

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, July 30, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Connie Fratto friend
 Karina Grigoryan ob. Ivan i Paula Vaniš
 Ivan & Iva Markota ob. Ilija Miletić

**Tuesday – Utorak, July 31, 2007
 Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola**

7:30 a.m. Mirjana Babić Nedjeljko Babić
 Anđa & Ivan Miletić ob. Ilija Miletić
 Donna Byers Ann & Richard Welch

Wednesday – Srijeda, August 1, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ann Sexauer Ann Bricch
 Sophie Bonello (16th anniv.) Giggie
 Andrija Mrzljak Jan Ferro

Thursday – Četvrtak, August 2, 2007

7:30 a.m. Ann Sexauer Jim & Maryann Saracco
 Pero & Vinko Logarusić ob. Ilija Miletić
 Annie Lorenzen Bazan family

Friday – Petak, August 3, 2007

7:30 a.m. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Ana Miletić ob. Ilija Miletić
 Dominic Velcich sestre

Saturday – Subota, August 4, 2007

7:30 a.m. Slobodan Majstorovic Mary Vujic
 Andrija Mrzljak ob. Ivan Mlinarich

5:30 p.m. Connie Fratto Mary Vujic
 Eva Butera Mary Fratto
 Frank R. Szatkowski Richard & Theresa Dziemiela
 Carlos Iglesias Mossman family
 Slobodan Majstorovic Mary Fratto
 Theresa Anne Link Rosemary & Mondo Zeledon

Sunday – Nedjelja, August 5, 2007

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Čondić Duško
 Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić N. & C. Perisin
 Rose Tiardovich M/M William Plisic

9:30 a.m. Filip Majic Majic family
 Tony & Katie Senerchia Senerchia family
 Bill Sabbia Giggie
 Sophie Bonello Georgeann & Baldo
 Michael Chin (for health & God's blessings) Alex Rinella

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Ilija Golub sin Ivica i ob.
 Vica Sekso Franjo i Barbara Kosić
 Ana Vukadin ob. Jozo Badrov
 Luca Guvo Maria Diacci
 Vlatko Čuvalo ob. Jakelja
 Ivan i Marija Mulac ob. Franjo Mulac
 Ilija Golub ob. Milan i Ankica Golub
 Žarko Ostojić Anica
 Ivo i Zlatko Đebro ob. Đebro
 Kathy Uremović roditelji Anica i Dragan
 Joko Tokić Karlo i Ivanka Mihovilovich
 Andrija Mrzljak ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Miro Barišić prijatelj
 Pok. iz ob. M. & T. Čondić sin
 Za Hrvatske branitelje Križa Ostojić i ob.

LECTORS

Sat., August 4, 5:30 p.m. Michael Passarelli
Sun., August 5, 7:30 a.m. Luanne Munizzi
Sun., August 5, 9:30 a.m. Diane Krolo
Sun., August 5, 11:00 a.m. Mario Ivančić,
 Andjela Bajić, Josip Novak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Aug. 4, 5:30 p.m. Ferro, L. Rubio, M. Rubio
Sun., Aug. 5, 7:30 a.m. Passi, Racinowski
Sun., Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Meo, Perseghin
Sun., Aug. 5, 11:00 a.m. CJ Bušljeta, D. Jureta, I.
 Babić, M. Golub

Help Wanted: Need caregiver/companion for elderly female parishioner in Bridgeport about 4 hours during the day, Monday thru Friday. Call Mary 773-927-7044.

Work Wanted: Baby sitting, elder-care and/or house-keeping. Call 312-225-5233.

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.

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

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel highlights the importance of praying to God for our needs, and it reveals a lot about the mercy of God. Jesus is telling us what he told to his disciples: "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." He is urging us to have recourse to God with confidence and persistence in all our needs.

The *Our Father* is widely recognized as the greatest of Christian prayers. These short and simple petitions cap-

ture much of the relation between us and God. The *Our Father* not only teaches us *what* to pray for, but also *how* to pray for it.

However, we are often tempted to pray it so hurriedly and unthinkingly that much of its meaning is lost. This is a pity because, properly understood, the *Our Father* contains a program for Christian living. If we were to live up to what it contains, we would be in tune



with the mind of Christ.

Jesus assures us that our heavenly Father not only has merciful patience with our

asking him for help, but he even *wants* us to ask him for help. Part of the solution to our problems is constant, persistent, unrelenting prayer. Our Father wants to give us good gifts, so go to him every day and ask, ask, ask. Never give up. Never lose hope.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Ask Our Father in Heaven

When our faith is weak, Lord Jesus, teach us to pray: *Our Father Who art in heaven*. When we are inclined to forget about God, Lord, teach us to pray: *Hallowed be Thy Name*.

When we feel pessimistic about the state of the world, Lord Jesus, teach us to pray: *Thy Kingdom come*. When we have difficult decisions to make, and are tempted to take the easy way out, Jesus, teach us to pray: *Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven*.

