

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 18, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Jean Zekich                      Mary & Tony Doria  
 Marty Miloslavich                      Arlis & Bernie Kelly  
 Mary Harzich                      Carol & Frano Marasovich  
 Kata Draženović                      Andrija i Zdenka Vasilj  
 Frank 'Scully' Scalise                      Catherine & Nick Perisin

**Tuesday – Utorak, February 19, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Mate Badrov                      ob. Jozo Badrov  
 Aiello fam., living & dec.                      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Mara & Stipan Budich                      daughter  
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje                      John & Gen Botica

**Wednesday – Srijeda, February 20, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Harzich                      Dee Dee Morrison  
 Toni Mucenski                      family  
 Monda & Mondo Rizzo                      Perisin grandchildren

**Thursday – Četvrtak, February 21, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Andrew Parachinni                      family  
 Toddy Wontroba                      Laura & John Perseghin  
 Evelyn Miloslavich                      family  
 Christopher Mileta                      Toni Alfirevich

**8:05 a.m.** Pro populo Mass with schoolchildren

**Friday – Petak, February 22, 2008  
 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**

**7:30 a.m.** Donna Byers                      Dolly Capinagro  
 Bruno Wisniewski                      Josephine Hanson  
 Mr. McCorquodale (health/God's blessings)                      Jon Weber

**7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday – Subota, February 23, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Joseph Pinotti                      family  
 Joe Cosentino                      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Mary Noonan                      Catherine & Nick Perisin

**5:30 p.m.** Frank Szatkowski                      Poulos family  
 Carmen & Eva Butera                      family  
 Frank & Connie Fratto                      Mary Fratto  
 Angie Modrich                      Bob & Kathy Cannatello  
 Rina Matković                      Nevenka Jurković  
 Thompson & Iozzo families                      Iozzo family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, February 24, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Mate Morić                      Ljubica Rogić i ob.  
 Carmen Belda                      family  
 Evelyn & Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić                      Duško  
 James Clementi                      Frank & Luanne Munizzi  
 Rose Capinegro                      Patricia & Charles Marino  
 Monda Rizzo                      Patricia & Charles Marino

**9:30 a.m.** Jean Zekich                      Bonnie DiCaro  
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich                      Bruno & Gail Bertucci  
 Mary Harzich                      Maria & Miriam Rodriguez  
 Catherine (Katie) Caruso                      Mamie & Frank Balestri  
 Francesco Munizza                      wife & children  
 Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Sinj                      Pete Pivac

**11:00 a.m. u spomen**

Ivan Kosić                      Katica i ob.  
 Steve Brajković                      ob. Jakelja  
 Kathy Uremović                      ob. Jakelja  
 Dominik Velčić                      sestre  
 Josip Lišnić                      Bože Guvo  
 Kata Draženović                      Vladimir i Barbara Papa  
 Slavka Buškain                      ob. Nevenka Badrov  
 Mate Morić                      ob. Jakelja  
 Danica Maroš                      ob. Rodriguez-Kozina  
 Josip Nagy (20th anniv.)                      ob. Stipe Tokić  
 Mariana Čubelić                      Anka Pervan  
 Stjepan i Ante Dukić                      ob. Petar i Ivanka Perić  
 Branimir Mikulić                      sestra Ljubica Rogić i ob.  
 Pok. iz ob. Milković                      ob. Milković  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić                      Duško  
 Na nakanu                      Ivanka Planinić

**Lectors**

**Sat., Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m.** Robert Bazan  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 11:00 a.m.** Darko Grgić, Petar  
 Dušević, Anita Kosir

**Altar Servers**

**Sat., Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m.** M. Meo, R. Meo, Racinowski  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 7:30 a.m.** Nowacki, Passi  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m.** LoCoco, Olague, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Feb. 24, 11:00 a.m.** D. Paraga, M. Golub, M.  
 Kikaš, I. Jurković, K. Cikoch, D. Jurković, D. Grgić

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday of Lent

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent we hear in the Gospel about the *Transfiguration of Jesus*.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain and gave them a glimpse at the glory that would follow all of the suffering that he would undergo. His face shone and his clothes became dazzlingly white. For just one moment, Jesus showed



them what he would look like after his Resurrection.

We tend to focus on repentance and fasting during Lent. We speak about bearing our cross or about the discipline of self-denial. This battle against our selfishness is appropriate, yet we also need to have our eyes lifted up from time to time. We too need to see Jesus risen in tri-

umph and transformed in glory.

Through his Transfiguration, Jesus wants to also help us see our own future, when we will live with him in glory, no longer weighed down by sin but lifted up by the Holy Spirit.

We are made in the image of God. However, when sin tarnishes that image, we must turn to the Lord for the help we need to transfigure our own lives by the practice of virtue. We are truly at our best when we are good.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Triumph after darkness

All of her life, Sarah had dreamed of becoming great actress. She had worked and studied toward that goal, and at last she had realized her ambition. She scored a dramatic triumph as Lady Macbeth and was hailed as a great actress. Then a devastating illness made her an invalid. For three years she did little except lie in her bed and read. She also wrote poems.

One day her pastor came to visit and found Sarah feeling sorry for herself. He quietly took her Bible from the shelf and opened it to the story of Jacob's vision of a ladder extending into heaven.

