

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 29, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Eva Balich family
 Anica Božić (3rd anniv.) ob. Dilber
 Lena Marino family
 Za sve pokojne ob. Tomljenović

Tuesday – Utorak, January 30, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović John & Mare Super
 Mary Basso Rose Scumaci
 Connie DeGrazia JoAnn & Peter Peso
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 31, 2007

7:30 a.m. Mary Pesce Adam & Wisia Kokot
 Kathy Uremović Stipe i Anđelka Brajković
 Damjan Puljic Stojan Maslač
 Mike Brcich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Marge & John Sobocan Matt & Chris Pesce
 Pok. iz ob. Kaliterna ob. Jurić

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 1, 2007

7:30 a.m. Kathy Uremović Luka i Ana Zoko
 Janith Meade Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Nick Zekich Joan Sipich
 Rose Barbieri Tony & Mary Doria
8:05 a.m. For all parishioners, living & deceased

Friday – Petak, February 2, 2007

7:30 a.m. Tillie Mathas niece Vonnice
 Ana Vidović Snježana Šego & family
 Branimir Mikulić (1st anniv.) sestra Ljubica Rogić i ob.
 Special intention Margie Ostojić

**Saturday – Subota, February 3, 2007
St. Blaise – Sveti Blaž**

7:30 a.m. Ed Marasovich family
 Eugene Sullivan Carm Parrilli
 Catherine (Scalise) Madia daughter Eleanor
5:30 p.m. Dec. of Lovrinović family N.N.
 Connie Fratto Michaelina & Jerry Considine
 Sr. Bernardine Condich Jan & Rich Ferro
 Barry Babich Giggie Cortese
 Bill Martinov Joan Sipich
 John Becich Stan & Jean Katalinic
 Branimir Mikulic (1st anniv.) sestra Ljubica Rogic i ob.

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 4, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Midge Megaro Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Connie Pesce Jan & Rich Ferro
 Michael Brcich Ellen O'Donnell
 Josephine Verdi Cathernine & Nick Perisin

9:30 a.m. Augustine Salamone daughter Frannie
 Anthony Martincic Silvio & Elaine Martincic
 Ed Sexton Bonnie DiCaro
 John Becich Kay Siani
 Katherine Jasas Bernice Tobar

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Kathy Uremović Nevenka Jurković
 Rafo Rogić ob. Aleksić
 Marko Tomljenović Iva i Josip Prša
 Iva Điko Drago i Ankica Uremović
 Joško Babić Albina Pauletić
 Anton Mora David i Katica Škaro
 Ana Vidović Luka i Ana Zoko
 Iva Guvo Bože Guvo i ob.
 Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina
 Tomislav Hostička obitelj
 Joko Tokić Iva Jakelje i ob.
 Pok. iz ob. M. & T. Čondić sin
 Pok. iz ob. Šimatić i Milanez ob. Šimatić
 Za branitelje Travničke brigade N.N.
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Magyar
Sun., Feb. 4, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. Briana Babich
Sun., Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m. Mario Pehar, Antonia Kraljević, Tihana Jurković

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Wilke
Sun., Feb. 4, 7:30 a.m. Perseghin, Sarkauskas
Sun., Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Rudmin, Passi
Sun., Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m. A. Kraljević, M. Kikaš, I. Jurković, T. Čuvalo, D. Kikaš, Marina Golub

FOR RENT

- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.
- ▶ 3253 Wells, 2½ bdrm aptmt, 1 bath, remodeled 4 yrs, new appliances, laundry on premises. 312-388-0357.
- ▶ 31st Princeton, 2nd fl., 6 rms, 3 bdrm, central air & heat, no pets. 773-582-8255.
- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ▶ 2nd flr. large 3 bdrm, 2949 Wallace, washer-dryer, \$800 + sec dep., 312-225-3700.
- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. We see the reaction to the homily Jesus gave in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people can't believe that the words of Isaiah could apply to him, the humble son of Joseph, so they rise up in fury and attempt to do away with Jesus.

But what happened to Jesus at Nazareth went deeper than this. It wasn't a case of them *not appreciating* him. They rejected him. Why? Because he

pointed out their lack of faith, and told them that the Gentiles were more open to God than they were. The benefits of the promises were meant for all.

Jesus suffered the fate of all prophets — rejection by his own people. Prophecy is not about pleasing people. It's about speaking the truth that almost no one wants to hear, the truth that everyone needs to hear. Jesus' overriding motive was compassion. What was he to do? He could have

given up on them or done whatever would please them, but in that case, the special gift that he wanted to give them — the Truth (which they sorely needed) — would be lost.

Our faith tells us that Jesus is Our Lord and Savior — something his own townsfolk could not believe. They had a hard time accepting Jesus. What about us?

Jesus, I trust in you! And, Jesus, increase my trust in you!