When we complain about little upsets and forget that millions of people are terribly poor and hungry, Lord, teach us to pray: *Give us this day our daily bread*. When we come to grips with our sins, and when we find it hard to forgive those who sin against us, Lord, teach us to pray: *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*.

When we are attracted to what is not good, Lord, teach us to pray: *Lead us not into temptation*. When we find it hard to cope, Lord, teach us to pray: *Deliver us from evil. Amen*.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If God is not in the first place,
nothing else is in the right place."

One-Minute Catholic Catechism:

"Lord, teach us how to pray," asked the disciple.

Here's how the Church—speaking in Jesus' name—teaches us how to pray.

How can vocal prayer be described? Vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot

dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the *Our Father* Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer.

What is meditation? Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will

to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord.

What is contemplative prayer?

On our side, we open ourselves to simply gazing upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders oneself to the loving will of the Father, and places one's being under the action of the Holy Spirit. St. Teresa of Jesus called this praying an intimate sharing, "time frequently taken to be alone with God."

This summer we will offer 30 ways to live a holier life.

Holiness is for everyone who wants to be *more effective* at spreading the Light of Christ to loved ones. Holiness isn't just for monks and nuns; it's for everyone.

#10: Read the Bible every day. Give up some of the time you use reading newspapers, magazines and the internet, and devote the time saved to studying a book of the Bible.

#11: Speak words of encouragement. People's lives are often filled with harsh criticism and very little praise. A lot of bad news and sad news. Be the one who lifts spirits with encouraging words rooted in reality.

#12: Take on self-denial and sacrifice. In our society, it's fashionable to accept fast and easy ways to satisfy our.

#13: Take on Justice. Don't simply stand by and witness an injustice. Often it takes just one mature adult to take an action and thereby begin changing the situation.



Velika Gospa raffle improved

The raffle ticket system has been improved significantly. **The grand prize will be 4 times bigger this year: \$20,000.00, with the other prizes being \$7,500.00 and \$2,500.00.** Of course the price of the raffle tickets have gone up like the grand prize, so we encourage inviting friends and family to jointly purchase tickets — for example, 5 people spending \$20 each on one ticket. Thank you for selling as many tickets as possible. If you are unable to sell either ticket, please kindly return it to the rectory.

Velika Gospa Volunteers

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 big sheets provided in the back of the church.

VELIKA GOSPA E-MAIL: Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve our Velika Gospa celebration? Send a note to our new Velika Gospa e-mail address: VelikaGospa@gmail.com

ALYSSA DENGLER WINS WITH TOP AAU 12U GIRLS TEAM

St. Jerome student Alyssa Dengler and her team of elite basketball players from other Illinois schools **won the Amateur Athletic Union's 12-and-Under National Basketball Championship** July 7, 2007 in Rochester Minn. Their team's name is "Illinois Central Elite," or "ICE" for short. Their record for the tournament was 10 wins, zero losses. They beat the reigning national champs from Missouri twice to capture the title. Alyssa, the team's starting point guard also finished in 5th place in a "Hot Shot" contest, competing against over 500 girls from across the U.S. "ICE" is the first Illinois girls basketball team to **ever** win AAU Nationals since the tournaments began in 1990. **St. Jerome Parish congratulates Alyssa and her teammates!**

St. Jerome Velika Gospa Raffle

Grand Prize: **\$20,000**

Second Prize: **\$7,500**

Third Prize: **\$2,500**

Drawing will be
Wednesday evening,
10 p.m.

August 15, 2007

at St. Jerome's,

TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH.

For more information:
312-842-1871

VelikaGospa@gmail.com

Dear friends, With the increase in the raffle ticket cost, it may be a good idea to find friends, family, associates, club members or others who would jointly buy the tickets, especially given the attractive size of the prizes. (For example, for \$20 five people could buy a ticket together.) We thank you for your readiness to help in this respect. If you cannot sell or buy both of the tickets, please return them to our rectory.

Theology on Tap' for Young Adults Tuesday Theology on Tap is a special national Catholic program exclusively for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's, married or single. This week's speaker is **Fr. Patrick Brennan** on "The Challenge of Jesus." It's this Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Barb's, 2859 S. Throop St., with a Barbecue dinner at 7 p.m.

St. Lucy's Family Feast this coming Saturday Please support our neighboring parish at its big festival and have fun doing so. August 4 at noon the fun begins (at 30th and Wells) with inflatable rides and games for kids. A \$20 fee allows a child to play unlimited games and inflatables till 5 p.m. Enjoy delicious food all day. In the evening, from 7 till 10, the Hi-Line band will play and you can play Bingo. Invite your family and friends. Call 312-842-6115 for more.

Holy Trinity Croatian Parish (1850 S. Throop) is holding its Celebration of Our Lady of Bistrice this coming Sunday, Aug. 5. Starts with a Procession at 9:30 a.m. with Mass afterward. After Mass there will be Roast Lamb, Pig, Baked Goods, and other Foods, Refreshments, and Jar Raffle.