Immediately, Sarah saw the parallel to her own life. She saw the darkness, the dream, the awakening, the sunshine, the triumph, the joy. She saw that each step of her suffering and affliction was a step that could bring her nearer to heaven, nearer to God. Almost without effort, she wrote all afternoon. The poem she produced became one of the world's most beloved hymns: "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Sin disfigures us;  
virtue transfigures us."

## Franciscan Friars: 1209-2009, and beyond...

Continuing our gradual look at the Franciscan Friars as they approach their 800th birthday as a Religious Order, we focus our attention on the life of the man who started it all:

### St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).

*Francis follows Jesus and suddenly others begin to follow Francis: The first Franciscans* (a continuation)

For two years, Francis had been shaping himself to follow Jesus more and more closely. Jesus went from town to town preaching repentance. So did Francis. Jesus cared for the poor, especially lepers. So did Francis. Jesus made Himself poor in the things of earth, focusing on the things of heaven. So did 27-year-old Francis. And just as men followed Jesus, men began to follow Francis.

These were the first Franciscans — 800 years ago. In 2008, worldwide the Franciscan friars number in the tens of thousands, including three Franciscan friars in St. Jerome Parish: Father Joe, Father Ivan and our new deacon, Brother Joe. Clearly many want to follow Francis because Francis followed Jesus so well.

The first man to follow Francis was Bernard (of Quintavalle), a well-to-do resident of the town of Assisi. The second was Peter (of Cattaneo), a well-known cleric in the Cathedral of Assisi. With two followers, Francis faced a dilemma: What was he to do with them? Full of religious enthusiasm and holiness, Francis opened the book of the Gospels three times. Every time it



opened to Jesus' telling His disciples to leave all earthly things behind in order to follow Him. The message was clear to Francis: he took his two followers to the public square of Assisi, where they gave away their possessions to the poor. Then they put on rough habits like the one Francis wore, and they built huts next to Francis's hut near the humble church of St. Mary of the Angels. Soon more would join these first two followers... *(To be continued...)*

## Does it seem to you that Lent & Easter are really EARLY this year? They are!

- ▶ In 2008, Easter Sunday is **March 23**.
- ▶ The last time Easter was on March 23 was in **1913** (which was the first Easter celebrated by St. Jerome's Parish!)
- ▶ The next time Easter will be March 23 is in **2160!**
- ▶ For most of us, this is a **once in a lifetime** experience, to have Easter so early.
- ▶ The earliest that Easter can ever come is **March 22**, but not until the year **2285** will that happen again. (And the most recent Easter on March 22 was in **1818**.)

**Come join us for the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m. in our church.** If you cannot make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to see the holy sites of Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection, come to meditate spiritually upon these sites and events through the ancient devotion of the Way of the Cross.



**Bakalar Dinner:** Come to Club Poljica's annual Saturday night Bakalar Dinner this **March 1st**. Enjoy excellent Bakalar, other excellent fish entrees, and excellent music and company in the St. Jerome School Hall. Get your tickets before they are sold out.

## St. Jerome School's \$13,000 RAFFLE

This Palm Sunday, March 16, St. Jerome School will have a Raffle drawing with \$13,000 in cash prizes at 12:30 p.m. in the School Hall.

**1st prize - \$10,000.00**

**2nd prize & 3rd prize - \$1,000.00 each**

**4th prize & 5th prize - \$500.00 each.**

Cost is \$100.00 per ticket. Only 250 tickets sold. For more information, call Cathi Wilkie - 312-808-0641 or Joan Wroblewski - 773-847-1866. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory or the School office.

## Congratulations to parishioners doing well in high school!

**KRISTINA MOSSMAN** received Honors with Distinction in the First Semester at St. Ignatius high school.

**BRIANNA BABICH** made the Honor Roll at Trinity high school.

**If you would like to register your child at St. Jerome School**, please complete the one-page form in the back of the church. If you have any questions, call the School Office at 312-842-7668.

## Letter from Cardinal George about next week's Second Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his first encyclical, *God Is Love*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Love is the light – and in the end, the only light – that can illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to continue living and working".

By supporting the **Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, Catholics from the Archdiocese of Chicago and throughout the United States can illuminate a part of the world that for decades has been dominated by communism. Through our compassionate and generous contributions to this endeavor, we can help to bring the light of Christ's love to distant places in need of fully trained catechists, youth ministers and reconstructed worship centers.

Thank you for supporting Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe through this collection. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we strive to live with a sense of solidarity for the needs of others within our parishes, our Archdiocese and throughout the Universal Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.*  
Archbishop of Chicago

**Get a free health screening** at Mercy Hospital, **this Thursday** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Room 203/204 at 2525 S. Michigan Ave. Includes blood pressure, cholesterol and more. No appointment required. Call 312-567-6700 for more.



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

## *DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE* Refresh your soul through reconciliation — God's Mercy will be known

Fr. Philip Pavich, OFM, will be the Spiritual Director and Retreat Master for an April 17 to 27, 2008 retreat in Poland. Visit the church where St. Faustina was baptized. See the Miraculous Icon of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa. Space is limited, so please contact as soon as possible: Jackie Sigur 504-834-2076, or Donna Bodin 504-821-5135, or email [triretreat@cox.net](mailto:triretreat@cox.net)