

**MASS INTENTIONS**
**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 21, 2008**  
**St. Agnes – Sv. Agata**

**7:30 a.m.** Anthony Segvich Marian Segvich  
 Mary Ann Haerle Marian Segvich  
 Jonas Jasas Bernice Tobar

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 22, 2008**  
**U.S. day of penance for violations of human dignity,**  
**especially by abortions**

**7:30 a.m.** Marty & Evelyn Cookie & Ann  
 Rosa Teresa Scumaci Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Bruno Roti Marion

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 23, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Donna Byers Carm Locasto  
 Mary Harzich Josephine Hanson  
 Katy Morano Marion

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 24, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Steven Brajković ob. Brajković  
 Slavka Buškain ob. Nevenka Badrov  
 Na nakanu ob. Vesna Krišto  
 Special Intention Diane Krolo

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

**Friday – Petak, January 25, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Paul Grubisic Cabo John & Gen Botica  
 Luka Botica John & Gen Botica  
 Frank Polacek John & Gen Botica  
 Jane Baker niece Vonnie

**Saturday – Subota, January 26, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Andrija i Marija Mrzljak ob. Katica Kosić  
 Pauline & Vince DiNardo Perisin grandchildren  
 Na nakanu Anka Pervan

**5:30 p.m.** Frank Szatkowski Horwath family  
 Carmen & Eva Butera family  
 Connie Fratto family  
 Theresa Mandl family  
 Marija Rodić ob. Rodić  
 Luka Botica (uncle) John Zekich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 27, 2008**

**7:30 a.m.** Lena Marino family  
 Evelyn & Sr. Bernardine Čondić Duško  
 Dec. of John Mladinov family family

**9:30 a.m.** Anne Siriscevich Parrilli family  
 Donna Byers Vonni Mangiaracina  
 Marty Miloslavich M/M Sam Madia  
 Mary Harzich Rosemary & Michael Zeledon  
 Margaret Marcello Pace family  
 For intentions of J. Zekich P. & C. Polacek

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

Josip Lišnić Vinko Dugandžić  
 Kata Draženović John i Sofia Pastuovich  
 Milka Grašić ob. Mira Mulac  
 Fra Ljubo Čuvalo Ante i Ilica Čuvalo  
 Dominik Velčić sestre  
 Štefica Stanisljević sestra Ema i nećaci  
 Zlatko Đebro Ivane Đebre i ob.  
 Stjepan Gadže ob. Božo Kosir  
 Frano Grepo sin Ivica sa ob.  
 Vid i Paulina Ferenac sin i ob.  
 Ivan Kosić Katica i ob.  
 Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško

**Lectors**

**Sat., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.** Michael Passarelli  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 7:30 a.m.** Luanne Munizzi  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.** Family Mass  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 11:00 a.m.** Snježana Šego,  
 Nataša Djebro, Tihana Jurković

**Altar Servers**

**Sat., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.** Racinowski, L. Rubio, M. Rubio  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 7:30 a.m.** C. Garcia, S. Garcia  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.** Iglesias, Olague, Perseghin  
**Sun., Jan. 27, 11:00 a.m.** E. Ljevar, O. Paraga, A.  
 Barun, I. Babić, M. Brajković, S. Adjaip

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

► 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

► 29<sup>th</sup> & Shields area, newly remold 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.

► 29<sup>th</sup> & Princeton, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl rear, 3 rm apmt, 1 bdrm, newly renovated. New cabinets, appl., incl. microwave. H/W floors. Patio outside your door. Credit chk req., 1 mo. sec. dep. No pets. \$850/mo. includes ht. 773-485-3870

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some time after John the Baptist had baptized Jesus, he saw Jesus passing by. Turning to his disciples he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." With these generous and prophetic words John introduced Jesus to his own disciples.

These words tell us a lot about the identity and mission of Jesus, but also tell us a lot about the kind of person John was. John could have ignored or

criticized Jesus, yet he pointed him out to the people and glorified him. He saw who Jesus really was, and cooperated in the start of his mission.

