

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 11, 2008
Our Lady of Lourdes, 150th Anniversary

7:30 a.m. Donna Byers
 Angie Modrich
 Na čast Bl. Alojziju Stepincu
 Na čast Sv. Anti

Katie Ferro
 Josephine Hanson
 ob. Bešlić
 Mato Tomić

Tuesday – Utorak, February 12, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich
 Marge & John Sobocan
 Na nakanu

Louis & Mary Scalise
 Chris & Matt Pesce
 Ljiljana Beritić

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 13, 2008

7:30 a.m. Iorio family
 Jeanne & Joe Zekich
 Christopher Mileta

family
 Perisin grandchildren
 Toni Alfirevich

7:00 p.m. Štefa Šego family

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 14, 2008

7:30 a.m. Connie Fratto
 Jean Zekich
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich
 Anthony Marcello
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje

Mary Fratto
 Chris & Matt Pesce
 Perisin grandchildren
 Marcello family
 John & Gen Botica

8:00 a.m. Pro populo Mass for schoolchildren

Friday – Petak, February 15, 2008

7:30 a.m. Biserka Marušić
 Toddy Wantroba
 Monda & Mondo Rizzo

ob. Tomica Marušić
 Juliana & Charles DiCaro
 Catherine & Nick Perisin

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Subota, February 16, 2008

7:30 a.m. Roman Miski M/M Matthew Babich

11:00 a.m. Mary Toddy Wantroba Memorial Mass

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski
 Carmen & Eva Butera
 Mike Iozzo
 Marie Balestri
 Anthony DeGrazia
 Joseph Bogetich
 Mary Plepel

Poulos family
 family
 Iozzo family
 family
 family
 children
 Dorothy Plepel

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 17, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić
 Rose Ratkovich Dudones
 Mary L. Aiello
 Jean Zekich

Duško
 Mary Fratto
 Theresa & Jane
 Chris & Matt Pesce
 Julie & Kevin Marcus

9:30 a.m. Joe Bozich
 Marty Miloslavich
 Mary Harzich
 Ann Sexauer
 Iva & Luka Majić

wife & family
 Michaelina & Jerry Considine
 Cathy Amato
 Rodriguez-Kozina family
 Majić family

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić
 Kata Draženović
 Michael Roscich
 Mila Tomić
 Tomislav Hostička
 Slavka Buškain
 Ilija i Dragica Golenac
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić
 Pok. iz ob. Ostojić
 Pok. iz ob. Kosir i Markotić
 Pok. iz ob. Jurilj
 Pok. iz ob. Žgela
 Na čast Sv. Anti
 Na nakanu
 Na nakanu

Pero Galić
 Mate i Mira Mulac
 family
 ob. Ivan i Iva Mišetić
 ujac Tomislav Lišnić sa ob.
 Sam i Joan Cuomo
 ob. Tomo i Marija Erkapić
 Duško
 Kathy i David Škaro
 ob. Božo Kosir
 ob. Ante i Anica Lončar
 Dragica i Lovro Rudman
 ob. Mato Tomić
 ob. Penavić
 Ivanka Planinić

Lectors

Sat., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m. Robert Cannatello Jr.
Sun., Feb. 17, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Feb. 17, 11:00 a.m. Mario Pehar, Davorka Toromanović, Mario Ivančić

Altar Servers

Sat., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, A. Insalaco, Mossman
Sun., Feb. 17, 7:30 a.m. Mangan, Wroblewski
Sun., Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m. Olague, Rudmin
Sun., Feb. 17, 11:00 a.m. D. Jureta, A. Rogić, M. Šego, D. Jureta, I. Jureta, M. Kosir

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► Vicinity 25th Place: 6-room apt., 3 bdrms. Enc. sun porch. Remodeled. Washer, dryer & fridge. 312-608-5947
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WEEKLY MEDITATION for the First Sunday of Lent

We have just begun Lent. When we think of Lent we think of penance. Most people undertake some penance for Lent. This is a good, worthwhile practice, but it is not a goal in itself.

What is the *purpose, the goal*, of penance? It is not meant to somehow undo the past—the past is permanent. Nor is it meant to somehow oblige God to erase our sins and



forgo the punishment we deserve for them.

One purpose of doing penance is to acknowledge that we are sinners! The second purpose of what we are doing is to express our desire to change our lives. The overall goal of penance is to reform a sinful way of life in order to live more like Jesus did.

When people prune a fruit tree,

they are not doing it to punish the tree, but to make it more fruitful. So, too, our penances have as their goal to lead us to a new and better life. It is a lot easier to undertake penances than to try to change sinful attitudes or habits. In order for our penance to bear fruit it must result in a sincere effort to change our lives. Lent provides us with a special opportunity to do that. The example of Jesus will encourage us. The love of Jesus will motivate us.

WISDOM'S CORNER

The Secret Weapon

This story is often told of the Devil. Once he was auctioning his weapons to those who were interested. Hate, greed, and lust were among those weapons on his counter, and many customers were lined up to make purchases.

