

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 4, 2006**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Condich Dusko
 Kathy Uremovic Tomislav & Lucy Sulentic
 Fra Ante Grbeš ob. Jakelja

Tuesday – Utorak, December 5, 2006

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremovic Zvonko i Ana Čabo
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 John Mikicich Maria, Anna, Dominic Velcich

**Wednesday – Srijeda, December 6, 2006
 Feast of St. Nicholas (St. Nick/Santa Claus)**

7:30 a.m. Frank Fratto family
 Marija Vranković Mate Čaljkušić
 Mary Pinotti family
 Na čast sv. Anti Nikola Ćosić

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 7, 2006

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremovic Mr. & Mrs. Tobar
 Josephine Odo Emily & Gene Dengler
 Na čast sv. Anti Nikola Ćosić

Friday – Petak, December 8, 2006

Immaculate Conception of Mary, holy day of obligation

7:30 a.m. Marko & Tona Čondić family
 Deceased of Sutera family Sutera family
 Na čast sv. Anti Nikola Ćosić

9:00 a.m. For Parishioners, living and deceased

7:00 p.m. Frank Bologna Perisin grandchildren

Saturday – Subota, December 9, 2006

7:30 a.m. Kata & Ilija Ivanko Vesna Krišto
 Catherine Gurgone Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Na čast sv. Anti Nikola Ćosić

5:30 p.m. Nick LaCoco wife & children
 Mary Pesce Rodriguez family
 Connie Fratto Mossman family
 Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowski family
 Mary Basso Charles & Patricia Marino

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 10, 2006

7:30 a.m. Frank Bartuca son
 Al & Millie Mucenski family
 James Gurgone wife Roseann & children
 Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

9:30 a.m. Julia Frigan Cathy & Andrew
 Ralph Bonello Vince & Sandy Zygmuntowicz
 John Foley Insalaco family
 Ana Vidović Cathy Amato

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Luca i Andrija	Ana Hostička
Mila Cvitković	ob. Olga i Boro Puljić
Boško Obradović	ob. Ruža Šumera
Jozo Rodić	ob. Rodić
Tomo Fuček i roditelji	ob. Rodić
Kathy Uremović	Vida Vučić
Luca i Andrija Lišnić	ob. Hostička
Ana Vidović	ob. Hostička
Božo Ukas	ob. Jakelja
Ivan Štrbić	Jan Ferro
Petar i Joza Zelić	ob. Ilije Zelić
Mate Martinčić	ob. Hobar
Ante Kovačević	ob. Zoran Kovačević
Ivan i Anđa Miletić	ob. Ilija Miletić
Za Hrvatske borce	Križa Ostojić i ob.

**Lectors**

Sat., Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar
 Sun., Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
 Sun., Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
 Sun., Dec. 10, 11:00 a.m. Josip Novak, Zrinka
 Jureta, Anđela Bajić

**ALTAR
 SERVERS**

Sat., Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m. C.Garcia, Rubio, Wilke
 Sun., Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m. Kenny, Sarkauskas
 Sun., Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. Olague, Passi, Rudmin
 Sun., Dec. 10, 11 a.m. D. Jureta, A. Kraljević, S. Ivezic

FOR SALE

- ▶ 34 units in NW Indiana, best property in town! Please call 219-322-8702 for details.
- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302.

FOR RENT

- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.
- ▶ 3253 Wells, 2½ bdrm aptmt, 1 bath, remodeled 4 yrs, new appliances, laundry on premises. 312-388-0357.
- ▶ 31st Princeton, 2nd fl., 6 rms, 3 bdrm, central air & heat, no pets. 773-582-8255.
- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, central ac & ht, \$600, utilities not incl., 312-593-2864.
- ▶ 29th & Shields area, newly remddld 5½ rms, 1½ bdrm, w/d, non-smkg bldg, new applnces, no pets, 1 mo. sec., cr. chk, refs, \$650 w/o utils., 312-802-0238.
- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.
- ▶ 25th Pl.-Wallace area, 2nd flr. 3 bdrms, w/d, stove, refrig., enclosed back porch, \$600 + ulit. 630-904-6774
- ▶ 2nd flr. large 3 bdrm, 2949 Wallace, washer-dryer, \$800 + sec dep., 312-225-3700.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — First Sunday of Advent

The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare for Christmas. Advent takes us back in time so that we may appreciate both the greatness of what we are heirs to, and the great blessings God has given us in Christ.

Today's first reading points to the First Coming of Christ, in Nazareth and Bethlehem. The Gospel deals with the Second Coming of Christ, which will happen at the end of time when Christ

comes in glory. We are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

We are living between the two comings of Christ. In the meantime how can we witness to Christ?

