

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 19, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Stipe Šušnjara Obitelj Penavić
 Mary & Rocco Iacullo M/M Anthony Sabbia
 Robert Jurlina Obitelj Bandalo
 Mary Ann Mladina Carol Marasovich

Tuesday - Utorak, January 20, 2004

7:30 A.M. Viktor Bubić Ivan Cvitanović
 Marko Ilić Andrija Vasilj i ob.
 Rose Marie Thome Catherine & Nick Perisin

Wednesday - Srijeda, January 21, 2004

7:30 A.M. George Mikicich Mary Harzich
 Michael Pavletić Ann Contino
 Tony Segvich Marion & children

8:05 Sr. Benedict Bakarich St. Jerome School

Thursday - Četvrtak, January 22, 2004

7:30 A.M. Bruno Roti Marion
 Ray Hughes Louis Scalise family
 Mirko Jurčević Luka Bajić i ob.

Friday - Petak, January 23, 2004

7:30 A.M. Katy Morano Marion
 John (Scotty) Sablich Tony & Mary Doria
 Mara Šušnjara Mirjana Šušnjara i ob.

Saturday - Subota, January 24, 2004

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić Pavo Badrov
 Nediljka Lišnić Nediljko Babić i ob.
 Stana Delić Cathy Grčević
 Joseph & Millie Bogetich family

5:30 P.M. Peter Fratto Mary Fratto
 John Mladinov family family
 Steven Brajković rođaci: Mary, Silvija, Luka
 Stana Delich Katie Munizzi

Sunday - Nedjelja, January 25, 2004

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert husband Robert
 George Mikicich Catherine & Nick Perisin
 Stana Delich Mary & Debbie
 Katica Hobar Debbie

9:30 A.M. Ted Mizera H.S.A.
 Special Intention (J. Hanson) Lucille Munizzi
 Paul Grubisic Cabo M/M John Botica
 Frank Polacek M/M John Botica
 Jane Baker niece Vonnie

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Pero, Janja, Damjan Puljić Boro i Olga Puljić
 Marija Rodić Obitelj Rodić
 Ivan Zeba Marko Zeba i ob.
 Marko Tomljenović obitelji
 Fra Ljubo Čuvalo Ivan Mišetić i ob.
 Steven Brajković Paško Jakelja i ob.
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić i ob.
 Anto Golub Obitelj Tomić
 Mara Šušnjara Tomislav Lišnić i ob.

Lectors

Saturday, January 24, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary Brcich

Sunday, January 25, 7:30 A.M. Maryann Ciaravino

Sunday, January 25, 9:30 A.M. Family Mass
Nedjelja, 25. siječnja 11:00 A.M. Ivica Kuhtić i Perica Dušević

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, January 24, 5:30 P.M. Ciaravino, A. Raddatz, J. Raddatz

Sunday, January 25, 9:30 A.M. Sanchez, A. Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Nedjelja, 25. siječnja, 11:00 A.M. T. Kikaš, D. Obranović, Carmen Pavišić, A. Bušljeta

WEDDING BANNES

Jadranka Karačić i Ronald Signoreto (1)

Alexander Skinger and Monika Simatic (2)

WEEKLY MEDITATION



In the Gospel Reading, Saint John tells us about what occurred at the wedding feast in Cana in Galilee. The Virgin Mary and her son, Jesus, were invited to this celebration. The wine ran out and there were many people at the banquet. The newly wed couple needed help. Mary, a sensitive and intuitive woman, saw the problem, understood the need, and spoke to her son, saying, "They have no more wine." Obviously, Jesus was surprised to hear these simple words from his mother. That is why he said, "Woman, how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come." But the Virgin Mary knew that her son would not stand by idly when someone was in need, so she told those waiting at the table, "Do whatever he tells you." The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that by his presence at this marriage feast, the Lord confirmed the goodness of matrimony and blessed married love. With this, his first miracle, Our Lord shows that God supports and blesses this sacrament.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that they should use the gifts that the Spirit has given them for the benefit of the community. If they do this, they will show the love that exists among them. In the same way, the Spirit acts at the center of marriage guaranteeing, with his grace, the unity and the love that should exist between husband and wife. Married couples are called to use the gifts they have received from God for the common good. They are called to do things for each other and to listen to each other, showing each other that they truly love and understand each other, forgetting about the little misunderstandings that their own self-centeredness can turn into mountains.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTION VOUCHERS

OFFERING This week you can pick up proof of your contributions to our church in the parish office at the rectory. We extend sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the donations to our parish, particularly towards the church restoration, and for all that you do for our parish!

BLESSING OF HOMES for 2004 If you would like one of our priests to come to bless your home, please call the rectory and make an appointment.



ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events In today's bulletin you will find a schedule of events in our parish community for this year. Please make a note of these occasions and, as a member of our parish, participate in them.

