

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, February 20, 2006**

7:30 A.M. Dujo Maroš Danica Maroš
John Mikicich Laura & John Perseghin
Esther Tucker (for health) Milica

Tuesday – Utorak, February 21, 2006

7:30 A.M. Evelyn Miloslavich family
Marijana Čubelić ob. Stoja i Božo Kosir

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 22, 2006
Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

7:30 A.M. Ralph Bonello John and Marty Kraslen
Frank Marasso Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 23, 2006

7:30 A.M. Tomislav Hostička Danica Maroš
Dragojka Badrov Pavo Badrov i ob.
Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić i ob.

8:05 A. M. For Parishioners

Friday – Petak, February 24, 2006

7:30 A.M. Marijan Lerotić kći Ivanka
Frank Marasso Perisin grandchildren
Ivan Vuković Martin Milković i ob.

Saturday – Subota, February 25, 2006

7:30 A.M. Ivan & Tada Topić ob. Penavić
Toni Stašić ob. Stašić

5:30 P.M. Dinko Buškain Nevenka Badrov i ob.
Lawrence Jorio Lorry & Frankie Venditti
Dominic Scalfaro M/M Robert Link

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 26, 2006

7:30 A.M. Lorraine Pascente Cortez family
Evelyn Condich Bože Guvo
Andrew / Concetta Bartuca Frank B.

9:30 A.M. Ivan Zeba Ivica Zeba family
Jo Marie B. Scott Gail, Mom & Dad
Joseph Bozich Joseph Martucci family

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Josip Nagy obitelj Rodić
Vinko Lišnić Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Bilik
Peter Pervan Mary & children
Mary Alfievich Fenlon family & friends
Ilija Ječić obitelj Čosić
Jozo Ječić obitelj Čosić
Stazija Čosić obitelj Čosić
Željko Čosić obitelj Čosić
Mate Braskich Ana Braskich
Branimir Mikulić sestra Ljubica Rogić i ob.
Duše koji nemaju nitko za spomenuti Anica Ostojić
Michael Roscich (for health) family

**Lectors**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 5:30 P.M. Joseph Magyar

Sunday, Feb. 26, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:30 A.M. Briana Babich

Sunday, Feb. 26, 11:00 A.M. Josip Novak,
Nediljko Babić, Perica Dušević

**ALTAR
SERVERS**

Sat., Feb. 25, 5:30 P.M. Insalaco, Perseghin, Rubio

Sunday, Feb. 26, 7:30 A.M. B. Kenny, V. Kenny

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:30 A.M. Mitchell, M. Olague,
S. Olague

Sunday, Feb. 26, 11:00 A.M. T. Kikaš, A. Kosić,
D. Paraga, I. Jureta, E. Ljevar

FOR RENT

- ▶ Apt 36th Normal, 3 bdrm, \$850. 312 671 2160
- ▶ 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. Credit check & ref. a must. Leave message 9 AM-7 PM 312 501 0918. Ready March 1.
- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.
- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.
- ▶ Apt. for rent: 32nd Princeton 312-225-7959
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582

FOR SALE

- ▶ 2818 S. Wells, house for sale, 773 704 7302

WEEKLY MEDITATION—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the paralyzed man in today's Gospel arrived in front of him, Jesus saw at once that the man was in need of physical healing. He also saw something else. He saw that he was in need of spiritual healing too. He began the cure of the paralytic with the forgiveness of his sins. By beginning there, Jesus was saying that sin, too, is an illness—an illness of the soul.

Jesus came to save the whole

person — body *and* soul. Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take up your bed and walk," but, more important, his soul was made clean, bright, and at peace.

Even when we do not need physical healing, we certainly need spiritual healing. Sin can be regarded as a spiritual paralysis that affects us all. It affects our hearts by impairing our ability to love. It affects our willpower by rendering us less able to reject evil

decisively and commit once and for all to the good. It affects our spirit because we are thus less able to live in freedom, hope and joy.

We need the Lord's forgiveness and healing. We need the radical forgiveness that simultaneously recognizes our sinfulness, and affirms us as people worth loving and caring about. Human beings can't grant that kind of profound forgiveness; only God can.

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!

