

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 25, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Marty Miloslavich Mary & Tony Doria
 Donna Byers Jane Pivac & Theresa Scoporasa
 Dinko Buskajin ob. Nevenka Badrov

Tuesday – Utorak, February 26, 2008

7:30 a.m. Michael Wilkie Mary Fratto
 Štefa Šego Jan & Rich Ferro
 Lorraine Pascente Cortez Marino family

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 27, 2008

7:30 a.m. Josip Nagy ob. Rodić
 Angie Modrich Jacob Modrich
 Margaret Marcello Pace family

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. Barbara Wilkie family
 Rose Capinegro Mary Fratto
 Sigismunda Rizzo Cathy Amato

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

Friday – Petak, February 29, 2008

7:30 a.m. Rose Capinegro Marion
 Sr. Bernardine Čondić Mary Fratto
 Christopher Mileta Toni Alfirevich
 Na nakanu Duško

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Subota, March 1, 2008

7:30 a.m. Pero Marić Stojan Maslač
 Mary Harzich Carol & Frano Marasovich
 Louis Cerino Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski Poulos family
 Andrija Mrzljak Mary Fratto
 Catherine (Katie) Caruso Gene & Lynn Gazzi
 Manuel Zeledon family, living & deceased Mondo

Sunday – Nedjelja, March 2, 2008

7:30 a.m. Al & Millie Mucenski family
 Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić Duško

9:30 a.m. Evelyn Miloslavich family
 Carmen Tadeo Majić family
 Theresa Mandl family
 Mary Harzich Maria & Miriam Rodriguez
 Carmen, Carmella & Tommy LaPapa daughter
 Rose Capinegro Patricia & Andy Sperando
 Bruno Wisniewski Bonnie DiCaro
 Jeanne Zekich Juliana Perisin & Charles DiCaro
 Catherine (Katie) Caruso Mamie & Frank Balestri

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ivan Pavić (25th anniv.) Kata Pavić
 Josip Lišnić Anton Hostička
 Kata Draženović Anton Hostička
 Danica Maroš ob. Rodriguez-Kozina
 Ana Vlaičević ob. Kikaš
 Mate i Dragojka Badrov ob. Badrov
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
 Pok. iz ob. Mora David i Kathy Škaro
 Pok. iz ob. Majerović ob. Milković
 Pok. iz ob. Perić ob. Petar Perić
 Na nakanu ob. Blago i Ivanka Planinić

Lectors

Sat., March 1, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar
Sun., March 2, 7:30 a.m. Rosemary Brcich
Sun., March 2, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., March 2, 11:00 a.m. Zrinka Jureta, Ana Ivezic, Milan Žolo

Altar Servers

Sat., March 1, 5:30 p.m. M. Rubio, L. Rubio, Wilkie
Sun., March 2, 7:30 a.m. Babich, Wilkie
Sun., March 2, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, Mangan, Passi
Sun., March 2, 11:00 a.m. **Ante Kraljević, Adriana Kraljević, A. Kosić, M. Kosić, T. Čuvalo, S. Ivezic**

For Rent:

- ▶ Vicinity 25th Place: 6-room apt., 3 bdrms. Enc. sun porch. Remodeled. Washer, dryer & fridge. 312-608-5947
- ▶ 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.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Third Sunday of Lent

A poor woman came to a well to draw water in today's Gospel reading. She was an unhappy woman, an outcast in her community. She knew there was something missing in her life. Married five times, and she still hadn't found what she was looking for.



At the well she met Jesus. Ultimately, she was looking for God, and Jesus, truly God and truly human, was the one person who could give her what she needed. As a result of her encounter with Jesus, she went away greatly enriched. Yet he didn't give her anything. He asked something from her. He conveyed to her a sense

of her own worth and dignity. She underwent an extraordinary inner transformation.

Christ makes this same type of transformation possible for each of us. He meets us where we are. He knows our deepest thirst—the thirst of the heart, which ultimately only God can quench. For this deepest thirst we need another kind of “water.” This water is available to all. It's God's Love.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Finding our well

Once there was a woman who had to make a long, daily trip to draw water from a public well.

