

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Most of us at one time or another have experienced the fret and fuss of a Martha and Mary clash of temperaments. In today's Gospel Martha does all the work while Mary sits and listens to Jesus and is commended by Him for having chosen the better part. We might gain a better insight into the incident if we remember that when Jesus came to their home, all he wanted was a break from the crowds, not lavish hospitality. Mary chose the better part because she took time to listen and to give her undivided attention to Jesus, realizing that time spent in the Lord's company was more important than fussing around making Him comfortable. The problem with us is that we are often so busy doing the work of the Lord in the good deeds that we perform for our neighbor that we forget the Lord of the work, who is the motivation for acts of Christian charity.

The Gospel is telling us that no matter how busy we are we should take time to sit quietly and find the Lord in our world of work and to be guided by him. It is easy to get our priorities wrong because all our working moments are busy ones with little time for sitting at the feet of Jesus, reflecting on our lives. The danger is that if we do not take time to listen to the word of God and to pray, we become slaves of our duties. We rush about, and yet the most important things can be forgotten and remain undone. One of the great difficulties in life is that we neglect people because we do not have the time to sit down and listen to them. Our approach is often based on what we can do for others, how we can smother them in kindness; whereas, what they are really looking for is our company. Time spent visiting a lonely soul can also be time spent in the company of God. For what we do to others we do to Christ. All the everyday happenings of life are also part of our spiritual lives and provide an opportunity for working out our salvation.



VELIKA GOSPA MEETING for all committee members will be held on **Wednesday, July 21**, in the small hall at **7 p.m.** All who are involved in preparing for the feast are asked to attend.

HOLY HILL PILGRIMAGE will take place on Saturday, August 21. If you are interested in making this trip to Holy Hill in Hubertas, Wisconsin, let us know so that we can organize a group.

ST. LUCY / ST. JEROME FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. in St. Lucy's school hall for all who signed up for football and cheerleading. This will be the last opportunity to sign up. Registration is open to students entering grades 4 through 8 who attend St. Lucy, St. Jerome, or either school's CCD program. Non-refundable registration fees are due when you register: \$85 for football and \$50 for cheerleading. A \$10 sibling discount is available. Everything you need to know about the upcoming season will be covered at this meeting. Questions? Call Jill at 312-225-7403.

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St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt:	\$400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 28,725




ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each **Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.** in our church. All are invited to come and adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. To have time for God and to give ourselves to Him is an important expression of our faith. He relishes our company!


REGISTERED PARISHIONERS Are you registered as a parishioner of St. Jerome Parish? Do you receive our mailings? Are you actively involved in the parish? If the answer to any of these questions is "no", please come to see us at the rectory! Thank you!

REMEMBER! **PREPARATION FOR VELIKA GOSPA** has begun. Everyone is invited to help. Please let us know how you would be willing to participate. We need your help and await your response. Thank you!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


 Each year our parish celebrates wedding anniversaries with a special mass, which will be held this year on September 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please let us know which anniversary you are celebrating. These days it is especially important to acknowledge your marriage vows, your promise to each other and God. Therefore, please take this event seriously and contact us at the parish office. Thank you!

ST. JEROME SCHOOL

 **OPEN HOUSE** for Pre-school through 8th grade will be held on Saturday, July 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. During your visit you can meet the principal, Mr. Peter Trumblay, tour the school, and register for the 2004-2005 school year. If you would like any further information, please call the school office at 312/842-7668.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES at Soldier

 **Field** for the following **PART-TIME** positions: Event Security; min. age 21 yrs, HS Diploma/GED, active P.E.R.C. & 20hr cert. req'd. Event Staff; min. age 18 yrs, customer svc. exp. pref'd Ushers; min. age 16 yrs, no exp. nec. For further info call Brandy Vita 773-282-4900 X215.

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS

sponsored by the Catholic Charities Adoption Dept. for persons interested in learning more about the adoption process will be held on Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 126 N. Desplaines St. in Chicago. Advance reservations would be appreciated. Call 312-655-7086.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive."

WISDOM'S CORNER...***Remembering to Forget***

Once labeled "timid as a mouse, but brave as a lion," Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross at age 51. A woman of commitment, she continued to fulfill her mission through her golden years. She did not let her age get in her way. Clara went wherever there was suffering to relieve — after battle, fire, flood, earthquake, or yellow fever. At the age of 77 she was on the battlefields of Cuba for the Spanish-American War. She continued her relief work until she died at age ninety-one. One day, someone reminded her about an offense that another person had committed against her years before, but she acted as if she had never heard of the cruel act. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No," came Clara's reply. "I clearly remember forgetting it!"