When we witness to truth, justice, love, and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to **truth** is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all

dealings. The way to witness to love is to act lovingly toward others. And the way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others.

In short, the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year, following in the footsteps of Christ. This season of Advent is a God-given chance to make a new beginning in our journey with Christ!

BAPTISMS

This weekend, St. Jerome's welcomes the baptismal entry into our faith community of:

Marina Koprcina,
the daughter of Zeljko & Nedjeljka (nee Dragusica) Koprcina and the Goddaughter of Nedilko & Jelica Simunic.

Isabella Marija Skinger,
the daughter of Alex & Monika (nee Simatic) Skinger and the Goddaughter of Charles Simatic and Scott & Amy Skinger.

*Congratulations to the family and friends,
and may God bless little Marina and Isabella.*

From Pope Benedict's lips to our ears:

The Vatican recently issued a question-and-answer format book that teaches the truth about Jesus & the Catholic Church.

Question: **How does Jesus teach us to pray?**

Answer: **Jesus teaches us to pray not only with [giving us the words to] the *Our Father* but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer:**

- **purity of heart** that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies;
- **bold and filial [son-like] faith** that goes beyond what we feel and understand; and
- **watchfulness** that protects the disciple from temptation.

Are you registered as a Parishioner of St. Jerome's?

As the new year approaches, it is a good time to come to the Rectory and register with our parish.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Waiting for us on the other side

A very sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a highly educated Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

As the doctor was holding the handle of the door, from the other side came a sound of scratching and whining. When the doctor opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's *never* been in this examination room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know *my* master is there, and that is enough."

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The passion we most need to feed
is our relationship to God."

**With the start of Advent,
a new church year begins:**

Have a blessed Church Year 2007!

Share the power and the passion.

TATIANA

in concert

Wednesday - 12/6/2006 - 7pm
St. Jerome Croatian Parish
2823 S. Princeton Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616
312.842.1871



Fill our church for this special
taped-for-television performance!

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AN EVENING YOU WILL NOT FORGET.

Thank you — **and thanks be to God** — for a great **Thanksgiving Food Drive!** 95 bags of donated food were given to the St. James Food Pantry and to the Pacific Garden Mission, which is a 30 percent increase over last year. Adding on to that was the \$368 gathered (mainly at our special Thanksgiving Mass) for their purchasing whatever food was needed by the poor. On behalf of the poor, both charity organizations gratefully acknowledged St. Jerome Parish's generosity! *Special thanks go to our **St. Jerome Youth Service Corps** for putting this food drive together.*

The Christmas Giving Tree is off to a good start!

To participate, take an ornament (or ornaments!) and then purchase the gift listed on the back of the ornament. This year we're helping out 10 specific families as well as toys for poor and/or sick children. If your ornament has a white label asking for a *wrapped* gift, please note the *early* due date of Dec. 10.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6 p.m.: All school children—pre-school through 8th grade—and all parishioners are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Mass for children, a beautiful and touching mass. We need many children to make this a success. Please pick up a flyer in the back of church if you would like your child to participate. (As always, there will also be a Midnight Christmas Eve Mass as well.)

FOOTBALL MANIA Winners for Week 12: 1st place - #1106; 2nd place - #2064; 3rd place tie - #694 & #901; 6th place tie - #3344 & #2408.

ATTENTION PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please come this Tuesday, Dec. 5, to the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Events in Advent

Friday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses on Friday will be at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 7 p.m.



Sunday, Dec. 10, Breakfast With Santa, in the St. Jerome School Hall from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, and \$3 for children. Pictures can be taken with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will also be a craft table, and raffle prizes.



Sponsored by the Home/School Association. For more information, please call Joan Wroblewski at 773-847-1866.

Sunday, Dec. 17, the Croatian school kids of Chicagoland will be performing at the Museum of Science & Industry's "Christmas Around the World" at 2:45 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. at St. Jerome's: Several priests will be here to hear Advent confessions.

Thursday, Dec. 21, St. Jerome School Mass & Christmas show, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Schedule: Children's Mass at 6 p.m.
Croatian and English Midnight Mass at 12.

~~Christmas Day Schedule: Usual Sunday Schedule.~~

Next Week's Second Collection:

Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests.

Your contribution benefits frail and elderly religious. Share in the care of those who

Test your Bible I.Q.:

Most of the books of the New Testament are "letters," which used to be called "epistles." Match the following saints to the number of letters written by them in the Bible.

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| A) St. John | 1) 13 letters |
| B) St. Jude | 2) 3 letters |
| C) St. Paul | 3) 2 letters |
| D) St. Peter | 4) 1 letter |
| E) St. Timothy | 5) Zero letters |

See the Bulletin next week for the answer!