- Ivanka Paraga - zamjenica predsjednika
- Vicki Božen - pomoćnica tajnice
- Margie Cikoč - rizničarka
- Ante Zoko - pomoćnik rizničarke
- Annamaria Babich
  - predsjednica nadzornog odbora
- Lucy Bilaver - članica nadzornog odbora
- Matt Babich - član nadzornog odbora

Zahvaljujemo dosadašnjim članovima Odbora na trudu i čestitamo novima na izboru. Svi smo pozvani da s njima surađujemo i da im pomažemo u poslovima na dobrobit Hrvatske škole.

## VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS WANTED

We are looking for a few good people to teach about Catholic faith in school year 2016-2017. Assistance and training will be provided so you will be prepared to be an effective teacher. Please, call the Parish office and talk to one of our priests.

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of St. Jerome. Registering is important because: ● If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all? ● Registering makes the process much easier when it is time for baptism, religious education, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. ● Registered parishioners receive mailings sent throughout the year, as well as helpful information about our many parish ministries and activities.

REGISTERING IS EASY! Just drop us a short note through email or stop by at the Parish Office.

## FROM ST. JEROME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are currently holding open registration for Preschool. If your child is 3 or 4 and you would like to enroll your child for our 2016-17 preschool program, please, call School Office (312-842-7668) for more info.

**Mrs. Kreikemeier** will not be returning. Her husband has been transferred to the West coast. We will miss her. We wish her and her husband peace and all good things.

**Ms. Keeler** will teach early childhood and take the Kindergarten position.

We have hired a middle school math teacher, **Mr. Paul E. Martin**. Mr. Martin has a Masters in Teaching from Concordia University and a Bachelors Degree from Eastern Illinois University. Since 2012, while working on his Masters Degree, he had taught in Berkeley, Oak Park, and Berwyn. This summer he will be working with special needs children and adults in specialized programs in the West Suburban Special Recreation Association. Mr. Martins other interests include Italian and Drama. He is excited to rejuvenate the arts at St. Jerome.

**Mrs. Mizera** will be the new 4th grade teacher.

**Ms. Sarah Hundertmark** will be our new pre-k teacher. Ms. Hundertmark comes to us from St. Anthony School in Milwaukee where she served as the lead pre-k teacher and had been the reading intervention teacher. Prior to St. Anthony she taught at the University School of Milwaukee. Ms. Hundertmark has certificates in early childhood, middle childhood, and early adolescence. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts for Concordia University Wisconsin. She received her certificate in early childhood education from Cardinal Stritch University.

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR PARISHIONERS / ST. JEROME SCHOOL ALUMNI DOING WELL

### Queen of Peace High School

High Honor Roll

Izabela Paraga

## 25. LIPNJA - 25. GODIŠNJICA DRŽAVNOSTI REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE

Dan državnosti Republike Hrvatske je blagdan koji se obilježava 25. lipnja, na dan kada je 1991. godine Hrvatski sabor donio Ustavnu odluku o samostalnosti i suverenosti Republike Hrvatske. Drama bivše Jugoslavije dosegla je vrhunac u proljeće 1991. Hrvatska i Slovenija još su godinu dana prije toga izglasale svoju suverenost i održale slobodne parlamentarne izbore. Ipak, u to doba riječi suverenost i nezavisnost nisu se postovjećivale.



Zagreb i Ljubljana tražili su miran način za razdruživanje od Jugoslavije, pa je zato politički prostor za eventualnu konfederaciju suverenih republika ostao otvoren. Bila su to pravila igre koja su nametale i svjetske sile. Međutim, Srbiju i Crnu Goru zanimala je jedino hegemonija pod maskom nove moderne federativne Jugoslavije. U isto vrijeme u dijelu Hrvatske traje srbo-četnička pobuna, a ostaci savezne vlasti bivše Jugoslavije potpuno su paralizirani. U takvim okolnostima Hrvatska je 19. svibnja izašla na referendum, na koji se odazvalo 83,5 posto biračkog tijela. Od toga broja čak 93,2 posto zaokružilo je listić DA za hrvatsku suverenost. Predsjednik Hrvatskoga sabora Žarko Domljan nakon jednoglasnog izglasavanja samostalnosti je rekao: "Rođena je država Hrvatska! Neka joj je dug i sretan život."

Uslijedio je jedan od najznačajnijih povijesnih događaja. Dana 25. lipnja 1991. sastao se Hrvatski sabor i jednoglasno izglasao Deklaraciju o samostalnosti Hrvatske. U okruženju velikosrpskih prijetnji i cinizma svjetske diplomacije, Hrvatski sabor je proglasio Republiku Hrvatsku suverenom i samostalnom državom.