

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 7, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Na nakanu Marko Perić i ob.
Intentions of Catherine Perisin Louzon family

Tuesday – Utorak, January 8, 2008

7:30 a.m. Donna Byers Eleanor Drozd
James Roti Marion
Dec. of Bubla family Gene & Emily Dengler
Intentions of Catherine Perisin Louzon family

Wednesday – Srijeda, January 9, 2008

7:30 a.m. Ante Rodić ob. Rodić
Barbara Maletich Joseph Rozman
Diane Bozich Toni Zaninovich
Intentions of Slava Kohut Jon Weber

Thursday – Četvrtak, January 10, 2008

7:30 a.m. Marty Miloslavich Novicki family
Na nakanu ob. Dragan Marić
Intentions of Giggie Cortese Louzon family

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

Friday – Petak, January 11, 2008

7:30 a.m. Mary Harzich Kay Siani
Mike Bricich family
Chuckie Cortese wife & daughter
Richard Perseghin Wilkie family
Intentions of Giggie Cortese Louzon family

Saturday – Subota, January 12, 2008

7:30 a.m. Emil Marasovich family
Intentions of Marian Segvich Louzon family

5:30 p.m. Connie DeGrazia Ray DeGrazia family
Frank Szatkowski Horwath family
Carmen & Eva Butera family
Louise Scalise family Rosemary
James Clementi Mary Fratto
Williamae Versetto George Ferro & family

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 13, 2008
Baptism of the Lord – Krštenje Isusovo**

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić N.N.
June Belda family
Deceased of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers

9:30 a.m. Donna Byers Lucy Ciaccio
Martin Miloslavich Rose Marie Senese
Mary Harzich Rose Marie Sestito
Dorothy Carbonaro Jan Ferro
Raymond Biamonte niece
For intentions of J. Zekich P. & C. Polacek

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Josip Lišnić Mila Čolina
Kata Draženović Zvonko i Ruža Brezak
John Roscich family
Tomislav Šipić ob. Stipe Tokić
Milka Grašić ob. Mira Mulac
Ilija i Kata Uremović Dragan i Ankica Uremović
Katica Hobar Josip i Kata Bajzec
Jure i Milka Filipčić Jadranka Hrvojević i ob.
Viktor Bubić ob. Ivezic
Marko Mišerda unuka Ljubica Jukić
Stana Erceg ob. Nevenka Jurković
Pok. iz ob. Čondić Duško
Pok. iz ob. Škaro David & Kathy Škaro

Lectors

Sat., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan
Sun., Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m. Matthew Pesce
Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Jan. 13, 11:00 a.m. Ana Ivezic, Milan Žolo,
Zrinka Jureta

Altar Servers

Sat., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, LoCoco, Wilkie
Sun., Jan. 13, 7:30 a.m. Olague, Perseghin
Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. Meo, Passi, Rudmin
Sun., Jan. 13, 11:00 a.m. I. Jurković, D. Jurković, K.
Cikoch, D. Paraga, M. Kikaš, M. Golub

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flrs, central ac & ht, \$600, utilities not incl., 312-593-2864.

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi set out in pursuit of a great vision and followed that vision to the end. It can't have been an easy journey, yet in spite of doubts, difficulties, and dangers, they persevered in their quest and were rewarded when they finally found Christ.

We must not be surprised if we have doubts and encounter troubles. The faith journey contains these elements.

The story of the Magi has great relevance for us because we too are



on a journey—the journey of life. We too are following a vision. As the Magi were guided by the light of a star, we are guided by the light of faith. However, we have one great advantage over them. We already know Christ, and have encountered him in faith.

Christ, the light of the world, is the 'star' we are following. Nevertheless, the fact that we haven't seen him face to face means we haven't yet arrived at our final destination. The fact that we have faith doesn't mean we know all the answers. We are still searching, still traveling onwards.

The Magi did not journey as individuals. They had each other and formed a little community of believers. We too have a community to support us in our faith journey.