Eventually someone noticed that he was keeping one weapon back and not even showing it for sale. This angered a number of potential buyers.

Finally, an interested spectator boldly asked about this particular weapon.

“Oh,” replied the Devil, “that is my favorite and most effective one.”

On closer inspection, it turned out this weapon carried the label “INDIFFERENCE”.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“If you don’t want the fruits of sin, stay out of the Devil’s orchard.”



Monday is the 150th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes on Feb. 11, 1858

St. Jerome’s Parish has long honored Our Lady of Lourdes, whose 150th anniversary we remember on Monday. Back in 1937 the young ladies of our Marian Congregation donated the money in the middle of the Great Depression to pay for a large stained-glass window of Our Lady of Lourdes, right next to our icon of Our Lady of Sinj.

Our window depicts Our Lady of Lourdes standing in her Grotto, a rose is on each of her feet, and the visionary, St. Bernadette Soubirous, is kneeling at

the left. The miraculous healing powers of the spring of water at Lourdes is well known. If you look carefully below the feet of Our Lady’s image, you will see the healing waters of the spring gushing forth.

Pope Benedict has permitted us to receive a Plenary Indulgence from Feb. 2 to Feb. 11 by visiting the blessed image of Our Lady of Lourdes in our church (an image which has been solemnly exposed for public veneration), praying a while and meditating piously, and, finally, concluding the visit to the image of Our Lady of Lourdes with the praying of the Our Father, the Apostles’ Creed, and the Hail Mary. In addition to these prayers, a person seeking a Plenary Indulgence should receive the Sacrament of Confession (within 8 days), Eucharistic Communion, and pray several prayers for the Pope’s intentions for February.

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As we remember St. Francis in our preparation for the 800th birthday of the Franciscans, we do well to recall Francis’s deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Before the image of Our Lady of Lourdes, we can repeat a prayer of Francis:

“Hail, holy Lady; Most holy Queen; Mary, Mother of God; Ever Virgin; Chosen by the most holy Father in heaven; Consecrated by Him; With His most holy beloved Son; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. On you descended and in you still remains; All the fullness of grace; and every good.” AMEN.

Lent is underway

The time of Lent is here, the time of preparation for Easter. The long tradition of Lenten observance goes back to the early church, the Fourth Century.

Throughout the centuries Christians have observed this time as sacred and essential for their spiritual journey. We are invited to participate in the blessedness of this time, to slow down our life, and to encounter depths of our soul.

We also invite you to join us to participate in the devotion of the **Way of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m. in our church.** This is a time to meditate on Christ's suffering and death and his sacrifice for us.



We remind you how Lent is a time for spiritual and physical exercise. We are called to daily Mass. We are called to the sacrament of confession. We are called to fast so that in fasting and self-denial we may grow spiritually. We wholeheartedly recommend *if your age and health allow it* to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Welcome, Brother Joe!



Brother Joseph Mioč, a Franciscan friar who was ordained a deacon in December, has joined Father Joe and Father Ivan in serving our parish. Brother Joe was born in Šujica in Hercegovina and is expected to be ordained as a priest this summer. We rejoice in his joining our parish!

Cardinal Stepinac's feast day is celebrated today. You are invited to the School Hall right after the 11 a.m. Mass for a short program and luncheon. Tickets available at the door.

A beautiful book (130 pages) was published on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of St. Jerome's Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School. This all-in-color book with many, many pictures of the past and present is available in the Rectory.



+ Frank 'Scully' Scalise

This Friday, February 8, our longtime parishioner Frank "Scully" Scalise passed away at the age of 87. His wake will be Monday from 12 noon to 9 p.m. at Coletta's at 544 W. 31st, and his funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in our church. We want to express our sympathy to his sons, Louis, Chuckie and Frank, their families, the grandchildren, and all of Scully's relatives and friends. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Gifts in memory of Jean Zekich: Our parish is grateful to **Leo and Virginia Perlow** for their donation (\$500.00) and to **James Madsen** for his donation (\$100.00), all in memory of our recently deceased parishioner Jean Zekich. *May God reward their generosity.*

Please remember in your prayers **Louis Cerino**, 85, who was buried from our parish recently, and **Sigismunda Rizzo**, a friend of our parish who passed away this past week. Please also pray for their families and friends as they mourn. *May the souls of Louis and Monda and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's peace.*

A Memorial Mass at St. Jerome's will be held for **MARY (TODDY) WANTROBA** this Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. Mary, age 83, was our faithful parishioner and recently passed away. *May she rest in peace!*

Las Vegas Raffle Winner: St. Jerome's School Board would like to thank all of those who participated in our raffle and made it a great success. Congratulations to our winner Betty March. Our school continues to thrive because of all your support.

Calling All Book Lovers! Join our monthly Book Club at St. Jerome's Small Hall every second Wednesday of the month. This Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7:00 p.m. we will be discussing *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. For more info, call Juliana at 312-791-1389.