

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 4, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Rose Capinegro Marion
Augustine Salamone daughter Frannie
Danica Maroš Louis & Mary Scalise
Katherine Jasas Bernice Tobar

Tuesday – Utorak, February 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mrs. Riley Giggie
Angie Modrich Josephine Hanson
Za zdravlje Ive Utrobičić Duško

Ash Wednesday – Srijeda, February 6, 2008

7:30 a.m. Angie Modrich Kay Catanzara
Joe & Jeanne Zekich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Toddy Wantroba Catherine & Nick Perisin

9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass with children

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday evening Mass

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 7, 2008

7:30 a.m. Donna Byers Dan & Theresa Bujas
Janette & Jim Lurgio family
Deceased of Sobocan family Chris & Matt Pesce

Friday – Petak, February 8, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Josephine Hanson
Claire Narel family
Duše u čistilištu Zdenka Barun

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday – Subota, February 9, 2008

7:30 a.m. Rose Capinegro Ann Contino
Bruno & Josephine Roti Geri & Annette
Na čast Gospi Marija

5:30 p.m. Frank Szatkowski Poulos family
Carmen & Eva Butera family
Nicolo Trovato family Rosemary
Chester Brodlo children
Edward Chapas Rodriguez-Kozina family
Angie Modrich Bob & Kathy Cannatello

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 10, 2008

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić Mary Condic
Mary & Evelyn Miloslavich Bruno & Gail Bertucci
Dec. of Kraslen family Kraslen family
Dec. of Bozinovich family Bob

9:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Martin & John Harzich
Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa daughter
Stacy Rosten-McDarrah Mark Gusich
Carol Herrera family
Bruno Wisniewski Jeanine
Williamae Versetto James Bertucci family
Intentions of Jan Zekich Peter & Connie Polacek

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Tomo Erkapić i ob.
Kata Draženović ob. Ivan Buntić
Dominik Velčić sestre
Milka Grašić ob. Franjo i Kate Mulac
Mile Lovrić obitelj
Grgo i Milica Bilonić unuke Ljubica McCartney i Ankica Brčić
Tomislav Hostička ob. Hostička
Mara i Ivo Đebro ob. Ivane Đebre
Iva Knezović ob. Božo Kosir
Slavka Buškain sestra Zdenka Sičić
Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. iz ob. Rudman Lovro i Dragica Rudman

Lectors

Sat., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro
Sun., Feb. 10, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce
Sun., Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. Giggie Cortese
Sun., Feb. 10, 11:00 a.m. Djeca Hrvatske škole

Altar Servers

Sat., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m. Babich, Bova, Wilkie
Sun., Feb. 10, 7:30 a.m. Olague, Racinowski
Sun., Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. Balazs, Nowacki, Passi
Sun., Feb. 10, 11:00 a.m. O. Paraga, S. Adjaip, I. Babić, A. Barun, M. Brajković, E. Ljevar

For Rent:

► 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.

► 29th & Shields area, newly remdd 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.

► Vicinity Canal & 30th: 2nd floor, 2-bdrm + fam. rm w/deck, sep. LR & DR, large kitchen, garage included, AC. \$950. 312-315-3583/773-775-7541

For Sale: 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773-704-7302.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading it is not starvation and misery that are being blessed—these are extremely bad things. What is being blessed is a person who relies on God. Those who know their need of God, and who live life as he would have them live it, are truly blessed. They are the most fortunate people in the world. God gives them what they need.

Only God can fill our emptiness. Only God can satisfy the hunger of our

hearts. Those who put their trust in human things always be disappointed in the end; those who put their trust in God will not.

The Beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ. They make us rich in the sight of God. They open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging. They give us a whole new set of bear-



ings. The things the beatitudes stand for are beautiful and precious: peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, and integrity.

A person who lives according to the Beatitudes is living in accord with the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will be the full blossoming of a plant that is already green with life.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Grateful for a hand

It was the day before Thanksgiving. Sister Patricia told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys and food.

David was her true child of misery, so scrubby and lonely, so much in need of help, so likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. David's drawing was simply a hand.

"I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer's hand," said another, "because they grow the turkeys." David looked up, but said nothing.