The second Velika Gospa planning meeting is Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Small Hall. **All are welcome to come and discuss how to celebrate and make our 100th Anniversary special and uniquely memorable.**

Come, Accompany Jesus



Our parish has the gift of Jesus being exposed for adoration for two hours **every Thursday evening from 7 to 9.** It recalls Holy Thursday night when Jesus begged his followers to stay awake with him on the Mount of Olives, but of course they were tired and fell asleep. Come for vocal prayers at the beginning of the adoration and then accompany Jesus in silent adoration, which concludes with Benediction.

Try driving with Catholic radio 820
(in between News radio 78 and WLS 89 AM). You won't regret it!

WISDOM'S CORNER

A Better Way

Two farmers, John and James, were good friends until a dispute arose between them over a piece of land. Unable to settle the issue themselves, they went to court. The court decided in favor of John, so James, out of bitterness, put enough poison in John's well to give it an obnoxious taste without being fatal. John was very angry and considered taking revenge. He was about to go and poison James' well when a stranger arrived at his house. Upon hearing the story, the stranger agreed that it was a nasty situation, but he advised against retaliation. "Poison is a dangerous thing to play with," he declared. "I have a better idea."

His idea was to clean out John's well. He offered to help John do this. Reluctantly John agreed. It was a messy business that took them two whole days. Then they ran fresh water through the well several times until the stranger declared it to be clean. John tested the water but insisted that he could still taste the poison. The stranger told him, "The water is perfect, but you will continue to taste the poison until you do one more thing." "What's that?" asked John earnestly.

"You must forgive your neighbor. You have rid the well of poison, but you haven't rid yourself of the poison that lodges in your mind and heart. Until you let go of your bitterness and forgive your neighbor, the water will never taste right." That evening John went to his neighbor and made peace. He returned home and again tested the water. This time it tasted good.

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"God never asks us to do something beyond what he has already done for us."



Commitment Weekend

This week's Annual Catholic Appeal

Today the Archdiocese of Chicago asks us to make a pledge to finance the systematic outreach of the Archdiocese to people in need. This financial sacrifice on our part is made for many good causes such as:

- grants & scholarships for low-income parish schools
- training catechists and other teachers of the Faith
- help for the poor locally and globally
- SPRED (Special Religious Education for the disabled)
- Project Rachel (healing for women after abortion)
- Natural Family Planning & Chastity/Abstinence programs

and many more such worthwhile projects. This once-a-year collection can be spread out over 5 monthly installments if that is a more convenient way for you to contribute to this campaign. (This year we as a parish are required to contribute 6% of our total yearly Sunday collections to this annual Catholic appeal.) The people of this parish actively love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor as themselves. *A generous response to this Commitment Weekend will help us love needy neighbors whom we may never otherwise reach in our Archdiocese. Thank you and thanks be to God for your sacrifice.*

Our Deceased: Please pray for our parishioner **Josephine Odo**, who was buried from St. Jerome's this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

PREPARING FOR TAX TIME: If you need a statement of your contributions to St. Jerome Parish in the year 2005, please contact the parish office.

NEWS ON MASS INTENTIONS: The schedule of Mass intentions for **February, March & April** is **full**. Please take this into account when you want to schedule Mass intentions.

A CAREGIVER IS AVAILABLE to give in-home assistance from Monday through Friday. For more information, call Carol Caputo at 773 254 8344.

Croatian folklore group 'Lindjo' to perform at Chicago Cultural Center

The 50-member folk dance ensemble **LINDJO** will perform at the **Chicago Cultural Center** (at Michigan & Randolph) this **Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.** This popular group from Dubrovnik, Croatia, will wrap up their visit to Chicago with this free concert. Invite your friends (whether they speak Croatian or not) to come, see, hear and enjoy this world-class cultural event.

The St. Jerome Marian Society is again hosting a **monthly luncheon for our parish** in the School Hall this coming **Sunday, Feb. 26, at 12:30 p.m.** Please come and share the fellowship.

St. Jerome School's Open House

All new families interested in Pre-School through 8th Grade are invited to learn about our parish school at two Open House days: **Monday, Feb. 27**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and **Saturday, March 4**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ANNUAL BAKALAR DINNER:

Our parish's **Club Poljica** will hold its annual Bakalar Dinner in the St. Jerome School Hall **Saturday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets for this excellent dinner are \$50.00. Included with the Dalmatian fish specialty of "Bakalar" is great music and an open bar.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to Alexa Venditti, a graduate of St. Jerome School, who achieved "First Honors with Distinction" at St. Ignatius High, and to Annette Nowacki,

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!