

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, July 2, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Jocko Becich Lucy Munizzi  
 Rosemary Kozlar Mary Vujic  
 Caroline Zanielli Lucy & Phil Basso  
 Andrija i Marija Mrzljak Ivan i Sofija Pastuović

**Tuesday – Utorak, July 3, 2007  
Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle**

**7:30 a.m.** Vivian Sexton Caroline Marković  
 Lucy Fasella Robert & Ginger Humbert  
 Annie Ross (for health) Jon Weber  
 Na čast Gospe Sinjske ob. Ivan Maroš

**Wednesday – Srijeda, July 4, 2007  
Independence Day**

**7:30 a.m.** Connie Pesce Julie & Kevin Marcus  
 Ann Sexauer Ann Kotarac  
 Donna Beyers Mary & Ben  
 Maria Gazzi Gazzi family

**Thursday – Četvrtak, July 5, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Mary Pesce (1st anniv.) Ann Sutera  
 Catherine (Katie) Valenti family  
 Theresa Hill Marion

**Friday – Petak, July 6, 2007  
Feast of St. Maria Goretti**

**7:30 a.m.** Phyllis Contino Ann Contino  
 Karlo (Gink) Becich & Bon Jelacic sisters  
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić Daniella Santoro

**Saturday – Subota, July 7, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Donna Beyers Mary Fratto  
 Diane Nutall (for health) Jon Weber

**5:30 p.m.** Eva Butera Mike & Joann Passarelli  
 Connie Fratto Vesna & Ivan Mlinarich family  
 Barry Babich Josie Hanson  
 Ann Sexauer Mary Ann DiVito  
 Rosemary Mavigliano Rose & Bob Bazan  
 Frank R. Szatkowski

Richard & Theresa Dziemiela  
 Marija i Andrija Mrzljak ob. Franjo Mulac  
 Slobodan Majstorović ob. Ivan Mlinarich  
 Theresa Anne Link Rosemary & Mondo Zeledon

**Sunday – Nedjelja, July 8, 2007**

**7:30 a.m.** Evelyn Čondić Duško  
 Mike Brcich Patti & Phil Grzenia  
 Visko & Clara Cecich family  
 Fr. Peter Harris Joe & Natia Di Fazio  
 Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

**9:30 a.m.** Raymond Biamonte niece  
 Mike & Eva Corich Senerchia family  
 Fritz & Juliana Perisin Sylvia Perisin  
 Mary Micele Tim Degnan  
 Angela Corse Mark Gusich & Gina Palomino  
 Sophie & Ralph Bonello Baldo & Georgann

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

Marko Rodich ob. Rodich  
 Vica Sekso Franjo i Barbara Kosić  
 Joso Brkić Ljiljana i kći Linda  
 Josip Tokić ob. Danica Maroš  
 Luce Bajamić Ante Šipić  
 Željko Keglević ob. Armić  
 Dominic Velcich sestre  
 Luca Guvo Albina i Josip Pavletić  
 Žarko Ostojčić Anica  
 Marija i Andrija Mrzljak Mare Žgela  
 Ivan Štrbić Dragica i Lovro Rudman  
 Pok. iz ob. M. & T. Čondić sin  
 Na nakanu Anđa Novak  
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojčić i ob.

## LECTORS

**Sat., July 7, 5:30 p.m.** Jan Ferro  
**Sun., July 8, 7:30 a.m.** Mary Vujic  
**Sun., July 8, 9:30 a.m.** Domingo Rodriguez  
**Sun., July 8, 11:00 a.m.** Perica Dušević,  
 Snježana Šego, Andjela Bajić

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat., July 7, 5:30 p.m.** Racinowski, L. Rubio, M. Rubio  
**Sun., July 8, 7:30 a.m.** Ferro, Meo  
**Sun., July 8, 9:30 a.m.** LoCoco, Nowacki, Wroblewski  
**Sun., July 8, 11:00 a.m.** D. Paraga, S. Ivezić, I. Babić,  
 A. Puljić, O. Paraga

## BANNES OF MATRIMONY

Sergio Aguilar & Sara Cuevas (II)

For Rent: 1-bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.

► Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312-671-2160.

► 29th & Princeton, 3 room apt, 1 bedroom – w/ heat, washer & dryer, stove & refrig in apt. 312-842-5166.

► 28th Princeton. 1½ bdrm, central air/heat. Free laundry in bldg. \$750/mo + 1 mo. sec. dep. Non-smkg, no pets. Leave message 11am-7pm 312-501-0918.

Help Wanted: Full-time babysitter needed for three children (ages 10, 8, and 20 months); must have driver's license & transportation, references required, bilingual Croatian a plus; call Jo Ann at 708-699-6074.

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



## WEEKLY MEDITATION — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus spoke of a deficient type of follower.

When he said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God," he was stressing the need for

commitment, saying there shouldn't be constant re-analysis of the decision to commit to Christ. Give your undivided attention to what you are doing. If you keep looking back, a lack of faithfulness

is indicated. Dedication, resolve and faithfulness are needed. You began a worthy task; give it your all.

All of us have put our hand to some "plow." For example, a man and woman commit for life to their marriage, and a priest commits for life to his call from God. In baptism we all have put our hands to a plow — the following of Christ, or discipleship.

If we keep looking back, our heart will be divided, and so will our energy.

We won't be fully committed. We will be half-hearted, like a losing ball club. We are likely to lose time, lose sight of our goal, and be sorely tempted in challenging times to turn back or quit.

