

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 9, 2006**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**7:30 A.M.** Evelyn Condich Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Na čast sv. Ani Marija Tomic  
**8:05 A.M. – Mass with children**  
 Isamar Lopez Carmella Parrilli

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 10, 2006**  
**Beginning of First Week in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 A.M.** Tillie Tolerico Mark Gusich family  
 Mary Jo Madia Charles & Patricia Marino  
 Na čast Gospi Marija Tomić  
 In honor of St. Philomena Debby Kodzoman

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 11, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Chuckie Cortese Giggie  
 Joseph Bozich Rosa & Dominic Scumaci  
 Mike & Ann Brcich (58th Wedding anniversary)

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 12, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Emil Marasovich Family  
 Tillie Tolerico Carol & Frano Marasovich  
 Lena Weyer Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Ralph Bonello John & Gen Botica

**Friday – Petak, January 13, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Pat Tito Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Tillie Tolerico Carol & Frano Marasovich  
 Mila Tomić ob. Veselko Čuvalo  
 Rocky Iacullo Marion

**Saturday – Subota, January 14, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Grace Sciuto Vince Covelli  
 James Mitchell Mary Vujić  
 Mile Kodzoman ob. Veselko Čuvalo

**5:30 P.M.** Ivan Badrov Nevenka i obitelj  
 Joseph Bozich Joseph Martucci family  
 Dec. members of the Sima & Simun Babich family  
 Terri & Sam Babich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 15, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Mary Troff Millie Balich  
 Evelyn Condich Frano & Carol Marasovich  
 Martin Vidovic Frank (Scully) Scalise  
 The Hon. Michael A. Bilandic Jan Zekich

**9:30 A.M.** Alice Insalaco Insalaco family  
 Carl Guttillo Mother  
 Joseph Bozich Terese Perisin  
 Raymond Biamonte Niece

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**  
 Dragutin Radošević M/M Hodar  
 Nikola Raguž John i Marija Kosić  
 Fra Mladen Čuvalo ob. Marko Knezović  
 Vinko Lišnić Josip i Marija Lišnić  
 Ljubica i Ivan Zeba ob. Marko  
 Ivan i Matija Prskalo Ilija i Ružica Miletić  
 Vinko i Pero Logarušić Ilija i Ružica Miletić  
 Katica Čulina muž Ante i kćeri Ana i Kathy  
 Na čast Sv. Anti Nikola Ćosić  
 Na odluku ob. Hostička

**Lectors** 

**Saturday, January 14, 5:30 P.M.** Mary Fratto  
**Sunday, January 15, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce  
**Sunday, January 15, 9:30 A.M.** Jan Zekich  
**Sunday, January 15, 11:00 A.M.** Mara Kosir,  
 Tihana Jurković

 **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, January 14, 5:30 P.M.** Gonzalez,  
 Passi, Raddatz  
**Sunday, January 15, 7:30 A.M.** Insalaco,  
 Miloslavich  
**Sunday, January 15, 9:30 A.M.** Mitchell, M.  
 Olague, S. Olague  
**Sunday, January 15, 11:00 A.M.** T. Kikaš, D.  
 Bajić, O. Paraga, A. Kosić. D. Paraga

**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
- ▶ Apt. 31st & Wells, 6 rms, 3 bdrms, Central air & heat, Hrdwd frs, appliances included. 312 326 3805
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582
- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Feast of the Epiphany

The journey of the Three Kings, or Magi, was neither simple nor easy. They encountered difficulties, doubts and dangers. Yet they persevered in their quest and were rewarded when they finally found Christ. Like them, we too are on a journey along which we encounter troubles. We must imitate the Magi by asking for guidance and having faith that the difficulties,

doubts, and dangers will pass and we will once again see the "star" of our faith in Christ beckoning to us.

The Magi can serve as models for us on our faith journey. They were single-minded, refusing to be put off by hardships. When they found Christ they offered him their best treasures. This shows what happens to those who find Christ. Their hearts are

awakened. When we find Christ and offer our love to him, he will help us to open the treasures of goodness that lie within us so that we can share these gifts with others. Having met Christ and heard his Gospel, we will have different attitudes, values and goals. It is impossible to encounter him and not discover our own "riches" that we can offer to him as gifts.



20 + G + M + B + 06

**THE CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY**, also known as the **Feast of the Three Kings**, means that Christmastime is drawing to a close.

