

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, November 13, 2006**

7:30 a.m. Biserka Marusić Tomica i djeca
 Gaetano Canino Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Jure i Vlade Bajić Ana Bajić

Tuesday – Utorak, November 14, 2006
Feast of St. Nikola Tavelić, Croatian Franciscan martyr

7:30 a.m. Josephine Odo Emily & Gene Dengler
 Peter Giangrosso Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Božo i Manda Bajić Ana Bajić
 Nick LoCoco wife

Wednesday – Srijeda, November 15, 2006

7:30 a.m. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome
 John Mikicich Maria Geccemini
 Connie Fratto Nevenka Jurković family
 Jerina Lišnić ob. Nediljko Lišnić

7:00 p.m. Memorial Mass for Ana Vidović

Thursday – Četvrtak, November 16, 2006

7:30 a.m. Biserka Marusić Tomica i djeca
 John Mikicich Barb Guzy
 Ante i Anđa Galić Mila Sekulić i ob.

8:05 a.m. For Parishioners

Friday – Petak, November 17, 2006

7:30 a.m. Joseph Bozich wife & family
 Michael Roscich Mary Radman
 Deceased members of the Gruica family family

Saturday – Subota, November 18, 2006

7:30 a.m. Ester Badrov Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Blanche Bossard Louis & Mary Scalise
 Steve Brajković Debby Kodzoman

5:30 p.m. John DiFoggio John & Marge Piegari
 John Mikicich Boris Tanfara
 Peter Giangrosso Cathi & Pete Wilke
 Connie Fratto Nevenka Jurković family
 Albert Pocus Nowacki family
 Stanley Szatkowski Szatkowki family
 Mary Basso family

Sunday – Nedjelja, November 19, 2006

7:30 a.m. Visko & Clara Cecich family
 Mary Pesce Rodriguez family
 Connie Fratto Dolores Crane
 Lavergne Norton ob. Kikaš
 Frane & Mijo Tadin daughter Fran

9:30 a.m. Joseph Amato wife Cathy
 John & Alice Insalaco Insalaco family
 Sam & Ann DeGregorio Senerchia family
 Dec. of Perisin-Marino families Sylvia Perisin

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Anton Barun ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Mate Morić Marinko i Božana Ilić
 Lenny Bajić ujak Tomislav Lišnić sa ob.
 Lenny Bajić ob. Hostička
 Anto Tomić ob. Ivica Golub
 Ivan Štrbić Mary Fratto
 Marijan Knezović ob. Knezović
 Frano Rogić Jadre Rogić i ob.
 Ljilja Anić ob. Tomislav Erkapić
 Stipe i Andja Čuvalo ob. Ante i Ikica Čuvalo
 Katica Hobar (3rd anniversary) ob. Hobar
 Katica Hobar ob. Žigniç
 Pok. iz ob. Zelić ob. Ilija Zelić
 Za Hrvatske borce Križa Ostojić i ob.



Sat., Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. Jan Ferro
Sun., Nov. 19, 7:30 a.m. Matt Pesce
Sun., Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. Briana Babich
Sun., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m. Mate Žaper, Antonia
 Kraljević, Karmela Kristić



Sat., Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. Perseghin, Racinowski,
 Rudmin
Sun., Nov. 19, 7:30 a.m. LoCoco, Meo
Sun., Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. Iglesias, Insalaco,
 Sarkauskas
Sun., Nov. 19, 11 a.m. T. Kikaš, A. Barun, T. Čuvalo

FOR RENT

- ▶ 1st flr. apt. 31st Princeton, 4 rms (2 bdrms), redecorated. 312-842-6176.
- ▶ One bdrm apt. 32nd Princeton. 312-225-7959.
- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, central ac & ht, \$600, utilities not incl., 312-593-2864.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A true test of the value of a gift is not what it amounts to in itself, but what its loss means to the giver. This is not just giving what we can live without, but what we can't or don't want to live without. This kind of giving hurts, but it is love in action. When the gift is as desperately needed by the giver as by the receiver, that is **true giving**. Then our gift becomes **a sacrifice**.

The readings today tell similar sto-

ries of generosity that concern very poor widows. We wonder how someone who was as poor as the widow in the Gospel was able to perform an act of such spontaneous goodness. One needs to have been faithfully generous over many years to have a generous heart like hers. It is not achieved by a few great deeds, but by a lot of little ones.

Even though no one else noticed

what the widow had done, Jesus noticed it and praised it. How good are we at recognizing what others do and affirming them? Sadly, the truth may be that we are so self-absorbed that we don't notice or don't care.

The poor widow gave her all. She let go of every shred of security and committed herself wholly to God. This story is as much about trust in God as it is about generosity.

THE LADDER OF CHARITY

1. The first and lowest degree on the Ladder of Charity is to give, **but with reluctance or regret**. This is the gift of the hand, but not of the heart.
2. The second is to give cheerfully, **but not in proportion to the distress** of the sufferer.
3. The third is to give cheerfully and in proportion to the need, **but not until we are asked**.
4. The fourth is to give cheerfully, proportionately, and even unasked, **but to put it into the poor person's hand**, thereby exciting in him the painful emotion of shame.
5. The fifth is to give in such a way that the needy may receive the alms and **know their benefactor**, without the benefactor knowing them.
6. The sixth is to **know the recipients** of our charity, while remaining unknown to them.
7. The seventh is to **bestow charity** in such a way that the benefactor does not know the recipient, or the recipient the benefactor.
8. Lastly, the eighth and most meritorious way of all, is to **anticipate charity by preventing poverty**.