CROATIAN LANGUAGE FOR ADULTS Anyone who is interested in learning the Croatian language should contact our teacher, Mario Ivancic. Telephone: 773/ 875—3350

Mark Your Calendar

CARDINAL STEPINAC DAYS - St. Jerome Parish and Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School are organizing special days to honor Blessed

Stepinac.

- **On Saturday, February 7**, a concert will be held at Healy School (3001 S. Wallace) at **5 P.M.** featuring performances by 3 Croatian folklore groups: Cardinal Stepinac (St. Jerome), Cardinal Stepinac (New York) and Croatian Loza (Chicago). The program will feature songs and dances from all parts of Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. This evening of entertainment and celebration will continue with food, refreshments, and dancing in St. Jerome School Hall.
- **On Sunday, February 8, the 11 A.M.** mass will be celebrated in honor of Bl. Stepinac. Afterwards a program and banquet will be

SECOND COLLECTION Today, January 18, a special collection will be taken for the Church in Latin America. Your help and support is needed. Thank you for your generosity.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Thursday from 7 to 9 P.M. in our church. We invite everyone to this evening of prayer and visitation with Our Lord.



From Death to New Life

OUR DECEASED Sr. Mary Benedict Bakarich passed away on December 26, 2003. Sister was one of the first American-born Croatian girls to join the order of the Adorers of the Precious Blood that arrived from Bosnia in 1906. At the request of Fr. Vukonic, Sr. Benedict came to Chicago in 1922 and was one of the founders of St. Jerome School. During her early years at St. Jerome she was one of the composers of *Kralju Vjekova*, the first Croatian hymnal published in America. As an organist, she formed the first choir at St. Jerome. Her hymnal is still used in many Croatian parishes in the United States. Many of her years were spent teaching at our school. May her soul rest in God's presence.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE Dear Parishioners, we hope that you read in last week's bulletin the invitation to become a more active member of our parish community. We await your reply and your suggestions. We would like to hear from you. What is your perspective on our parish? What are your ideas and plans? What would you like to do? Thank you in advance for your response.



GIFT TO OUR PARISH We are grateful to one of our former parishioners, Marie Botica, on her generous gift of \$22, 201.58 to our parish. In her will, Marie remembered a place dear to her, St. Jerome's. We are very appreciative and will remember her in our prayers and masses.



CONGRATULATIONS to our girl's basketball teams. The girl's Varsity team finished its regular basketball season UNDEFEATED with a record of 15-0. The Jr. Varsity girls did just as well finishing with a record of 14-1. Good luck in the playoffs, girls!!



Pray

Prayer To Be Able to Listen to God

DEAR GOD,

Speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noises of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you. Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying: "Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble of heart." Let that loving voice be my guide. Amen.

Some Thoughts...

WISDOM'S CORNER

"People are afraid, very much afraid of those who know themselves. They have a certain power, a certain aura and a certain magnetism, a charisma that can take out alive, young people from the traditional imprisonment... The spiritual man cannot be enslaved - that is the difficulty - and he cannot be imprisoned... Every genius who has known something of the inner is bound to be a little difficult to be absorbed; he is going to be an upsetting force. The masses don't want to be disturbed, even though they may be in misery; they are in misery, but they are accustomed to the misery. And anybody who is not miserable looks like a stranger. The spiritual man is the greatest stranger in the world; he does not seem to belong to anybody. No organization confines him, no community, no society, no nation."

GOD WAITING FOR US AS A FATHER

The boy walked along the ocean shore . . . trying not to stray. He looked up to his father saying, "Dad, I want to play." His father looked upon him, with love showing in his eyes. "Do what you want to, my son . . . but do not leave my side." "I would never leave you Daddy, I love you way too much." But the boy took a step away, out of his father's range of touch. He walked through the surf, the waves tickling one toe. "If I take one more step in . . ." he thought, "Father will never know." His father called out to him, "Son, remain close to me!" The boy thought . . . "At the moment I don't need you!" His father felt a sadness, but he held his tongue.

Sometimes lessons need to be learned . . . even when so young. The boy stepped out a little further . . . the water covering his waist. His father spoke with urgency . . . "My son, come back to me," he said, "The day is almost done!" "Not yet, Dad," the boy yelled, "I'm having fun!" The boy did not have his father's insight . . . so he could not yet tell, the tide was coming in fast . . . there would be no time to yell. "Father!" he tried to scream, as the water covered his head. "I need you now, Daddy!" was what the boy had said. And in a single instant his father was by his side. "I thought you left me, Daddy . . . I thought you went to hide." The father looked upon his son . . . a tear streaming down his cheek. The boy looked upon his father . . . and cried the sobs of the meek. "I would never leave you son . . . for I love you just the same." "I was only waiting . . . for you to call upon my name."

Author Unknown.

Recommended Reading: Alan Wolfe: *The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Live Our Faith* (Free Press, 309 pages, \$26.00). Alan Wolfe finds that most religious people in the U.S. care less about theological fine points than about finding a personal spiritual home. He is also the author of *An Intellectual in Public*

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You are not finished when you lose. You are finished when you quit."