These Three Kings are Biblical characters (they are called "Magi" in the Gospel of Matthew's Chapter 2), but alas the Bible did not specify their names. Using its earliest oral sources, however, the Catholic Church has by tradition called them **Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar**. The Bible *does* record their gifts for the Christ Child in Bethlehem: **gold** (an appropriate gift for Jesus in his role as Christ the King), **frankincense** (this pure kind of incense is an appropriate gift for Jesus in his role as the Eternal High Priest), and **myrrh** (this incense used at funerals is an appropriate gift for the baby Jesus because of the importance of his death and resurrection).

This is also the start of a new year, and by tradition the Church has its annual house blessings in the time around Epiphany. Newly blessed houses are marked with **20 + G + M + B + 06**, in honor of the year, and in honor of the Three Kings. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the blessing of your home.

## WISDOM'S CORNER

### *In Giving We Receive...*

Once the people of a very poor parish set their hearts on acquiring an expensive set of figures for their Christmas crib. They worked hard to buy the precious porcelain figures and were so very proud of them. The church was left open all Christmas Day so that people could visit the new nativity scene. In the evening when the pastor went to lock the church, he discovered that baby Jesus was missing and wondered who would steal him. As he stood there he spotted a little girl with a small buggy entering the church. She headed straight for the manger. Then she took the baby Jesus out of the buggy, lovingly put him back where he belonged, and then knelt to say a prayer. As she was on her way out the priest stopped her and asked what she was doing with baby Jesus. She told him that before Christmas she had prayed to baby Jesus for a buggy for her doll and promised that if she received one, he would have the first ride in it!

*It was the poverty of the child Jesus that evoked the lovely act of generosity in the little girl. The poverty of Jesus is a challenge to us too. It gives us an opportunity to open our hearts and share ourselves with one another.*

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## THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"It is through giving that we are enriched."**

## The Bridgeport Chorale Society's Epiphany Concert is THIS WEEKEND in St. Jerome Church, Sunday at 4 p.m.

Music will tell the entire Christmas story in songs composed by Bach, Handel and other greats, on Sunday, January 8, from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., followed by refreshments in the small hall. Tickets are \$10 — in advance or at the door. For more, call Rosalie at 312-326-1321.



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are sincerely grateful to a family that has so generously contributed a gift of \$10,000.00 to St. Jerome Parish. The money will be used to defray our debt on the new parking lot, which is continually aiding everyone's access to Sunday worship.

### MEDJUGORJE VISIONARY

One of the six Medjugorje visionaries, Ivan Dragicevic, will visit our parish on **Sunday, January 22**. He will give a talk at our church at **12:30 p.m.** We welcome Ivan as he spreads Our Lady's message of love.

### ST. JEROME SCHOOL BENEFIT

**Have a Ball helping the School at the "Lion's Roar" school benefit:** Please mark your calendars for a Venetian Masquerade Ball in the school hall on **Saturday, Feb. 18**. Dinner, live entertainment, dancing, a live auction, silent auction and raffle will benefit the school. Buy your tickets at the school.

### Football Mania Winners:

Here are the winning numbers for Week 17: \$500 - 3236, \$200 - 3024, \$75 - 1176, \$50 - 2928, & \$37.50 - 408 & 1790.



And finally, here are **the GRAND-PRIZE-winning numbers for the WHOLE SEASON:** \$1000 - 1301 & \$500 - 843. **Thank you to everyone who participated in running and playing this program for our school.**

### PARISHIONER TO PLAY AT JAZZ SALON

Parishioner Jon Weber will play solo piano at the **Jazz Salon** in the beautiful **Fine Arts Building** on this coming **Saturday, January 14 at 3 p.m.** General admission is \$10. The Jazz Salon is located at 410 S. Michigan Ave., #825. Call 312-291-0000 for more information. Take advantage of this opportunity to more fully enjoy Jon's God-given talents.



### LADIES-ONLY TEXAS HOLD'EM:

St. Jerome School is sponsoring a LADIES ONLY "Desperate Housewives Poker Night" Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **THIS Friday, Jan. 13**. **Please arrive at 6 p.m. for seat assignments. Raffle begins at 7 p.m. SHARP.**

Limited Seating. Drinks & food included. Donation \$100 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

### TEXAS HOLD'EM:

St. Jerome School is sponsoring a Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **THIS Saturday, January 14**. Please arrive at 3 p.m. for seat assignments Raffle begins at 4 p.m. SHARP. Limited Seating. Wine, beer, food included. Donation \$200 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

### 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.

### FAMED CROATIAN

### FOLKLORE GROUP IS 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 \$35 at the door. Invite all your friends to this amazing show.

### St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 178,131
January Donations Thus Far:	\$ 11,175
Needed for monthly mortgage payment:	\$ 11,900

*Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!*