WISDOM'S CORNER

An atheist's 'night prayer' meets reality

An atheist once asked a little girl to say some special words every night before going to sleep. He wrote them down so she would not forget: **God is nowhere.**

The child studied the writing and spelled out the letters: **G...O...D: God. I...S: is. N...O...W: now. H-E-R-E: here.** That's easy! I'll start my prayers by saying, "**God is now here.**"

When the unbeliever objected to her interpretation of his words, the child replied: "**But how can I say it your way when I know God *is* here?"**

FEAR and FAITH

Fear imprisons; faith liberates.

Fear paralyzes; faith empowers.

Fear disheartens; faith encourages.

Fear sickens; faith heals.

Fear makes useless; faith makes useful.

Fear creates hopelessness; faith rejoices in God!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Faith is not merely belief in spite of evidence, but trust without reservations."

Congratulations on your 90th Anniversary to St. Jerome's immigrants from the Adriatic island of Cres and their descendants!

February 2, 2007 marks the 90th anniversary of the **St. Maria Otok Cres Benevolent Society**. Generations of Islanders of Cres and their friends are gathering to celebrate this milestone on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at the European Chalet, 5445 S. Harlem Avenue in Chicago. We truly have many reasons to be thankful for these 90 years. That means there's much to celebrate!

From Pope Benedict's lips to our ears:

The Vatican recently issued a question-and-answer format book that teaches the truth about Jesus & the Catholic Church.

Question: How does the Holy Spirit intervene in the Church's prayer?

Answer: The Holy Spirit, the interior Master of Christian prayer, forms the Church in the life of prayer and allows her to enter ever more deeply into **contemplation of and union with the unfathomable mystery of Christ**. The forms of prayer expressed in the apostolic and canonical writings remain normative for Christian prayer.

At the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles it is written that in the first community of Jerusalem, educated in the life of prayer by the Holy Spirit, the faithful "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

After the above words about prayers, let us pray:

May God protect our Chicago Bears team from injuries, and may he grace them with skill and sportsmanship. Amen!

2007 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS



*YOUR REWARD
SHALL BE
GREAT IN HEAVEN
(LUKE 6:23)*

Later this month, many of our parishioners will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The ACA not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the min-

istries here in our parish and our area.

For example, Appeal funds support:

1. Recruitment, education and formation of priests, deacons and lay ministers,
2. Continuing education and ongoing spiritual formation of priests,
3. Grants to parishes and schools serving disadvantaged communities,
4. Evangelization program,
5. Contribution to Catholic Relief Services,
6. Ministries of care and comfort to those in need,
7. Chastity/Abstinence programs for youth
8. Elizabeth ministries,
9. Project Rachel,
10. Natural family planning,
11. Prison ministry,

12. Dignity of life from conception to natural death.

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

The campaign theme, taken from the "Sermon on the Mount", is our call, not just to give our treasure but to leave the earth a better place because of our presence in it. One of the many ways to do this is to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal so that through our parish and Archdiocese, we can spread the Word of God through the education, ministry and services provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please make a generous pledge.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Beginning today, St. Jerome School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our theme this year is "Good News in Catholic Education". An entire schedule of events is posted on the announcement board outside the school's main entrance. Please consult this schedule and support our parish school!

St. Jerome School Open Enrollment 2007–2008

An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Tuesday, January 30** from **10:00 a.m.** until **1:00 p.m.** for prospective students and their parents. Saint Jerome School has been educating students in the community since 1922. We offer a high school prep curriculum, concentrating on the development of the whole child. There are opportunities for special classes, enrichment programs, and extracurricular activities. For further information, please call the school office at 312-842-7668 or visit our website at www.stjeromeschool.net.

Cardinal Stepinac Days at St. Jerome's

Soon it will be the weekend when we celebrate Blessed Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac, whose side altar is by the baptismal font. It will be **Saturday, Feb. 10** and **Sunday, Feb. 11**. Please plan on participating in this

St. Jerome Parish Social

You are warmly invited to a festive get-together for the adults of St. Jerome's on the last Friday night before Lent begins. It will be a chance to catch up with friends and a chance to make new connections.

For the first time, we are having booths set up for all of our parish's many clubs, ministries, social groups and organizations. Come, check the organizations out, and maybe join a new group and get to know many new people.

This Parish Adult Get-Together is **Friday, Feb. 16** from **7 to 10 p.m.** See old friends, make new ones. Get to know St. Jerome's inside out. Refreshments, coffee, wine and some entertainment will be available.

No tickets required for this free event, but please **let us know** how many adults will come from your household **by Monday, Feb. 5**.

Call any of the following Parish Council members: Jan Ferro 312-225-9751, Mary Fratto 312-225-3231, Kata Mulac 773-955-3965, Nevenka Jurkovic 773-525-8571, Eva Mossman 312-842-5485, and Kathy Kosic 773-667-2377. *For further information on this event, call the Rectory.*

See you there!

Fr. Joe, Fr. Ivan & the Parish Council