

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 27, 2006**

7:30 A.M. Anđa i Anto Botić J. Ignjatović
Peggy Imbo Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday – Utorak, February 28, 2006

7:30 A.M. Emil Gembara Ross B. Valenti fam.
Barbara & Frank Wilkie family

**Wednesday – Srijeda, March 1, 2006
Ash Wednesday**

7:30 A.M. Mato Zeba Zorka Zeba
Ivan Babić Valeria Babić
Fred Siani wife

10:00 A.M. For Parishioners

7:00 P.M. Jerko Matulić family

Thursday – Četvrtak, March 2, 2006

7:30 A.M. Pero Zeba Zorka Zeba
Evelyn Miloslavich family

Friday – Petak, March 3, 2006

7:30 A.M. Mary Nardi Catherine & Nick Perisin
Stana Erceg Nevenka Soldo family
Na čast Gospi Zorka Zeba

Saturday – Subota, March 4, 2006

7:30 A.M. John Mikicich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Na odluku Vesna Krišto

5:30 P.M. Evelyn Miloslavich family
Dominic Scalfaro Mr. & Mrs. Robert Link
Mile Rak family
Deceased of John Mladinov family family

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 5, 2006

7:30 A.M. Evelyn Condich Mary Condić
Ed Vucinic nieces & nephews
Santo & Anna LoCasto Frank B.
Al & Millie Mucenski family

9:30 A.M. Frank Vulich Toni Zaninovich
Carmella, Carmen, & Tommy LaPapa daughter
Paul Krynski friend
Paul Stasiak family

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ivan Pavić Kata Pavić
Vinko Lišnić Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Biuk
Mary Alfirevich Fenlon family & friends
Josip i Marta Zdunić Ankica Došen
Josip Vuković Ankica Došen
Mate Morić ob. Rodić
Edward Vučinić ob. Škaro
Stipan Bajić Vanessa Bajić
Ivan Vuković Zdenko i Jadranka Hrvojević



Saturday, Mar. 4, 5:30 P.M. Michael Passarelli

Sunday, Mar. 5, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, Mar. 5, 9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS

Sunday, Mar. 5, 11:00 A.M. Marija Tokić, Antonia Jurković, Marina Barun



Sat., Mar. 4, 5:30 P.M. P. Nero, Racinowski, Raddatz

Sunday, Mar. 5, 7:30 A.M. Carrasco, Segvich

Sunday, Mar. 5, 9:30 A.M. Iglesias, M. Olague, S. Olague.

Sunday, Mar. 5, 11:00 A.M. D. Bajić, I. Jurković, K. Kristić, I. Babić, A. Barun

FOR RENT

- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312 671 2160
- ▶ Apt 28th/Princeton, Quiet 2 bdrm, clean, sunlight, non-smoking bldg. No pets. Central air/heat, stove top, oven, fridge incl. Free laundry facility in bldg. \$800 mo. plus 1 mo. sec. dep. Credit check & ref. a must. Leave message 9 AM-7 PM 312 501 0918. Ready March 1.
- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.

FOR SALE

- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302

WEEKLY MEDITATION—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The teaching of Jesus was new and exciting. He compared it to new wine that cannot be contained in old wineskins. The Gospel should be new for us every time we hear it. It would be a tragedy if it became old and stale.

Jesus spoke of his presence as being like the presence of the bridegroom among his guests at a wedding feast. That is not a time for fasting! It's a time for joyful celebrating, but he

said that a time for sorrow and fasting would come—when the bridegroom would be taken away. This was, of course, Jesus' thinly veiled hint at his passion and death.

So often we don't appreciate something until we lose it or it is taken away from us. If we try to appreciate people more, if we joyfully celebrate more with them, if we open our hearts more to them, then we will find that we are also

closer to God. The capacity for celebration is very important. We ought to live with joy, with some celebration. Our faith itself should be a cause of joy and celebration because it enables us to delight in God's greatest gift to us—the gift of existence. Such delight can be a source of tremendous energy.

Jesus restores the broken relationship between God and his people. This is certainly a cause for rejoicing!



Ash Wednesday: *the beginning of Lent, the Season of Penance*

The 40 days of Lent begin this Wednesday. Lent is the liturgical season of the year that invites us:

- to fast from food and worldly distractions,
- to do penance (for purifying and strengthening ourselves),
- to pray more frequently and more deeply,
- to do acts of love (especially the Lenten tradition of "almsgiving," or donating to the poor).

In these 40 days of fasting, penance, prayer and almsgiving, we ideally undergo a spiritual conversion to become better followers of Christ. Then as better followers, we can be closer to Jesus as we remember his suffering and death during Holy Week. We might truly feel in our hearts his suffering for the world. We might join our suffering with his — for the good of the world. And as followers, we also look forward to the Resurrection.

