

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

7:30 A.M. Stipe Šušnjara ob. Penavić
 Marie Balestri (11th anniversary) family
 Za zdravlje Mile Voloder ob. Ljuba Pervan

**Tuesday – Utorak, February 14, 2006
St. Valentine, Martyr**

7:30 A.M. Frank Marasso Bonnie DiCaro
 Sophie & Ralph Bonello Perisin grandchildren
 Fr. Mark Kozina Mary Fratto
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 15, 2006

7:30 A.M. Frank Vulich Kraslen brothers
 Evelyn Condich Vera Bozich
 Biserka Marusić Tomica i djeca

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 16, 2006

7:30 A.M. Pauline Lucotti M/M Robert Link
 Kata Mihaljević Božo Kosir family
 Joseph Bogetich family

8:05 A. M. For Parishioners

Friday – Petak, February 17, 2006

7:30 A.M. Toni Stašić ob. Stašić
 Frank Marasso Eileen & James Gentile
 Gus Damico Paulette Damico

Saturday – Subota, February 18, 2006

7:30 A.M. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome
 John Mikicich Mary Vujić
 Ivan Babić Valeria Babić

5:30 P.M. Mike Iozzo Iozzo family
 Bob Maxwell Lorry & Frankie Venditti
 Evelyn Miloslavich family

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 19, 2006

7:30 A.M. Evelyn Condich Bože Guvo
 Frank Vulich Charles & Patricia Morino
 In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

9:30 A.M. Edward Vucinic Insalaco family
 Martin Vidović Louis & Mary Scalise
 Matija Prskalo Rose Marie Sestito
 Anthony DeGrazia (6th anniv.) Loretta DeGrazia
 Mara Budich daughters
 Ann Sefauer (for good health) daughters

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Vinko Lišnić Mate Caljkusić
 Mila Tomić ob. Ivan Mišetić
 Ivan i Manda Jurilj ob. Ante i Anica Lončar
 Mary Alfirevich Fenlon family and friends
 Kata Puljak ob. Marko Puljak
 Marijana Čubelić Anka Pervan
 Mate Badrov ob. Jozo Badrov
 Anđa Bralo ob. Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Ivan Vuković Ivan Jureta i ob.
 Duše u čistilištu Anica Ostojić
 Na nakanu Dragica Pavić



Saturday, Feb. 18, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary Brcich

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

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:30 A.M. Jan Zekich

Sunday, Feb. 19, 11:00 A.M. Ivanka Paraga,

Antonija Kraljević



Sat., Feb. 18, 5:30 P.M. Ferro, A. Nero, P. Nero

Sunday, Feb. 19, 7:30 A.M. Gonzalez, Segvich

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:30 A.M. Passi, A.

Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Sunday, Feb. 19, 11:00 A.M. N. Babić, CJ

Bušljeta, M. Kikaš, D. Kikaš, A. Rogić

FOR SALE

► 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302

FOR RENT

► Apt 28th/Princeton, Quiet 2 bdrm, clean, sunlight, non-smoking bldg. No pets. Central air/heat, stove top, oven, fridge incl. Free laundry facility in bldg. \$800 mo. plus 1 mo. sec. dep. Cred. check & ref. a must. Leave message 9 AM-7 PM 312 501 0918. Ready March 1.

► Apt. on 25th Pl. 3 large bdrms, 2nd flr frnt, new appliances, carpeting, enclosed porch. 630-904-6774.

► 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.

► Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582

► Large apt. vicinity 29th Shields, 6 rms, very good condition, heat included, \$700. 773 523 1069

► Apt. for rent: 32nd Princeton 312-225-7959

WEEKLY MEDITATION—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leprosy is the clear theme of the scripture readings today. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. It made the victim an outcast. Jesus broke through all the taboos and reached out his loving and healing hand to the leper.

The interesting thing is not that Jesus cured the leper, but the manner in which he cured him. He allowed the leper to approach him. Then he did the unthinkable. He reached out and

touched him.

Imagine how good the leper felt when Jesus touched him. He felt he was a human being after all. His body was horribly wounded by leprosy, but his spirit was even more deeply wounded by the sense of having been rejected and abandoned by everyone.

Kindness is almost as important to a sick person as medicine. Jesus reached out a loving and healing hand towards

an "untouchable" outcast. He challenges us, his followers, to reach out to those society rejects today: the homeless, the addicted, the abandoned.

It's amazing what people can do for others. They can rekindle hope, bring back the zest for living, inspire plans for the future, and restore self-respect and pride. They can even mirror dimly the infinite charity of God. By looking at Jesus, we see what we should do.

100th Anniversary of *Velika Gospa*

On August 15, 2006, Assumption Day (or "Velika Gospa" in Croatian), we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish's celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Sinj (or "Gospa Sinjska"). In preparation for this historic event, **we are gathering "Velika Gospa" memorabilia.** Please let us know of anything you might have that we could borrow such as **pictures, negatives, film, video, etc., particularly from the early years.** *Any items or information would be appreciated!*

2nd Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* supports many ministries throughout Cook and Lake Counties: grants to needy parish schools; training for catechists, lay ministers and deacons; worldwide Catholic Relief Services; and local programs to minister to the impoverished, the imprisoned, youth in college, SPRED, women in Project Rachel, and many other worthwhile causes.

Help me, Jesus, ...

