

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday - Ponedjeljak, December 13, 2004
Feast of St. Lucy

7:30 A.M. Tomo Fuček i roditelji prijatelji
 U čast Gospi Mlica Čosić
 Rose Krolo Diane Krolo
 U čast sv. Anti Milica Čosić
 Stipe Brajković M/M Zdenko Čuljak

Tuesday - Utorak, December 14, 2004

7:30 A.M. Tona i Marko Čondić family
 Janja & Andy Samardžić Mary Vujić
 Ray Biamonte Jr. & Mamie
 Lenny Bajić Marija Carlson i obitelj

Wednesday - Srijeda, December 15, 2004

7:30 A.M. Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić
 Na nakanu obitelj Kelava
 Biserka Marušić suprug i djeca
 Na odluku Ivan i Iva Maroš
 Peter Frankovich family

Thursday Četvrtak, December 16, 2004

7:30 A.M. Josip Petrović Ana Braškić
 Bert Pintoy Ann Contino
 George Novak Anna Novak
 Brian Ruzich Wagner family

Friday – Petak, December 17, 2004

7:30 A.M. Dominic Marino family
 Janko Žužak Katica Kosić
 Eva Gusich Novicki family
 Na šast sv. Anti Ankica Golub i obitelj

Saturday- Subota, December 18, 2004

7:30 A.M. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome
 Thanksgiving to Gospa Sinjska Anna Novak
 Janja i Andy Samardžić Božo i Stoja Kosir

5:30 P.M. In thanksgiving N.N.
 John Mladinov family
 Frances Fratto Rose Ann
 Dec. of Iozzo & Thompson fam. Iozzo fam.
 Marshal Korshak M/M Sam Babich
 John & Anne Lisicich Sean McLoughlin

Sunday – Nedjelja, December 19, 2004

7:30 A.M. Bill & Mary Loughran Simon
 Linda Humbert husband Robert

9:30 A.M. Frances Schiavone Cathy Amato
 Carmen, Carmella, Tommy LaPapa daughter

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Stipe Brajković Ivan Biuk
 Za pok. iz ob. Belan i Kralj Ivan Belan
 Luca Krišto obitelj Krišto
 Stana Ljubić obitelj Kristić
 Mila Cvitković Olga i Boro Puljić
 Ivan Guvo Bože Guvo i obitelj
 Anđelka Šipić sestra Ankica Žaper
 Miško Dragušica Dinko Dragušica i obitelj

Lectors



Saturday, Dec. 18, 5:30 P.M. Dolores Crane

Sunday, Dec. 19, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, Dec. 19, 9:30 A.M. St. Jerome Students

Nedjelja, 19. prosinca 11:00 A.M. Davorka
 Toromanović i Zrinka Jureta



ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, December 18, 5:30 P.M. LoCoco,
 Raddatz, Rubio

Sunday, December 19, 7:30 A. M. Babich,
 Ferro

Sunday, December 19, 9:30 A. M. Guzman,
 Lopez, R. Sarkauskas

Nedjelja, 19. prosinca 11:00 A.M. N. Babić, A.
 Bušljeta, M. Jurković, I. Jurković

► **For Rent:** Recently remodeled and repainted 3rd floor, 2+ bedroom, hardwood floors, appliances; \$475. Vicinity of 27th and Princeton. Available Nov.1st. Call 708 567 1591

► **Math/Chemistry tutoring** available (grades 5-12). Please call 312-622-8117 (Cell) for more information.

► **Apartment for Rent:** 3 bedrooms, 33rd and Wallace. Call Tom 773 619 4811

Third Sunday of Advent

It is obvious from today's Gospel that John the Baptist was a very practical man. Christianity is a very practical and social religion. It is not just a matter of God and me, but of God, me, and others. We are preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas, but He doesn't come to us only at Christmas. He comes to us always, and at the oddest times and places, sometimes wearing different disguises. He comes in the form of a person in need. Advent urges us to prepare a way for the Lord. There is no better way to prepare than to be welcoming towards those in need. The way to find peace and happiness and goodness is to forget oneself and love others.

ADVENT: Season of joyful waiting and loving preparation

WISDOM'S CORNER *Looking for what you already have...*

Approaching a very pious priest, a man complained to him that he simple couldn't believe that God forgives sins. The priest remarked, "Perhaps what is happening to you is what once happened to me. I looked all over for a sock that was already on my foot!"

BEAUTIFUL THINGS Holiday boutique shopping awaits you this weekend, December 11 & 12, in the second floor small hall after all masses. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the parking lot fund.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS Lou and Mary Scalise, Ken and Jan Zekic, and Ivan and Vesna Jureta have formed a Parish Holiday and Seasonal Decorating committee. Please see one of them with your donations for Christmas flowers and decorations.

