

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 26, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Nediljka Lišnić      Nediljko Lišnić  
 Michael Pavletić      Frank Scalise  
 Josephine Dragozetic      Anne Semetis  
 Special intention (Josie Hanson)      Eva Madia

**Tuesday - Utorak, January 27, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Margaret Marcello      family  
 Ivo Čelan      Ljubo Krišto  
 U zahvalu Gospi Sinjskoj      Jela Kutleša  
 Lena & Dominick Marino      M/M Matt Pesce

**Wednesday - Srijeda, January 28, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Toma Botica      M/M John Botica  
 Vilna Pečuvčić      Hrvoje i Neda Pecuvčić  
 Robert/Theresa Haugh      Catherine/Nick Perisin

**8:05 A.M.** Lena Marino      family

**Thursday - Četvrtak, January 29, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Eva Balich      family  
 Ljubica n. Zovko      Mary Vujić  
 Lady of Međugorje      N/N

**Friday - Petak, January 30, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Veljko Kirinčić      obitelj Penavić  
 Ashley Nelson      Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Za zdravlje roditelja      Marina Zadro

**Saturday - Subota, January 31, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Stipe Brajković      Križa Ostojić  
 Nediljka Lišnić      ob. Duško Bilonić  
 Na čast sv. Anti      obitelj Lončar  
 Marge & John Sobocan      M/M Matt Pesce

**5:30 P.M.** Don Leodoro      mom & dad  
 Peter Fratto      Mary Fratto  
 Leroy Crisanti      Angeline Szatkowski  
 Phillip & Mary Sutera      Sutera family

**Sunday - Nedjelja, February 1, 2004**

**7:30 A.M.** Katica Hobar      Debbie  
 Stana Delich      Mary & Debbie  
 Linda Humbert      husband Robert  
 Intentions of Čondić fam.      Rosemary Brcich

**9:30 A.M.** Sam & Ann DeGregorio      family  
 Stana Delich      Rosemarie Sestito

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

Tomislav Hostička      obitelj  
 Marija Grdić      Iva Grdić  
 Katica Hobar      Bože Guvo  
 Bariša Šipić      sinovac Ante  
 Mile Rak      ob. Ivan Maroš  
 Grgo i Ana Bilonić      sin i ob.  
 Pok. iz ob. Rudman      Lovro i Dragica Rudman  
 Pok. iz ob. Žgela      Lovro i Dragica Rudman  
 Martin Punda      sestra Iva Jakelja i obitelj

**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 31, 5:30 P.M.** Frank DiLoreto

**Sunday, February 1, 7:30 A.M.** Maryann Ciaravino

**Sunday, February 1, 9:30 A.M.** Domingo Rodriguez

**Nedjelja, 1. veljače 11:00 A.M.** Davorka Toromanović i Karmela Kristić

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, January 31, 5:30 P.M.** Babich, Mossman, Segvich

**Sunday, February 1, 9:30 A.M.** Atteo, Gonzales, Sanchez

**Nedjelja, 1. veljače, 11:00 A.M.** J. Jureta, J. Kosir, K. Jurković, M. Jurković

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Jesus continued his mission of proclaiming release and freedom for several years in Galilee and in neighboring pagan areas. Finally, in Jerusalem opposition to his message and to his rising popularity grew to the point that those in authority convicted him on baseless charges and insisted that he be crucified. Yet, at the beginning of his career, Jesus announced that he came to bring release, freedom, and liberty. Crucifixion did not stop the mission Jesus began at that time and place. Associates who witnessed his resurrection from the dead carried the message of freedom that Jesus spoke throughout what we call the Middle East and even into Europe, but opposition continued. Of the twelve originally appointed by Jesus to continue announcing his message of liberty, only one escaped being killed for his work in spreading the gospel. Hundreds, if not thousands, continued to announce the good news of God's will to save humanity from the binding power of the sins of some who in every age want power over others. They followed the Apostles as martyrs to Christ's message of release. Yet, from the very beginning Christ insisted that his message was one of release and healing. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



## 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!

## 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.

## 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 Wine (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.



**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS** Interested persons are invited to learn more about the adoption process at informal meetings sponsored by the Catholic Charities Adoption Department. Advance reservations would be appreciated. Please call 312 655—7086.

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION MEETINGS** Catholic Charities is searching for loving foster homes. If you'd consider opening your home and your heart to someone in need of a home, plan on attending one of the foster parenting classes. For more information call 312 655—7200.

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE** Dear Parishioners, we hope that you read in our 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.

**NEW AT ST. JEROME** Do you need advice, help, words of comfort and healing? In our church this weekend you can find "Care Notes". These are pamphlets that address the themes of depression, prayer, suffering, illness, unanswered prayers, etc. Take them home with you. We hope that they will be of help.

**ANNUAL MEETING** of the Croatian Cultural Club Napredak, Chicago branch, will be held next Sunday, February 2, in the second floor small hall at 12:15 p.m.



#### WISDOM'S CORNER

*Some Thoughts...*

#### A Crucial Lesson About Healing

Her future looked grim. Alone in a small bed in a remote village hospital, the palm-sized newborn appeared lifeless. Doctors could barely hear her irregular heartbeat and no one could control her fluctuating temperature. She had slipped into this world too early - seven weeks premature and doctors expected her to pass from this world in a matter of days. In the next bed over, her healthier twin sister fretted while sleeping. Then, due to a shortage of beds, doctors placed the twins together. The sleeping newborn immediately snuggled up to her sibling and rested soundly. As the hours passed, the doctors noticed significant changes in the weaker infant. Her heartbeat normalized, her skin "pinkened." The sisters kept close over the next few days, often embracing, always touching, and each day the condition of the once frail baby improved. Her recovery baffled the doctors, but it shouldn't have. The baby was simply proof of the wondrous healing power of one of the strongest medicines - touch. Whom can you heal with your touch today?

**CROATIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION** is preparing the following events and invites everyone to take part:

16 Feb. Reception for senatorial candidate Mr. Andy McKenna, 7 p.m., Croatian-American Radio Club: Donation \$50

13 March Annual banquet, 6:30 p.m., Croatian Cultural Center, with guest Mr. Ivo Sanader, president of the Croatian Congress

24 April Yearly meeting of the board members, 7 p.m., Croatian Center

5,6,7 May Annual lobbying days on Capitol Hill

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following graduates of St. Jerome School for achieving Honor Roll status at their high schools. Maria: Jessica Martinez De La Salle: Mario Atteo, Patrick Bergthold, Richard Bergthold, Erica Galvin, Mark Hughes, Anthony Iozzo, Kevin Joyce, Nick Kolo, Alexa Powell, John Rogosich, Dante Vivona

**We have received the following letter:**  
"Dear Father,

On January 11 my husband and I attended 9:30 mass. We wanted to see the church. It is very beautiful. During the mass my husband passed out. The people around him immediately began to assist me. Thank you so much for your help. Your church is very beautiful, but you should be very proud of the kindness of the people in your faith community. He is doing well because of the prayers of those around us. Thank you, "**Jim & Karen Brown**

**Recommended Reading:** Adrian House *Francis of Assisi, A Revolutionary Life* (Hidden Spring, 334 pages, \$25.00). House spent four years researching and writing this book while living in Assisi, Britain, Spain, Egypt, and the U.S.A. The book is a masterpiece.

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"One sure window into a person's soul is his/her reading list."**