Sister had almost forgotten David in her pleasure at finding the class so interested in their work, but later that day she remembered David's simple artwork. She went over to his desk and quietly asked him whose hand it was. Little David looked solemnly into her eyes and answered, "It's yours, Sister."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"In seeing the light of your goodness,
others find their way."**

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 Gospel poverty (a continuation)

For two years, Francis had been following God's Will, repairing 3 churches, rebuilding his own life, and serving the poorest of the poor, lepers, with his whole heart. He was doing all of this on his own for the most part. His charity was great, but so was his need for further guidance from God. Francis was 27.

On a certain morning in 1208, probably February 24, Francis was at Mass in the chapel of St. Mary of the Angels, a church he had rebuilt and close to which he had then built himself a hut. The Gospel of the day told how the disciples of Christ were to possess neither gold nor silver for their journey, nor two tunics, nor shoes, nor a staff, and that announcing the Kingdom of God, they were to exhort sinners to repent.

Francis was moved to take these words as spoken directly to himself, and as soon as Mass was over, he threw away what little he still possessed of the world's goods: his shoes, cloak, pilgrim staff, and empty wallet. At last, he cried out, he had found his Vocation! Having obtained a coarse woolen tunic, which were worn at that time by the poorest of the peasants in the Umbrian region, and tying it around



Francis's
poor clothes
in a museum

himself with a knotted rope, Francis went forth at once exhorting the people of the countryside to penance, brotherly love, and peace. The people of his home village of Assisi had already stopped mocking saintly and charitable Francis. Now they were amazed: people were now beginning to follow Francis's unusual example...

(To be continued...)

Lent begins Wednesday

Dear parishioners,

The time of Lent is coming, the time of preparation for Easter. The long tradition of Lenten observance goes back to the early church, the Fourth Century. Since then the faithful have been receiving ashes as a sign of penance at the beginning of the season of Lent, on Ash Wednesday. 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.

St. Jerome will begin the observance of Lent on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, with the celebration of Holy Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (children's Mass) and the evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

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 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.



Don't Miss Enjoying the 35th Anniversary Concert!

A week from today, St. Jerome's "Cardinal Stepinac" Croatian School will be celebrating 35 years of successful education and promoting Croatian culture and language. In honor of this anniversary, we invite you to join our celebration by attending **our 35th Anniversary Concert**, which will be held on **Sat., Feb. 9, at 5 p.m.** in the University of Illinois-Chicago's new **Forum theater, (725 W. Roosevelt Rd.)** at Roosevelt & Halsted. Parking is available.

In addition to our Croatian School children, we will have several local performance groups, and one group coming all the way from Los Angeles.

Obtain your \$20 tickets at the rectory or from parents. Children's tickets \$10.00. After the concert at the Forum, we will continue our celebrating late into the night in St. Jerome's School Hall, with food and with entertainment, provided by the famous Canadian group **VIS Croate**.

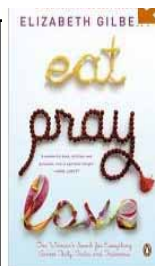
Come enjoy an evening at the Forum to remember! And bring your friends and family to this major event in a grand setting!

A Memorial Mass at St. Jerome's will be held for **MARY (TODDY) WANTROBA** on 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 "Getaway" Raffle drawing will be held Monday: St. Jerome School is raffling a 4 day-3 night trip for 2 to Las Vegas! Donation \$10.

Support our school with Super Bingo: Join us Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. sharp in our parish hall for SUPER BINGO. Have fun playing special games: win \$200 at the Special B&O, \$500 at the Special Picture Frame, \$200 at the Special Y Game, \$150 at the Special T Game, and the Coverall winner takes home \$500.

Congratulations to our children doing exceptionally well in High School:
Brian and Vincent Kenny (St. Ignatius) Honors with Distinction for first semester; **Annette Nowacki, Nancy Babic** and **Elena Bilonic** (Queen of Peace) A Honor Roll, 2nd quarter.



Calling All Book Lovers! And All Food Lovers, Prayer Lovers & Lovers of Life!

Join our monthly Book Club at St. Jerome's Small Hall every second Wednesday of the month. This month, Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. we will be discussing *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. For more info, call Juliana at 312-791-1389.