

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 23, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** JoMarie B. Scott Gail, Mom & Dad  
Stork Castaldo Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Katy Morano Marion  
Rocco Roti Marion

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 24, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Grgo Nikolić obitelj Penavić  
Stork Castaldo Patricia & Andy Sperando  
Steven Brajković obitelj Jakelja

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 25, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Nancy Prather M/M Robert Link  
Luka Botica Josephine  
Paul Grubisich Cabo John & Gen Botica  
Luka Botica John & Gen Botica  
Frank Polacek John & Gen Botica

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 26, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Steven Brajković obitelj Brajković  
Francine Mason M/M Frank Balestri  
Na nakanu obitelj Ljube Pervan  
**8:05 A. M.** For Parishioners

**Friday – Petak, January 27, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Carmella & Lena daughters  
Michael Castaldo Catherine & Nick Perisin  
Dominic & Lena Marino Chris & Matt Pesce

**Saturday – Subota, January 28, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Lena Marino Terese Perisin  
Evelyn Condich Jim Vetos  
Toma Botica John & Gen Botica

**5:30 P.M.** Dec. of John Mladinov family family  
Dec. of Thompson & Iozzo families Iozzo family  
Ralph Bonello Jeanne and Meghan Quinn

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 29, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Eva Balich family  
Evelyn Condich Jim Vetos  
Lena Marino family  
Luka Botica John Zekich  
In honor of Our Lady of Medjugorje N.N.

**9:30 A.M.** Martin Vidovic  
Edward Vucinic  
Charles Miller

Cathy Amato  
Cathy Amato  
Joan Sipich

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

Vinko Lišnić Božo Blažević  
Mary Alfirevich-Fenlon family and friends  
Ivan Zeba ob. Marko Zeba  
Josip Jović Marko Perić i ob.  
Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić  
Jerina Lišnić i Milka Čačić Marta Spahija sa ob.  
Fra Hrvoslav Ban Pavao Hrkać i ob.  
Stipan Guvo Bože Guvo i ob.  
Robert Jurlina ob. Jurlina  
Stana Erceg i Branko Jurković ob. Nevenka Jurković  
pok. ob. Golub Marija Tomić  
pok. ob. Kosić i Mrzljak Katica Kosić

**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 28, 5:30 P.M.** Frank DiLoreto  
**Sunday, January 29, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce  
**Sunday, January 29, 9:30 A.M.** Giggie Cortese  
**Sunday, January 29, 11:00 A.M.** Karmela  
Kristić, Katarina Morandi

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, January 28, 5:30 P.M.** Ferro, LoCoco,  
Miloslavich  
**Sunday, January 29, 7:30 A.M.** Raddatz,  
Segvich  
**Sunday, January 29, 9:30 A.M.** Insalaco,  
Mitchell, Perseghin  
**Sunday, January 29, 11:00 A.M.** K. Jurković, I.  
Jurković, M. Kikaš, A. Barun, I. Jureta

**FOR RENT**

- ▶ 35th & Lowe, 1 bdrm garden apt, great condition, central air & appl. & heat all included, non-smokers, \$600/mo plus security dep. Call John, 312 780 6739
- ▶ 29th Shields, large 7 rms, great condition, appl. included, \$675/mo. w/heat 773 523 1069
- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582

## WEEKLY MEDITATION—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter, Andrew, James and John were ordinary fishermen, yet they left everything and followed Jesus. It wasn't that they were fed up with fishing. It was that they knew Jesus was calling them to do something more worthwhile with their lives. The Lord still calls people today and the need is just as great today as it was during the time of the Apostles. One doesn't have to be an exceptional person to be a disciple of

Jesus. No one believed in the ordinary people as much as Jesus. Some people are called to dedicate themselves totally to the following of Christ, but not all Christians are called to follow Christ this way.

What does following Christ mean for the ordinary person? It means to be a Christian right where you are, where you live, where you work. This call of Christ to follow him is always an

invitation and it always offers us an opportunity to live a fuller and more worthwhile life. However, the idea of a call runs counter the prevailing culture. The thinking today is that we can live an uncalled life – one uncommitted to any purpose beyond oneself. It's not easy to allow oneself to be chosen, or to answer Christ's call, but he provides all the help we need, and there are many ways of serving him.

### *Medjugorje Visionary*

One of the six Medjugorje visionaries, Ivan Dragicevic, will speak at our parish today, Sunday, Jan. 22, at 12:30 p.m.

### *Open House for New Families*

St. Jerome School will begin open enrollment for the 2006-07 school year on Monday, February 6. Our school offers a high school prep curriculum, and is operated by a dedicated staff that educates the whole child—physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Interested new families whose children are in "Preschool-3" through 8th Grade can visit the school on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 312 842 7668.

### *St. Jerome School Benefit*

Tickets now on sale for St. Jerome School's 3rd Annual LIONS ROAR BENEFIT. On February 18, St. Jerome School will host a Masquerade Ball. This is an elaborate evening consisting of cocktails, live entertainment, a three-course sit-down dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, raffle and so much more! 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 tickets today by contacting one of our tickets agents: Angela Bajic at St. Jerome School 312 842 7668 or Kim Conditto 312 842 7144. For full details about the benefit, including prices, please visit the school website at [www.stjeromeschool.net](http://www.stjeromeschool.net) or call 312 842 7668.