- ... to reflect your love today.
- ... to display your joy.
- ... to manifest your peace.
- ... to practice your patience.
- ... to express your kindness.
- ... to make known your goodness.
- ... to reveal your faithfulness.
- ... to show your gentleness.
- ... to exhibit your self-control.

WISDOM'S CORNER

Send me

Mrs. O'Reilly received the news that one of her neighbors was seriously ill. She said to the person who gave her the news, "Tell her that I'll remember her in my prayers, and that I hope she'll soon be feeling better." She was as good as her word. That same night she prayed very sincerely and fervently for her neighbor. She said to God, "*Lord, I want to commend my neighbor to you. She's very seriously ill. She needs a lot of help, a lot of support.*" When she finished her prayers, she felt better. Yet, something was bothering her. She sat down to think about it. Then she fell into a dreamlike state in which she heard God saying to her, "I can see that you're very concerned about your neighbor."

"Yes, Lord, I really am," she replied with no little pride.

"And I understand that your neighbor is in great need of help," said God.

"So I've been told," said Mrs. O'Reilly.

"Now when you asked me to help her, you weren't expecting me to come down from heaven to visit her, were you?"

"No, Lord, I wouldn't expect you to do that. Nor would my neighbor expect it either. In fact, I think the shock of it might kill her," responded Mrs. O'Reilly.

"But she does need someone," remarked God. "Who can I send?"

After a long pause, Mrs. O'Reilly said, "Send me, Lord."

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else."

"Blessed Cardinal Stepinac" Days

This weekend our parish is honoring Blessed Alojzije Stepinac, the martyred Cardinal of Zagreb, Croatia, whose painting is enshrined above our right Side Altar.

After the Croatian Mass today, in honor of Blessed Stepinac, our Croatian School's teachers, parents, students and graduates will hold a **short program and a luncheon in the School Hall. Tickets can be bought at the School Hall door.**

VIDEOTAPES of the documentary "**Stepinac: Priest, Cardinal, Hero, Saint...You Choose**" are available for **\$10.**

The Chicago "Festival of Faith": Catholics of all ages—and those interested in the Catholic faith—come, learn more, and be a part of the "new evangelization"! To inspire and teach Catholics from across Chicagoland is the focus for the second-ever Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Festival of Faith taking place **February 16-18** at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5500 N. River Rd. in Rosemont. There will be beautiful Masses, opportunities for prayer, concerts, and a dinner theater, keynote speakers, hundreds of workshops offered in several languages, and even **special sessions for teens.** Visit the festival's website at www.catholicfest.org or phone the Festival of Faith office at 312-751-8388.

"Catholics for the Cardinal," an independent group of concerned Catholics who wish to express their support for and gratitude to Cardinal George, is holding a **rally at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State) this Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 PM.** The Cardinal is heart-broken over how some children were victimized during his tenure. But, "Catholics for the Cardinal" points out that the way the Cardinal has been treated by some in the media recently recalls some of the worst days of anti-Catholicism. "Catholics for the Cardinal" invites us to come and support Cardinal George in this sad hour.

BAKALAR DINNER: Our parish's **Club Poljica** will hold its annual Bakalar Dinner in the St. Jerome School Hall on **Saturday, March 4.** Tickets for this excellent dinner is \$50.00. Included with the Dalmatian fish specialty is great music and an open bar.

OUR DECEASED: Please pray for **Catherine Madia (101), Joseph Piccinni (86), and Francesco Munizza (66),** for whom funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish. *Please also offer prayers for and extend your sympathy to their loved ones.*

Congratulations to St. Jerome's Lady Lions Junior Varsity Basketball Team for their undefeated season and their championship victory in the SCAA Basketball League. What an inspiring example of growing in mind, body, soul and teamwork!

Benefit for St. Jerome School:

'Lions Roar' masquerade ball and raffle are next Saturday

Tickets now on sale for St. Jerome School's 3rd Annual **LIONS ROAR BENEFIT.** On Feb. 18, St. Jerome School will host a Masquerade Ball from **6 p.m. to Midnight** in the School Hall. The evening includes cocktails, live entertainment, a three-course sit-down dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, raffle (\$25.00 raffle tickets — winning prize is \$2,500.00, in cash or as a tuition credit) and much more! Masquerade Ball attire is *not required!* This is also the evening in which we present a deserving individual with our "Heart of the School"/Postovani Award. Don't miss the Ball...ticket sales are limited! **Purchase your benefit tickets of \$50.00 per person today by contacting one of our tickets agents:** Angela Bajic at St. Jerome School 312 842 7668 or Kim Condito 312 842 7144. For more details about the benefit, please visit the school website at www.stjeromeschool.net or call 312 842 7668.

St. Jerome Youth Service Corps

Food drive, toy drive, what next? Perhaps you'd like to join us? Come and see what we're about. The next meeting will be **this Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 P.M.** in the 2nd floor small hall. Bring a friend!

Croatian folk group Lindjo is coming next Saturday:

From the inspiring city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, the 50-member folk dance ensemble **LINDJO** will perform for the first time in Chicago on **February 18 at 6 p.m.** in the auditorium of St. Scholastic Academy, 7416 N. Ridge, Chicago. Tickets are \$30 in advance (from Mara Romanovic after the Croatian Mass, or call

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 180,346
February Donations Thus Far:	\$ 125
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

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