WISDOM'S CORNER

The difficult journey

A troubled, bitter man went to visit a friend who lived in the mountains. One night, the friend said, "Let's go hiking in the morning. You won't believe the view at sunrise from the top of the mountain." Morning seemed to arrive especially early that day, but before they had been on the trail ten minutes, the man realized the early hour was the least of his problems. He was out of breath and in pain. "Are you okay?" his friend asked.

"Oh, yes," he gasped. "Fine." The climb that would have taken an experienced hiker less than an hour took twice that long because the man needed frequent stops to rest and drink water. At each stop, the man saw new and beautiful sights. "Why keep climbing?" he thought to himself. "Things look fine here!"

Once at the top, however, the man realized what he would have missed if he had stayed down below. The view was breathtaking! As he rested atop the peak, he saw parallels in his own life. The difficulties he had encountered in his own life had often made him want to hide, or at least stand still. He realized that if he was ever going to become a better person, he needed to keep moving along life's journey. The best direction, he concluded, is the one God has for each of us.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Faith in God doesn't guarantee an easy journey, only a meaningful one."

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Epiphany is a favorite time for house blessings. On the crossbeam of the doorway entry to the newly blessed home is often written a reference to the Three Kings who came at the first Epiphany to visit the Holy Family: St. Gaspar, St. Melchior and St. Balthazar. In between the numbers of the new year (20 08), the first letters of these saintly wise men are written. A cross (+) is added before their initials to signify that they are saints. Often a fourth cross is added after the B.

May all your homes be blessed in 2008!

Today's special collection



The second collection this Sunday goes to help the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America. There are countless poor regions of South America that are in need. This collection in every parish this Sunday is taken to help those in need. Thank you for your generous heart!

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

St. Jerome's Book Club is meeting **this Wednesday**, January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Small Hall behind the Church. This month's book, which we will be discussing, is *Love in The Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. We promise that it will be a lively discussion! For more information, please call Juliana Perisin at 312-791-1389. Please come even if you are only now beginning to crack open the book! We will also be choosing the new book for the coming month!

TODAY:

BRIDGEPORT CHORAL SOCIETY: Come this afternoon to St. Jerome's Church for beautiful music of the Holy Season with the Bridgeport Choral Society. The Epiphany Concert starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 person and may be purchased at the door. Support the Arts in Bridgeport!

SUPER BINGO is coming to St. Jerome's this Tuesday!

Join us on this Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. 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 information, see the sheets in the back of the Church.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, 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 19th and beginning of the 20th 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS THIS MONDAY

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be this Monday at 7:30 p.m. If you are a member of the Council, please remember the importance of this gathering. If you are absolutely unable to attend, please advise the members by the normal means.

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A special anniversary

Cardinal A. 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 9th, 2008. In addition to our Croatian school children, we will have several local guest performance groups, as well as a group from Los Angeles.



We are also printing a souvenir book, which will consist of events, photos and other occasions that took place during the past 35 years. We would like you to join our celebration by sending us your business ad or general well-wishes to be placed in this souvenir book.

Information regarding ad requests is listed below:

Quarter page-3 ½ x 5	(\$50)
Half page-5 x 7	(\$75)
Full page- 8 ½ x 10	(\$100)
Inside cover- 8 ½ x 10	(\$200+)

Forms can be picked up at the back of our church.

The DVD filmed at St. Jerome's by Tatiana is now available



In Advent 2006, the internationally acclaimed singer Tatiana, also known as Tajči, came to her much beloved St. Jerome's parish and recorded her Christmas Story DVD, amidst a lot of sophisticated lights and cameras. Her Christmas DVD is now available. **A limited supply of these copies of her St. Jerome performance are now available after the Masses.** This DVD is superbly professional, and, as we who were there know, she sang her heart out at St. Jerome's that night.

ATTENTION

- ◆ An excellent article by A. Greely "Keep my God out of your politics" can be found at the back of the church.
- ◆ **Looking for a good carpenter?** If your family or business is in need of a good carpenter, please call the rectory for more information.