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: **From whom did Jesus learn to pray?**

Answer: **Jesus, with his human heart, learned how to pray from his mother and from the Jewish tradition.**

But his prayer sprang from a more secret source because he is the eternal Son of God who in his holy humanity offers his perfect "filial prayer" (prayer as a son) to his Father.

WISDOM'S CORNER

The Best He Could Do

Once upon a time, there was a mother fox who had three cubs. One night she sent them out in search of food. She told them to split up and go in different directions, avoiding the town.

The first cub was strong but lazy. He chose the easiest route. Soon he found himself in a field that was stirring with rabbits. He killed one and ate it. Then he caught another and took it home.

The second cub was clever. He headed toward a farmhouse where he dug a hole in the fence of barn full of geese. Because there was no guard dog, he simply stole two geese and dragged them away. He ate half of one and buried the other half, determined to come the next day and finish it. The second goose he took home.

The third cub was weak and sickly. He had no choice but to go into the hilly country where he found nothing but one old farmhouse guarded by vicious dogs who attacked him. There was nothing else he could do but head for the safety of home. Along the way he managed to catch a sparrow. Though he was exhausted and hungry, he continued his trip home to give the sparrow to his mother.

His family saw how dirty and injured he was, but his two brothers laughed when they saw the sparrow. His mother said to him, "Well done! I'm proud of you." Then she hugged him, cleaned his wounds, and gave him the central place at the table.

*It's not just the result that counts,
but the effort made and the spirit shown.*

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"God looks not at the greatness of the work, but at the love with which it is performed."

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Your gift will support programs that:

- Help those in poverty achieve self-reliance and self-sufficiency.
- Teach new skills and create jobs.
- Create affordable housing for low-income families.
- Educate us Roman Catholics about poverty and our Church's doctrines about dealing with social and global problems.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers **Sister Mary Bernardine Condich**, 83, a vocation from our parish to the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Sr. Bernardine was buried from St. Jerome's this Saturday. Our parish family extends its prayers as well to Sr. Bernardine's family — her brothers John, Joseph, Mark, Peter and Simon Duško, her sisters Rosanda and the late Evelyn, and all her loved ones. Finally, we offer our prayers as well for her family in religious life, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, whose Sisters served at St. Jerome's School for 8 decades. *May she rest in God's peace!*

FOOD DRIVE: Thank you for your generosity! **32 bags of groceries** and one bag of clothing were delivered last week to **St. James' food pantry**. Our drive continues through (and including) **Thanksgiving Day**, concluding with a special **9:30 a.m. Mass** in addition to the **7:30 a.m. Mass**.

Inviting all young people who want to become New Servers at Mass! Call the Rectory if you have not already expressed interest in becoming an Altar Server. New children will soon be trained and the investiture will be at the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses on **Nov. 26**.

Cardinal George rewards faithful service of St. Jerome parishioner: St. Jerome's **Ivanka Paraga** received the "Christifidelis Award" from Francis Cardinal George, the archbishop of Chicago, at a recent prayer service in Holy Name Cathedral. The award is given to laypersons who through their gift of time and talent renew their parishes. In 1989, Pope John Paul wrote the document "*Christifideles Laici*" (Latin for "Christ's faithful laity") in order to encourage laypersons to respond to their baptismal call to build up the church. Ivanka responded to God's call through faithful service in St. Jerome's Croatian School, St. Jerome's Youth Service Corps (which last year gathered food and Christmas toys for the needy), and scheduling liturgical ministries for the Croatian Mass. *Congratulations to Ivanka and her entire family!*

Congratulations to our St. Jerome School alumni doing well in high school: **Annette Jean Nowacki** made the "A Honor Roll" at Queen of Peace High School. **Markie Racinowski** made "B Honor Roll" at Mother McAuley High School.

Attend Mass while you're traveling: For nationwide Mass times, call 1-800-627-7846 or check **www.masstimes.org**.

A Memorial Mass will be held for

Ana Vidovic, Fr. Joe's sister, **this Wednesday**, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in St. Jerome's. Ana passed away Oct. 13 in Switzerland. The Parish Council invites everyone to come and pray as a community for Ana and her loved ones.

*MARK YOUR FAMILY'S
CHRISTMASTIME CALENDARS:*

■ **Tatiana**, the tremendously moving singer who has sung several times at St. Jerome's, will have a Special Christmas Concert in our church on Wednesday, **Dec. 6** (St. Nick's Day). Please come to this uplifting way of experiencing the Gospel message of the birth of Jesus.

■ **Christmas Toy Drive:** Our Youth Service Corps is once again sponsoring our toy drive. This year, we will branch out our help to include whole families in need, with other items such as gloves, hats, etc., in addition to helping children at hospitals. *Watch for our Christmas Giving Tree on Nov. 25-26.*

FOOTBALL MANIA

Winners for Week Number 9: 1st place tie - #63 & #2004; 3rd place tie - #989, #1100, #3040, #413, #3162 & #686; 5th place tie - #403, #500 & #172; 6th place - #638.

Reminder to St. Jerome School Alumni Reps: a Mass and dinner are this Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

Test your Bible I.Q.:

Which Gospel or Gospels tell us about when Jesus was a child?

- A) The Gospel according to Mark.
- B) The Gospel according to Luke.
- C) Luke's and Matthew's Gospels.
- D) Luke's and Matthew's Gospels and one verse of John's Gospel.

See the Bulletin next week for the answer!

Last week's answer was:

B) *The Gospel according to Mark is widely considered to be the earliest Gospel to be written, 37 years after the Resurrection.*