We need to keep looking forward and give our whole heart to following the Way of Christ, not our old paths. This resolve will give us the strength to persevere, with the grace of God, and remain faithful to Jesus and his teachings.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### Remaining Faithful

A doctor who was a prisoner in a Nazi camp, tended his sick and dying inmates as much as possible. Near the end of the war he and a friend devised an escape. When the time to leave came, he decided to visit his "patients" for the last time. He came to a man who was close to death, hiding from him the fact that he was about to escape camp. The man wasn't fooled. In a sad voice he said to the doctor, "So you too are getting out."

The doctor denied it, but the man's words cut to his heart. After finishing his final rounds he returned to the same man, who greeted him with a look of despair. The look made him feel that he was betraying this man. Suddenly he decided to abandon the escape and stay with his patients. At once the unhappy feeling of betrayal left him. Even though he had no idea what the days ahead would bring, he gained an inner peace he had never before experienced. He also survived the camp.

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Those who are wholeheartedly for God find joy in trials, despite hardship. There is little joy for the half-hearted."

## Something to contemplate the 4th of July 2007

### An 1863 Proclamation by the President of the United States of America:

We [the United States] have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate ... a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer.

*Done at the City of Washington, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1863, and of the Independence of the United States the 87th.*

By the President: **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

## One-Minute Catholic Catechism:

As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, we consider the question, In the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church, what is "freedom"?

Freedom is the *power*, rooted in Reason and Will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform *deliberate* actions on

one's own responsibility. By Free Will, one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a *force* for growth and maturity in Truth and Goodness; freedom attains its perfection when directed toward God.

Until we are totally united to God, there is the possibility of *choosing* between good and evil, and thus of growing in perfection or of failing and sinning.

The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. A person of virtue is truly free.

There is no *true* freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." Clearly, enslavement to sin is not true freedom, but rather a false freedom. A person of habitual sin, of vice, isn't free.

## A Medjugorje Mass thank you

Our sincere appreciation to every one of you who joined us for the 26th Medjugorje anniversary Mass. It was a great opportunity to refresh our spirituality and to be reminded of the importance of the messages Our Lady continues to send to the world.

We extend our deep gratitude to Kenny & Jan Zekich and John & Gen Botica for their donation of the beautiful new statue of Our Lady of Medjugorje, in honor of the memory of Charles & Tona Knetl.

Thank you to all who donated flowers and helped us in any way to make this a memorable experience.

## Velika Gospa raffle improved, and volunteer for the Feast

Our August 15th feast is coming up soon. We are about to mail our regular Velika Gospa mailing.

This year we are changing the raffle ticket system. **The first prize will be \$20,000.00**

We would appreciate it very much if you could help us sell as many tickets as possible. Price: \$100.00.

We also need **volunteers**. If you are willing to help us in any of these ways:

- ◇ Setting up
- ◇ Cleaning
- ◇ Helping at the booths
- ◇ Helping at the bar
- ◇ Selling tickets
- ◇ Miscellaneous tasks

Please sign your name on the lists provided in the back of the church.

### REMINDER:

**NEXT VELIKA GOSPA Meeting** is Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Small Hall.

## AN INVITATION

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Gary**, Indiana (330 E. 45th Ave.) invites you to its annual feast day on **Sunday, July 8**, after the 11 o'clock Mass. Homemade foods and good music (band "Banat") await you. For more information, call 219-980-1846.

## St. Jerome Sox Night a near total success

We thank you all for joining us for St. Jerome's Sox night. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful night out with our parishioners. It was a great opportunity to be together. Pictures will be available this week at [www.stjeromecroatian.org](http://www.stjeromecroatian.org)

### Please remember our beloved deceased in your prayers:

Our parishioner Theresa Link (28), wife of Matthew, mother of Hailey Diana, and daughter of John & Grace McGuane.

Blago Grubisic (94), father of our former pastor, Fr. Jozo Grubisic, who is pastor of our Montreal parish.

*May their souls rest in God's peace, and may their loved ones know God's consolation!*

### Register for a quality 2-day Bible conference to be held July 13-14 in River Forest

The 3rd annual National Catholic Bible Conference will be held at Dominican University in River Forest, IL, on Friday, July 13 to Saturday, July 14. Major and engaging figures of Catholic Bible studies will be talking: Jeff Cavins, Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Mary Healy, Matthew Pinto, Dr. Ted Sri, and more! Hear great talks and get great resources for Bible Study and Devotional Reading. To register there are 3 ways:

- call 1-888-842-2853, or
- email: [registration@CatholicBibleConference.com](mailto:registration@CatholicBibleConference.com) or
- online: [www.CatholicBibleConference.com](http://www.CatholicBibleConference.com)

The cost is \$50. Also enquire about the July 12-13 "Called to Lead" Conference being held at the same site, which can be taken in addition to the Bible conference. *Draw closer to Jesus!*

## FOOTBALL MANIA selling is under way

**Please sell early and sell easier!** It's that time of year again: our Football Raffle has begun. Our school parents have their tickets, so get ready to buy. For more information and/or tickets, call Jan Ferro (312-225-9751) or Pauline Dengler (773-268-3859). With your help, this will be our most successful fundraiser ever!

## Volunteers desired for "Sharing Meals"

This is for anyone who is interested in providing a meal to the family of a parishioner who has passed away, or a family who is going through extensive medical treatments. It will be a rotating list, so the more who participate the better it will work. If you are interested please sign the sheet in back of church. If you have any questions about how this will work, Please call Eva at 312-842-5485. We have 18 people already, but would like to triple that amount.