On Ash Wednesday there will be Masses, with the distribution of ashes: 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **days of fasting** when Catholics 18 to 59 years old are duty-bound to eat only one (meatless) full meal, and two small meals. Of course, expectant and nursing moms, as well as the sick, are **not** duty-bound.

On Fridays during Lent, Catholics 14 years old and older are duty-bound to eat no meat (fish is not a meat), and of course expectant and nursing moms and the sick are exempt. **Another Lenten practice for Fridays is praying the Stations of the Cross** in our church: our School has stations at 1:45 p.m. and our Parish has English stations at 7 p.m.

WISDOM'S CORNER

What should I eat?

One day a rich, but very pious man went to his rabbi and requested his blessing.

"Tell me," asked the rabbi, "do you eat well?"

"Oh, I live very modestly," the rich man answered, thinking that he would win the admiration of the rabbi. "My meals consist of a crust of dry bread and salt."

The rabbi was not impressed. "Why do you deny yourself food appropriate to a man of your wealth?"

"What should I eat?" he asked.

"You should eat meat and drink wine," the rabbi said.

When the rabbi's disciples heard the advice he had given to the rich man, they were puzzled. Turning to the rabbi they asked, "What's the meaning of this? What difference does it make whether the man eats bread and salt, or meat and wine?"

"Oh, it matters a great deal," said the rabbi. "If he lives well and eats as well as he can afford, then at least it will be possible for him to grasp the fact that the poor can dine only on a dry crust and salt, but if he denies himself all the pleasures of life, even if he does it out of piety, then he will soon begin to think that the poor ought to eat even worse."

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up."

Collection Weekend**This week's Annual
Catholic Appeal**

Today in our second collection, the Archdiocese of Chicago asks us to make a pledge to finance the systematic outreach of the Archdiocese to people in need. This financial sacrifice on our part is made for many good causes such as:

- grants & scholarships for low-income parish schools
- training catechists and other teachers of the Faith
- help for the poor locally and globally
- SPRED (Special Religious Education for the disabled)
- Project Rachel (healing for women after abortion)
- Natural Family Planning & Chastity/Abstinence programs

and many more such worthwhile projects. This once-a-year collection can be spread out over 5 monthly installments if that is a more convenient way for you to contribute to this campaign. (This year we as a parish are required to contribute 6% of our total yearly Sunday collections to this annual Catholic appeal.) *A generous response to this Collection Weekend will help us love needy neighbors as ourselves. Thank you and thanks be to God for your sacrifice.*

Our Deceased: Please pray for our former choir member Lucille Silich, who was buried this past week from our church. We extend our deep sympathy to her loved ones.

100th Anniversary of *Velika Gospa*

On August 15, 2006, Assumption Day (or "Velika Gospa" in Croatian), we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish's celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Sinj (or "Gospa Sinjska"). In preparation for this historic event, **we are gathering "Velika Gospa" memorabilia.** Please let us know of anything you might have that we could borrow such as **pictures, negatives, film, video, etc., particularly from the early years.** Any items or information would be appreciated!

The second Velika Gospa planning meeting is Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Small Hall. **All are welcome to come and discuss how to celebrate and make our 100th Anniversary special and uniquely memorable.**

A CAREGIVER IS AVAILABLE to give in-home assistance from Monday through Friday. For more information, call Carol Caputo at 773 254 8344.

The St. Jerome Marian Society is again hosting a **monthly luncheon for our parish** in the School Hall today, **Sunday, Feb. 26, at 12:30 p.m.** Please come and share the fellowship.

St. Jerome School's Open House

All new families interested in Pre-School through 8th Grade are invited to learn about our parish school at two Open House days: **Monday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and **Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

ANNUAL BAKALAR DINNER: Our parish's **Club Poljica** will hold its annual Bakalar Dinner in the St. Jerome School Hall **Saturday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets for this excellent dinner are \$50.00. Included with the Dalmatian fish specialty of "Bakalar" is great music and an open bar.

PREPARING FOR TAX TIME: If you need a statement of your contributions to St. Jerome Parish in the year 2005, please contact the parish office.

NEWS ON MASS INTENTIONS: The schedule of Mass intentions for **February, March & April** is **full.** Please take this into account when you want to schedule Mass intentions.

Give up excessive TV and excessive Commercial Radio for Lent! Replace it with positive, life-enhancing Media like **Catholic Relevant Radio 82 AM.** (It's in between News Radio 78 and WLS 89 on the AM dial.) Catholic Relevant Radio 82 is a way

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 180,396
February Donations Thus Far:	\$ 175
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!