Breakfast with Santa. This HSA event will take place today, Sunday, December 12th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, coffee, juice or milk. Pictures will be taken from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon at \$15.00 per pose. Packages include 2-5x7, 4-3x5 and 8 wallets. Craft and raffle prizes. Hope to see you there!!

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000

Donated to Date: \$ 83, 595

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

Thought of the Week

"Where there is great love there are always miracles."

St. Jerome School Christmas program, THIS TUESDAY at 7:00 P.M. in our Church. Please join our children.

PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK !!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS NEXT WEEK

our parish's share of the special collection for retired religious (Priests, Brothers and Nuns) will be for the exclusive benefit of our Sisters in Pennsylvania — The Adorers of the Blood of Christ. All money collected will be sent to the community of Nuns that served our parish from 1922 until 2001. Few people know that our Sisters taught school all day, took care of the church and sacristy, washed and ironed church linens, trained altar boys, directed the church choirs, played the organ, decorated the altars, visited the sick, and performed dozens of other tasks as well, for less than a dollar per day! We owe them a big debt of gratitude. We ask that you give as generously as you can as a small recompense for all the good our Sisters did. It is only fitting that we help the community of good Sisters who so selflessly helped us all those years.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

Dear parishioners, we recently mailed our Christmas letter to all parishioners. If you have changed your address, please let us know. Also, we will soon be printing the parish envelopes for 2005. If you are not yet a registered parishioner and would like to be, please come to the parish office.

GIFT FROM RUZICH FUNERAL HOME We are grateful to David and Judy Ruzich for donating the beautiful calendars that are available to you after mass today. We thank them also for all that they do for our parish, and recommend their business to all our parishioners and friends.

VERY SPECIAL GUESTS! Coming This Thursday...**SPECIAL ADVENT SPIRITUAL EVENT***Childhood Years**Tajci - the Pop Star**Life In New York**Tatiana Now*

Advent is a time of gentleness and preparation for Christmas. Amid all of the material preparations for the feast of Our Lord's birth, we especially need time to prepare spiritually. This year our parish will have an excellent opportunity to ready our hearts and our spirits for Christmas when **TATIANA**, whom many already know well, visits us to present an extraordinary evening of original compositions, traditional music, and a highly personal portrayal of the story of Christmas. Tatiana's singing combines with the powerful message of Gospel truth. It is simultaneously pleasing, moving, and prayerful. *Entertainment Magazine* declares that "**Tatiana's music transcends all faiths and touches the hardest of hearts.**" Her life tells a story of love, fame, war, and finally discovering and following her dream. Her music speaks about these profound experiences and touches her audiences in return. Many, even those not hoping or expecting to, will return to their homes moved and inspired by the deep faith expressed in song. Raised in a musical family, she was singing with her father's band when she was only four years old. Tatiana was admitted to the prestigious Croatian Music Conservatory where she received a rigorous music education with a focus on classical piano. As a young girl, she was a frequent performer on the national stage, appearing in countless musical, theatrical, and television productions. Tajci sings in nine languages. Her records have achieved Platinum and Diamond sales. She will be joined by additional musicians and singers to perform marvelous compositions that weave a finely crafted musical tapestry. Please reserve this **Thursday, December 16**, on your calendar. The concert will begin at **7:00 P.M.** On that evening in our church we will enjoy a Christmas program with Tatiana and relive Christmas in a most beautiful way. Share the power and the passion and make your Advent season a deeply joyous and spiritually refreshing time to await the Lord. Plan to join us! Good will offerings will be appreciated.

SPECIAL GUESTS WITH TATIANA: LITTLE STARS is a famous children's choir composed of 50 young boys and girls. They are currently touring the United States and will hold a special performance downtown at **Daley Plaza on this Thursday, December 16th**, at 12 o'clock noon. On that same day in the evening, we will be able to enjoy their wonderful music **here in our church** when they join Tatiana to perform for us. World champions and cultural ambassadors of the European Union, "Little Stars" originates from the Zagreb, Croatia Youth Center Singing Studio. Exceeding international standards, choir pre-admission requirements are indeed stringent, requiring the highest personal dedication and professionalism of choir member candidates. Spending several hours every day in rehearsal, for a minimum of two years, candidates are required to perform in a high artistic level, hundreds of complex musical scores. Finally, with the candidates harmony, tonal resonance and diction honed to brilliant perfection, directorial permission is then granted and the candidate submits himself to the Youth Center Singing Studio's Directorial Review Board. Honored to be elected as Cultural Ambassadors of the European Union Parliament, *Little Stars*, by popular European editorial opinion, has surpassed the Vienna Boys Choir. On July 6, 2001, for the second time, *Little Stars* became world champions at Llangollen International Music Festival, Llangollen, Wales, U.K.. Their sensational Llangollen performance, apart from their performances before millions of Croatian listeners, has brought them well deserved acclaim with millions of more fans in Germany, England, Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Wales, Denmark, and Belgium. They are officially the best youth choir of the world.