Then one day she was doing some work in her garden when in a remote corner she came upon a moss-covered stone lying on the ground. Her curiosity was peaked. She cleared away the moss, then removed the stone to discover a well. She was thrilled. Hopefully this well would save her the exhausting daily journey to the public well!

Each of us is a little like that woman. We are thirsting for something that will satisfy all our longings, but often we exhaustively search in the wrong places. We exhaust ourselves trying to draw water from many different wells:

- the well of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;
- the well of success to quench our thirst for importance;
- the well of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy

...but we still get thirsty. God alone can quench our thirst. Only God's well can sustain us on our pilgrim journey here on earth.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“One of the best things we can do for others is not just to give them of our wealth, but to show them their own .”

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).

The first Franciscans get organized (a continuation)

A few days after the first two followers of St. Francis gave away all their belongings to the poor and adopted the humble lifestyle of Francis, the third follower appeared: a farmer from Assisi, Giles. (800 years later, Giles is now “Blessed Giles of Assisi.”)

With these three followers and himself, Francis decided they should go preaching repentance two by two, just as the Gospels described the disciples of Christ going out two by two to preach repentance. These first four Franciscans made such an impression by their words and behavior that before long several other disciples grouped themselves round Francis eager to share his poverty, among them being Sabatinus, Moricus, John of Capella (who would later fall away), Philip the Long, and four others of whom we know only the names, making a total of 11 followers.

With a dozen Franciscans (including himself), Francis saw a growing need for some organization, a need for some written policy, a need for some rules and regulations. Among Catholic religious organizations there is a long tradition of writing a “Rule”



– a set of principles and rules that guide the lives of the religious organization's members. The most famous Rule is the “Rule of St. Benedict,” written about the year 530 by St. Benedict. But that Rule was for monks living in gigantic monasteries, and Francis needed a very different Rule for friars who lived in tiny huts and went about from village to village preaching and begging.

Given that the Gospels had inspired Francis's way of following Jesus, Francis's earliest Rule was most likely words to the effect:

“We shall observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, living in obedience without anything of our own, and in chastity.”

... (To be continued...)



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.

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.

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.

Connie's Pizza Night benefiting St. Jerome's School is **this Monday Night, 4 to 11 p.m.** Pick up coupons in the back of church, or simply mention at the restaurant that you want to benefit St. Jerome's School, and the school will receive 10 per cent of your dinner check.

Bakalar Dinner: Come to Club Poljica's annual Saturday night Bakalar Dinner **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.

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

Thank you

St. Jerome parish is very grateful to one of our parishioners for a generous gift of \$52,709.97, an anonymous gift received from decedent's estate. Please keep this benefactor in your prayers. Again, we are very grateful. May the Lord bless all the generous contributors of the St. Jerome parish family.

This weekend's second collection:

Help the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

By supporting the Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics from Chicago can help Catholics who for decades were dominated by atheistic communist governments which tried to extinguish the faith and Church. Through our compassionate and generous contributions, we can help train catechists, youth ministers and build and rebuild churches.

A new St. Jerome group is being founded Wednesday:

"ON THE TOWN" club to have first meeting

Anyone interested in joining a group from St. Jerome's going to plays, concerts, exhibits, or anything else we can go to have a good evening with friends, please join us as we start to plan. Our meeting will be this Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the small hall behind the church. If you have any questions, please call Jan Ferro at 312-225-9751. *Hope to see you then.*

Congratulations to our St. Jerome School grad inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

On February 13, a 1978 graduate from St. Jerome's School, **Michelle Hanson**, was the first woman to be inducted into the St. Ignatius Athletic Hall of Fame. At St. Ignatius, Michelle was captain of the Varsity Volleyball team and a track star as well, especially in the high jump. When she graduated in 1982, she was the first female to be named as St. Ignatius's Athlete of the Year. Michelle then became a starter for four years on Boston College's volleyball team. *Congratulations to Michelle and to her mom, Josephine Hanson. May Michelle always use her God-given abilities for the greater glory of God!*

St. Joseph Table at Santa Lucia's

Santa Maria Incornata-Santa Lucia Church invites you to a St. Joseph's Table feast **Sunday, March 9, noon to 3 p.m.**, in the School Hall, located at 3017 S. Wells. *The St. Joseph Novena will be Tuesday, March 4 to Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.*