There is an important lesson here for us. If we are always finding fault with others or putting them down, we should look at ourselves. We may be saying



more about ourselves than about other people. Through our baptism we have been called to be disciples of Jesus. This is an honor and a privilege, but we must remember that it is also a call to serve. We must learn from St. John to put our gifts at the service of others, not just ourselves.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### A tale of two servants

The king of an ancient kingdom once called upon one of his servants, who was known to be a cruel man without any friends, and commanded him to travel throughout the kingdom in search of a truly good person. The man went forth immediately. In the course of his travels he met and spoke with a great number of people; however, after a long time he returned to the king saying, "I have searched the whole kingdom as you asked me, but could not find even one truly good person. All of them, without exception, are mean, cruel, deceitful, and evil. The good person you seek is nowhere to be found."

The king then called another servant. This man was known for his kindness and generosity, and was greatly loved by everyone. The king said to him, "Go and travel throughout my kingdom and find me a truly wicked person." The man went far and wide in his search. After a long time he returned to the king saying, "I have failed in the task you gave me. I found people who are misguided or misled, and those who act in blindness or in passion, but nowhere could I find a truly evil person. All of them are good at heart, despite the bad things they have done."

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Once our hearts are open to others,  
we discover good in them,  
even when it is hidden."

## Tuesday is a national day for prayer and penance

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that "In all the dioceses of the United States of America, Jan. 22 shall be observed as a particular **day of penance** for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, **and of prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The 'Mass for Peace and Justice' should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day."

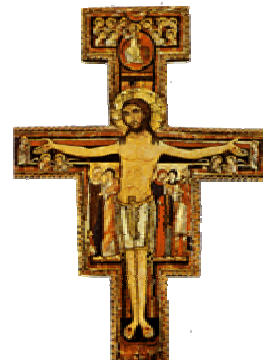
Thus our bishops invite us in a special way this Tuesday to pray and offer penance on the 35th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic *Roe vs. Wade* decision allowing widespread abortion. Our prayers and penances can give supernatural help to the millions of victims of abortion: the young human beings who were killed; the women and men tricked or forced into participating in abortions; and our whole society, which suffers immensely whenever human life is cheapened and human dignity is violated.

## 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 one of the greatest of Franciscan prayers:

### Francis's Prayer before the Crucifix

**Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me true faith,  
certain hope,  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord,  
that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command.  
Amen.**



## St. Jerome School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

A "Hats and Gloves" collection for the needy will be held next Sunday, Jan. 27, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**THIS SATURDAY: see '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 at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments served, along with a Cash bar.

**Las Vegas "Getaway" Raffle** In conjunction with "Late Nite Catechism 2," St. Jerome School is raffling a 4 day—3 night trip for 2 to Las Vegas! Donation \$10. Raffle will be held at "Late Nite" on Jan. 26 in the hall. Winner need not be present. Tickets are available at the school office, the rectory and from Jan Ferro. For tickets or info, call Jan at 312-225-9751.

**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.

**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. Bring friends and family, have fun and support our parish school!



## Pray for the Deceased

THIS PAST WEEK, OUR PARISHIONER **JEAN ZEKICH**, 71, was buried from our church. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her sisters Concetta and Antoinette, to her sons Kenny and Michael, to her three grandsons, to her entire family and to her many friends. *May she rest in God's peace!*

### 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 Chicago-land at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**. Croatians 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!

### 35th Anniversary Concert

St. Jerome's "Cardinal Stepinac" Croatian School is 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 concert**, which will be held on **Sat., Feb. 9, at 5 p.m.** in the Univ. of Ill.-Chicago's new **Forum theater**, at Roosevelt & Halsted. In addition to our Croatian school children, we will have several local guest performance groups, including one from Los Angeles. Obtain \$20 tickets at the rectory or from parents.

## 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.*