

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 14, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Ivan Badrov ob. Nevenka Badrov  
 Diane Bozich Nick & Catherine Perisin  
 Mary Harzich Marian Segvich  
 Peter Georgelos (health) grandmother

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 15, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Dominik Velčić sestre  
 Biserka Marusić ob. Tomica Marusić  
 Josip Lišnić ob. Pudar  
 Cvijeta Maslač Stojan Maslač  
 Hon. Michael A. Bilandic Jan Zekich  
 Dec. of Dengler family Gene & Emily Dengler

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 16, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Lew Costello Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Harry Lucarelli daughter Vonnice  
 Ivan Ivanko Vesna Krišto  
 Marijan Lerotić Ivanka Šušnjara i obitelj

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 17, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Joe Bozich wife & family  
 Augustine Salamone daughter Frannie  
 Rose Marasovich family  
 All holy souls in purgatory John Bogovic

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

**Friday – Petak, January 18, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Mike Mišura Rodich family  
 Intentions of Marian Segvich Louzon family

**Saturday – Subota, January 19, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.**  
 Marty & Evelyn Miloslavich Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Pauline & Vince DiNardo Catherine & Nick Perisin

**5:30 p.m.** Mary Harzich Mary Fratto  
 Frank Szatkowski Horwath family  
 Carmen & Eva Butera family  
 Mike Iozzo Iozzo family  
 Carlos Iglesias Wilkie family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 20, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić John & Gen Botica  
 Dominick & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce  
 John Vitkovic Sr. Ann Contino

**9:30 a.m.** Donna Byers Vonni Mangiaracina  
 Martin & Evelyn Miloslavich Patricia & Andy Sperando  
 Mary Harzich Giggie  
 Rose Dudones Mossman family  
 For intentions of J. Zekich P. & C. Polacek

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

Josip Lišnić Zdenko Čuljak  
 Milan Rotar obitelj  
 Gloria Mikell Ljubica Jukić  
 Kata Draženović Mile Čop  
 Milka Grašić John i Sofija Pastuovich  
 Ivica Pleš ob. Kata Žigniće  
 Mara Đebro ob. Pero Đebro  
 Fra Ljubo Čuvalo ob. Ivan i Iva Mišetić  
 Fra Mladen Čuvalo ob. Ivan i Iva Mišetić  
 Žarko Ostojić (anniv.) Anica Ostojić  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško  
 Pok. iz ob. Pehar Anica Ostojić

**Lectors**

**Sat., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m.** Joseph Magyar  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 7:30 a.m.** Mary Vujic  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m.** Domingo Rodriguez  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 11:00 a.m.** Andjela Bajić, Mate  
 Žaper, Antonia Kraljević

**Altar Servers**

**Sat., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m.** Insalaco, C. Garcia, S. Garcia  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 7:30 a.m.** L. Rubio, M. Rubio  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m.** Mangan, Nowacki, Wroblewski  
**Sun., Jan. 20, 11:00 a.m.** D. Jureta, A. Rogić, M. Šego,  
 I. Jureta, M. Kosir

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## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Baptism of the Lord

When St. John the Baptizer baptized people, it was a call to those who were conscious of their sinfulness and wanted to repent. Jesus was no sinner. He obviously did not need repentance. So why did he submit himself to baptism?

Jesus wanted to show solidarity with us, the people he had come to help.



By being baptized he was identifying with us sinners. Indeed, on the Cross he would save us sinners. The Father approved of what he was doing, and showed this in a visible manner by sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

What Jesus did that day at the Jordan River was to be repeated often in his

public ministry. He would not keep himself apart from sinners. He would not wait for them to come to him. He would seek them out and go among them. He would befriend them. He would welcome the lost and invite them to repent.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism. God calls each of us by name, and the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts because we too are called to participate in the saving work of Jesus.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### I am with you

When leprosy broke out among the people of the Hawaiian Islands in the middle of the 1800s, the authorities responded by establishing a leper colony on the remote island of Molokai. The colony was mandatory: victims were snatched by force from their families and sent to this island to perish.

Moved by their terrible plight, a young Belgian priest, Father Damien, asked to be allowed to minister to them. Straightaway he realized that there was only one effective way to do this: go and live among them.



Having received permission, he went. At first he tried to minister to them while maintaining a certain distance, but he soon realized that he had to live among them in order to gain their trust. As a result he contracted leprosy himself.

The reaction of the lepers was immediate and wholehearted. They embraced him and took him to their hearts. The lepers now had someone who could talk with authority about leprosy, about brokenness, about rejection and public shame. There was no longer any need to keep his distance. He was now one of them.

