

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 12, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Carlo Becich sisters  
 Mary & Rocco Iacullo Bob & Nancy Link  
 Michael Pavletić RoseMarie Sestito  
 Emil Marasovich Marasovich family

**Tuesday - Utorak, January 13, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Luka Zelić Obitelj Jukić  
 Na odluku N. N.  
 Stipe Brajković Martin Žigni i ob.

**Wednesday - Srijeda, January 14, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Ivan Badrov Nevenka Badrov  
 Ann Nemsik Kay Siani  
 Stana Delich Dolores Crane  
**8:05** Josephine Dragozetich Mossman family

**Thursday - Četvrtak, January 15, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Nediljka Lišnić Pero Dukić  
 George Mikicich Joan Sipich  
 Charley Begich sisters  
 Biserka Marušić suprug i djeca

**Friday - Petak, January 16, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Zvonko Banić Jela Kutleša  
 Na nakanu Ivan Kutleša  
 Mary O'Shea Noel / Nancy Summers & fam.  
 Marijan Lerotić Ivanka Šušnjara i ob.  
 Harry Lucarelli daughter Vonnie

**Saturday - Subota, January 17, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Luca Mišerda Obitelj Jukić  
 Mary O'Shea Schurla family  
 Rose Marasovich Marasovich family  
 Augustine Salamone family

**5:30 P.M.** Mary O'Shea Sharlene Fritz  
 Thompson / Iozzo families Iozzo family  
 Carlo Gutillo mother  
 Petar i Mara Munitić kći Danica

**Sunday - Nedjelja, January 18, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Linda Humbert husband Robert  
 George Mikicich Catherine / Nick Perisin  
 Mary O'Shea Joe & Lucy Ciaccio

**9:30 A.M.** Stana Delich Cathy Amato

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Michael Pavletić Cathy Amato  
 Marko Ratković Petar Komar i ob.  
 Marko Mišerda Obitelj Jukić  
 Katica Hobar M/M James Sutera  
 Marijana Čubelić Obitelj Bandalo  
 Biserka Tomić Obitelj Tomić  
 Iva i Grgo Čerkez Mila i Henrik Solina

**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 17, 5:30 P.M.** Robert Bazan

**Sunday, January 18, 7:30 A.M.** Maryann Ciaravino

**Sunday, January 18, 9:30 A.M.** Giggie Cortese

**Nedjelja, 18. siječnja 11:00 A.M.** Marija Tokić i Marina Barun

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, January 17, 5:30 P.M.** B. Kenny, V. Kenny, Sabbia

**Sunday, January 18, 9:30 A.M.** Atteo, Dengler, Rodriguez

**Nedjelja, 18. siječnja, 11:00 A.M.** A. Mlinarić, J. Kosir, M. Jurković, K. Jurković

**WEDDING BANNS**

Alexander Skinger and Monika Simatic (I)

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**Apt. for Rent:** Large, 2 bedroom apartment, 2nd floor. Available Jan. 1. \$650 plus utilities. Phone: 773 259 – 2435.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION



Today, we commemorate the baptism of Our Lord by Saint John the Baptist. The Church teaches that when Jesus was baptized the Sacrament of Baptism was instituted. When we receive this sacrament, we enter into the Church and receive a call to our personal vocation. We truly become members of the family of God. The Church teaches us that Baptism is the most important of all of the sacraments. Baptism is the gateway through which we enter into the church community. No one can receive any of the other sacraments without first being baptized. In the Church, we are all called to sanctity. In baptism we acquire the grace that we need to live a spiritual life fully. Parents and godparents receive a mandate from the Lord to bring their children to the church to be baptized.

Jesus Christ, immediately after his baptism, came out of the water. At that same moment the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit was seen descending upon him in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven was heard that said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests." This shows the immense importance of the sacrament of Baptism. The Holy Spirit descends on the person baptized and, through divine grace, he or she is reborn spiritually and converted into a new Christian. For those who truly live their faith, it is a pleasure to know that this child has been changed into a temple of the Holy Spirit and has been purified of original sin.



## CHURCH CONTRIBUTION VOUCHERS

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!

## Today

**MARIAN SOCIETY** Today the Marian Society is preparing a luncheon in our school hall. This delicious homemade meal will be served from 12 noon. All are welcome! Cost of dinner: \$10.00. Profits go to our church.

## 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

for our parish will be published soon. We ask that all clubs, societies, and organizations inform us of the dates for their 2004 events.

## 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 held in our school hall.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Next week, 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.

## WISDOM'S CORNER



*Some Thoughts...* Celebrating Life - Birthdays need to be celebrated. I think it is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion, or a victory because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, "Thank you for being you." Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday we do not say, "Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished." No, we say, "Thank you for being born and being among us." On birthdays we celebrate the present. We do not complain about what happened or speculate about what will happen, but we lift someone up and let everyone say, "We love you. **Henri Nouwen**

### NEW YEAR'S 1904

#### A snapshot of the U. S. a century ago:

- The country's population was 82 million.
- The average life expectancy was 42.
- There were fewer than 10,000 cars on the road, and several states set speed limits of 20 miles per hour.
- Women were arrested for smoking in public.
- The typical worker made less than \$13 for a 59 hour work week.
- Frank Lloyd Wright was designing and building his architecturally unique homes.
- William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer competed for newspaper customers by adding sports and comic strips. ( The crossword puzzle hadn't yet been invented)
- Ping pong was all the rage.
- The Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogs were the most widely read publications, after the Bible.
- A first class stamp cost 2 cents.
- Women wore corsets to make their waists appear smaller.
- People listened to barbershop quartets and Scott Joplin's ragtime music on hand-cranked Victrolas.
- Theodore Roosevelt was president.
- For entertainment, people went to baseball games, took Sunday drives, had picnics, and watched silent films.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread - places to play in and pray in where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul.”**

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR PARISH?

It is a new year, a new time, a new opportunity. Dear parishioners, we invite you to a fuller participation in our parish community, our church, school, societies, and activities that are a part of our parish life. Please check the areas in which you would like to participate:

- Reading in church as a Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- St. Jerome School activities (Please tell how you would like to be involved.)
- Kardinal Stepinac Croatian School
- Church societies (Holy Name, Marian Society, etc.)
- Velika Gospa Feast (if you have not been involved before)
- Parish Office (secretarial/clerical)
- Offer help in the field of my profession (Please state how.)
- Teaching catechism to children
- Youth programs
- Church choir (Croatian or English)
- Children's choir (enroll your children.)
- Offer suggestions for the church bulletin, masses, other areas, etc.

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions, comments, ideas:

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Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you so much for your cooperation and concern for our parish community. We welcome your active participation.