

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, November 19, 2007**

7:30 a.m. Dominik Velčić	sestre
Mary Ann Roti	Marion
Ana Bizić	Mirjana Šušnjara
Na nakanu	Marija Diacci

Tuesday – Utorak, November 20, 2007

7:30 a.m. Mary Basso	family
Donna Byers	Rick & Marilyn
Marija Bon	Marija Diacci
Holy souls in purgatory	John Bogovic
Na čast Gospi	ob. Čosić

Wednesday – Srijeda, November 21, 2007
Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Hank Pennington	Giggie
Sr. M. Bernardine Čondić	Steve Bilandic
Frank Ricobene	Catherine & Nick Perisin
Michael Wilkie	Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, November 22, 2007
Thanksgiving Day

7:30 a.m. Connie Fratto	Mary
Mary & Louis Basso	family
Dominic Marino	family
Mike Brcich	family
Anthony Marcello	George Ferro

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners, living & deceased

Friday – Petak, November 23, 2007

7:30 a.m. Joseph Amato	wife Cathy
Augustine & Agnes Salamone	daughter Frannie
Ivan Babić	Valerie Babić
Dragica Mišura	ob. Jozo Badrov
Lucy Matković	friend

Saturday – Subota, November 24, 2007

7:30 a.m. Michael Sablich	sister Theresa
Katarina Draženović	ob. Božo Kosir
Diane Bozich	Joan Sipich
Pok. iz ob. Kosir	ob. Božo Kosir

5:30 p.m. Mike Iozzo	lozzo family
Helen & Lucky Olson	family
Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie	family
Stanley Szatkowski	family
Frank Szatkowski	mother Angeline Szatkowski
Russell Trovato	daughter & family

Sunday – Nedjelja, November 25, 2007

7:30 a.m. Sam Contino	Ann Contino
Evelyn Čondić	Duško
John DiFoggio	John & Marge Piegari

9:30 a.m. Dominick Marino	family
Nick LoCoco	wife & children
Marija Bon	Marija Diacci
Paul DiCaro	Richard & Jan Ferro
John (Jack) Wagner Sr.	Cathy Amato
Kay Sanchez	Mark Gusich
Mary Perkovich	Peter, JoAnn & Jamie Peso

11:00 a.m. u spomen

Dragica Mišura	ob. Jakov Bilonić
Marija Škalić	Josip i Kata Bajzec
Vica Sekso	Tomo & Nevenka Mulc
Zorka i Marko Krnić	Tomo & Nevenka Mulc
Dominik Velčić	sestre
Josip Lišnić	ob. Duško Bilonić
Dragica Kolar	Katica Kosić
Drago Lončar	ob. Karlo i Dragica Karačić
Ana Berkec	Dragica Pavić i ob.
Marko i Dragica Brajković	Neva Zelić s ob.
Luka i Marija Paljetak	sin Marko sa ob.
Pjer Perović	brat Fabijan
Kata Draženović	ob. Ljubo Draženović
Rafo Rogić i ob. Rogića	ob. Spahija
Ana Jakić	ob. Stašić
Anđa Ilić (<i>udova Marka</i>)	ob. Marinko i Božana Ilić
Milka Grašić	Zrinka i Ted Ripess
Pok. iz ob. M. i T. Čondić	sin

LECTORS

Sat., Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m. Robert Bazan
Sun., Nov. 25, 7:30 a.m. Mary Vujic
Sun., Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass
Sun., Nov. 25, 11:00 a.m. Anita Kosir, Darko Grgić, Petar Dušević

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m. C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Racinowski
Sun., Nov. 25, 7:30 a.m. Iglesias, Olague
Sun., Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m. Insalaco, Meo, Perseghin
Sun., Nov. 25, 11:00 a.m. Ante Kraljević, T. Čuvalo, S. Ivezic, Adriana Kraljević, A. Kosić, A. Puljić

For Rent: Vicinity 25th Place: 6-room apt., 3 bdrms. Enc. sun porch. Remodeled. Washer, dryer & fridge. 312-608-5947

► 29th & Princeton, 2nd fl rear, 3 rm apmt, 1 bdrm, newly renovated. New cabinets, appl., incl. microwave. H/W floors. Patio outside your door. Credit chk req., 1 mo. sec. dep. No pets. \$850/mo. includes ht. 773-485-3870

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

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns of coming persecutions. Jesus didn't hold anything back from his disciples. When he spoke about the world, he was very realistic. He told them that it would be difficult. They would be persecuted because they were Jesus' followers. Yet he also explained to them that this persecution would provide them with an opportunity to bear witness to him and to the Gospel.

It is in times of darkness that the Light is needed. It is in times of false-

hood that the Truth is needed. And it is in difficult times that Christian witness is needed.

By forewarning them, Jesus was forearming them. He was saying that they would need wisdom so as not to be deceived, courage so as not to be afraid, and endurance so as not to give up. He promised them that they would triumph in the end, provided that they remained steadfast in their faithfulness.