### *Croatian folk group coming*

Coming 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 773 624 0337), or \$35 at the door.

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

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### For whom are you working?

A holy rabbi lived in a town where the houses of the rich stood in an isolated area, thus making it necessary for the wealthy residents to hire men to watch over their property at night. Late one evening as the rabbi was coming home, he met a watchman walking up and down the street. "For whom are you working?" the rabbi asked the watchman. The man told him and then inquired of the rabbi, "For whom are you working, Rabbi?" The words struck the rabbi like a shaft. "I am not working for anyone just now," he barely managed to say. Then he walked up and down beside the man for a long time, finally asking him, "Will you be my servant?" "I should like to," the man replied, "but what would be my duties?" "To ask me that very question every now and then," said the rabbi.

*It's a question each of us might ask ourselves every now and then: For whom — or for what — am I working?*

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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Work begins when you don't like what you're doing."

## St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 180,171
January Donations Thus Far:	\$ 13,215
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

## 47 million human beings, Rest in Peace

**On Monday, it will be 33 years since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws protecting the unborn from abortion. The “*Roe versus Wade*” decision was handed down Jan. 23, 1973. Since then, at least 47 million Americans have had their lives aborted.**

*After 33 years of abortion on demand being legal, much of the natural sense of shock and horror at this enormous destruction of human life has been de-sensitized.*

**How can we wake up from numbness and apathy? How can we do something good to overcome silence and indifference toward this tragedy?**

Some of the apathy comes from an underlying materialistic attitude toward life. Biology tells us that the mother and father made the fetus—and, therefore, faulty reasoning tells us that they can do what they want with their creation, their property. **But the unborn are both a physical body and a spiritual soul.** Mom and dad made the body, but God made the new soul. So the child is a child of God. In the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 366) we see that:

*“The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God – it is not “produced” by the parents – and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.”*

Therefore, besides stopping a beating heart, abortion prematurely separates an immortal soul from its body, against God’s will for that child.

What can we do? The President of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, Bishop William Skylstad, urges: **“We must continue to search for helpful and effective means of appreciating the dignity of all of human life. We must find more and better ways of being in greater solidarity with one another on this human journey. Especially, we must look deep into our own hearts to identify those attitudes which are contrary to Jesus’ command to love our neighbor as ourselves.”**

Pray. Lobby and persuade lawmakers. Help mothers contemplating abortion. Help those who aborted their young seek forgiveness and healing. Pray to see how to overcome evil with good—fighting evil with evil only guarantees more evil.

**How can mothers contemplating abortion as an option be helped?**

Call the Gabriel Project at 1-877-734-2444 (tollfree), where immediate and practical help is offered to any woman faced with a crisis pregnancy. The best way to raise one’s consciousness of the liveliness of the unborn is to watch videos of ultrasound readings of pregnant moms.



**How can women who have had abortions find the forgiveness and healing that Jesus offers to them?**

On this page you will find the story of one woman who, using her real name, is finding healing through helping others. The Catholic Church too wants to help, through education—such as this bulletin—and by offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to anyone seeking forgiveness for participating in the serious sin of abortion. Finally, look at the website <http://www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org>

### *A personal story*

My name is Yvonne Florczak-Seeman and I ran away from home at 16 years of age because I became pregnant. Having no other place to go, I was forced to move in with my boyfriend. Under the constant strain of his physical and mental abuse, I quickly found myself sliding into an inescapable abyss of depression. Realizing the dire state my life was reaching, I arrived at the agonizing decision to terminate the life of my unborn child. I can still vividly remember the visit to the abortion clinic. I remember them telling me continuously that my situation was temporary and that in just a few hours it would all be over. They couldn’t have been more wrong. In the three long hours I spent there, I was never advised of what the long-term consequences would be after I left. **The true result of that abortion was the complete destruction of my life for the 17 years that followed.**



I wish I could say that I learned the proverbial “Lesson” after that experience. However, the reality is that I not only survived that traumatic incident but went on to have four additional pregnancy terminations. Now you may ask how does a person manage to survive such a situation not just once, but five times? The truth is that after the first abortion, my mind had concluded that it was a necessary and reasonable response to my circumstances. The four abortions that followed were merely simple medical procedures. This self-serving scientific designation was created to hide the fact that the first abortion had managed to not only, scrape, rip, and suck out my human tissue but had also succeeded in removing my soul and personal identity.

Looking back now I truly believe that I have been allowed to survive those terribly painful experiences so that I may tell others about the consequences of abortion. It is very clear to me that my life and my experiences are not things to be shrouded in silence and secrecy. ...

It just amazes me to see how many women are finding the strength to break the silence and tell others that abortion is not in the best interest of women; it doesn’t protect them, it hurts them!

***Ms. Florczak-Seeman, a Hispanic businesswoman, is at Operation Speak-Out and can be reached at [lovefromaboveinc@aol.com](mailto:lovefromaboveinc@aol.com) or at 866-Time-2-Speak.***