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**“Baptism is like the planting of a seed.  
It will take a lifetime for this seed  
to grow and ripen.”**

## 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 entirely converts his life* (a continuation)

In 1206, at the age of 25, young Francis of Assisi had solemnly embraced a life of poverty — totally surrendering all worldly goods, honors, and privileges. The bishop of Assisi sensed that Francis's motivations were good, and the bishop had his servants provide Francis with an old tunic to wear after Francis surrendered to his father everything he had received from his father, even the clothes he was wearing.

Francis left Assisi at this point and wandered in the hills around his town. He would make up hymns and sing them to God. He would be attacked by robbers. He would work and pray in a nearby Benedictine monastery, doing menial work in the kitchen. He served the needs of lepers on the margins of the nearby town of Gubbio. At Gubbio, a friend gave Francis a cloak, a belt, and the staff of a pilgrim. Francis now looked and acted like a hermit. These months away from Assisi were an intense period of spiritual formation during which Francis essentially completed his conversion process.

At last, Francis was ready to return to Assisi and to his postponed God-given mission of rebuilding the crumbling chapel of St. Damian's — the chapel in which he had miraculously heard the Crucifix say to him: **“Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.”**

Dressed as a hermit, Francis went all over Assisi begging for stones to repair St. Damian's. These stones he carried to the old chapel, set in place himself, and so at length rebuilt St. Damian's. But his God-given mission was not complete....

*(To be continued...)*





## The 2008 Archdiocesan 'Annual Catholic Appeal' begins

*'The Lord is my light...' — Psalm 27*

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2008 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We invite you to make a thoughtful and heartfelt response to that mailing.

Your financial support is important. The success of the Appeal depends upon the gifts given by each

of us to support our Archdiocese. Each of our gifts enables our parishioners to reach far beyond our parish boundaries. They bring the light of Christ to many who are served through education, ministry and services provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$17,661, 100% of the additional funds received are returned to us for use in our parish.

*Please answer the Cardinal's request and make a generous pledge.*

### A special anniversary

St. Jerome's "Cardinal Stepinac" Croatian School is celebrating 35 years of successful education. Our school has proudly promoted Croatian traditions, culture, language and folklore. In honor of this anniversary, we invite you to join our celebration by attending **our concert**, which will be held on **Saturday, February 9**. In addition to our Croatian school children, we will have several local guest performance groups, as well as a group from Los Angeles.

### St. Jerome School news

#### Have fun seeing 'Late Nite Catechism 2'

Be transported back to your grade school days and have an evening of hearty laughs as this one-Sister comedy show comes to St. Jerome's school hall on Sat., Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30 in advance from school office or Jan (at 312-225-9751). \$40 at door. Doors open 6:30. Light refreshments served, along with a Cash bar.

**Super Bingo has arrived!** Join us on Tuesday, at 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. Bring your friends, have fun and support our parish school! For more, see the sheets in the back of the Church.

**Catholic School Week activity:** After the Jan. 26 Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m., visit our Parish School to enjoy seeing many student projects which display the quality of our Catholic school. Refreshments provided.

**St. Jerome Open House Tues., Jan. 29:** Open House will occur from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Enrollment for 2008-2009 is open. Check out the school's website at [www.stjeromeschool.net](http://www.stjeromeschool.net) for more.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED:

—**Our parishioner Danica Maroš**, 89, attended Croatian Mass as always last Sunday and passed away peacefully that evening. We extend our sympathy and prayers to her family and many friends at this time of mourning.

—**Angeline (nee Botica) Modrich**, 83, was buried from our church recently after passing away in Arizona. Our prayers and sympathy go out to her entire family, and in a special way to her sister and our parishioner, Lucy Munizzi.

—**Rose (nee Roti) Capinegro**, 85, recently had her funeral in our church. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family, and especially to her sister and our parishioner, Marion Roti.

### AN INTERESTING LECTURE

On Sunday, January 27, 12:30 p.m., at the upper small hall, behind St. Jerome's church, Prof. Ante Cuvalo, Ph.D. will give a presentation on the history of the **Croatians in Chicagoland at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**. Croats have been an integral part of this great city of ours, but not much has been written about the history of our community. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some interesting facts about our past. As a side treat, he will present a few interesting statistics from the history of our St. Jerome Parish. This presentation is sponsored by the Chicago branch of the Croatian cultural society Napredak.

**Your 2007 St. Jerome Donation Statements** are being mailed. Let us know of any mistakes in your name, address, or donation amounts. We are deeply grateful for your support for the needs of our parish!

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