Our modern times offer numerous



opportunities to bear witness to Jesus and his Kingdom. Faith seems to thrive in adversity. It is often born out of adversity. God is with us! So we have the strength to live through any tragedy with our spirit unbroken.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Unbroken Spirit

During the Communist regime in Russia there was a young girl whose whole family had been sent to distant labor camps because of their belief in God. The girl was first taken to an orphanage. There she refused to give up the crucifix her mother had hung around her neck before leaving. She tied a knot in it so that they could not take it from her while she slept. The struggle went on and on. They continued to harass her, but it did no good. She would not give up the cross.

She also refused to submit herself to re-training. She staunchly ignored the daily lessons in the atheistic propaganda. In a further attempt to force her into giving up her Christian beliefs, she was forced to live with people who behaved in a low manner. Even though she was exposed to the worst behavior and taunted mercilessly, she refused to behave immorally. The harsh, atheistic system could not break her, even after years in a deplorable labor camp. She held fast to her deep and strong faith, and that faith upheld her.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"The only thing that does not change
is God's love for us."**

Franciscan Friars: 1209-2009, and beyond...

Continuing our gradual look at the Franciscan Friars as they approach their 800th birthday as a Religious Order, we focus our attention on the man who started it all:

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226).



Francis during his youth (a continuation)

Thomas of Celano, Francis's earliest biographer, speaks in very severe terms of Francis's youth. The saint's early life gave little indication of the golden years that were to come. No one loved pleasure more than Francis; he had a ready wit, sang merrily, delighted in fine clothes and showy display. Handsome, gallant and courteous, he soon became the prime favorite among the young nobles of the Italian town of Assisi. Francis was the foremost in every feat of arms, the leader of the civil revels, the very king of frolic.

But even at this time Francis showed an instinctive sympathy with the poor, and though he spent money lavishly, it still flowed in such channels as to attest to a princely magnanimity of spirit.

When he was about 20, Francis went out with the townspeople to fight the Perugians in one of the petty skirmishes so frequent at that time between the rival cities. The Assisians were defeated on this occasion, and Francis, being among those taken prisoners, was held captive for more than a year in Perugia. A low fever which he contracted in prison seems to have turned his thoughts to the things of eternity. The emptiness of the life he had been leading became obvious to him during that long illness.

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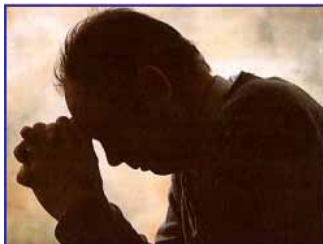
This Monday learn about the "Little Way" of St. Therese, the "Little Flower"



Tony Hickey, a retreat director from the Medjugorje Center in Manchester, England, who has been blessed with a tremendous gift to lead prayer and teach about Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition, will be our special guest speaker on **Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Small Hall** behind our church. He will present a talk about the life of St.

Therese of the Child Jesus entitled "**The Little Way.**" The talk is free, but free-will offerings may be made.

Everyone is invited to join us and to share in the blessings that this hard-working saint still showers on us. We hope to see you!



Thanksgiving Day there will be two morning

Masses: at 7:30 and 9:30.

The Thanksgiving Day **Food Drive** will conclude at the 9:30 Mass, when you may bring forward non-

perishable food donations at offertory time, when the gifts are brought forward.

On Thanksgiving Day it is especially appropriate to celebrate the Eucharist because the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God the way Jesus taught us at the Last Supper.

We thank God for His gift of Mary Harzich,

our oldest parishioner, who celebrated her **102nd birthday** this past Thursday.

Please remember Mary in your prayers, as she has been going through some difficult times with her health lately.



A group of St. Xavier University students are trying to help an orphanage with art supplies (colored paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.) or simply monetary donations. You may drop them off at the rectory. Thank you.

This Week's Second Collection: **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Help address the root causes of poverty by funding organizations that encourage human development. For example:

- Decreasing youth violence.
- Increasing access to affordable housing.
- Protecting the rights of seniors, workers, immigrants, and people with disabilities.

Please pray for our parishioner **Marty Miloslavich**, 73, who was buried from St. Jerome's this past week. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his children and grandchildren: Martin (Deborah) Miloslavich, Frank Miloslavich, and Lyn (Anthony) Di Filippo; grandkids Krista, Martin, Luka and Matthew; Marty's sister Nada, and his cousin Caroline "KiKi" Markovich. *May Marty and his late wife, Evelyn, rest in God's peace.*

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Football Mania Winners: Here are the winning numbers for week 10: \$500.00 - #696; \$200.00 - #236; \$75.00 - #1264; \$50.00 - #3545; \$25.00 - #3300; and \$50.00 - #2785

Next Weekend: "Cross International Catholic Outreach" helps the poorest of the poor around the world through church-based ministries. At our Masses Dec. 1st & 2nd, Fr. Jack O'Malley will talk to us about this efficient tool for putting our love into action all around the world.

Mark your calendars for **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, Dec. 9. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, and \$3 for children. Pictures can be taken with Santa from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a craft table, and raffle prizes. For additional information, please contact Joan Wroblewski at 773-847-1866.

Coming Soon: Next weekend our **Christmas Giving Tree** will appear in the back of Church with your opportunity to find a gift for a needy child.