

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 1/2 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00 PM + Ed Borowski - Wife & Family
 8:00 AM + Spila Family - Family
 9:45 AM + Harry Sosnowski - Mary Ann Segvich
 11:30 AM + Baldonero, Lilia & Olivio Carabez - Elsa Carabez

Monday, January 3

- 7:15 AM + Stella Bulanda - Jackie Ochoa

Tuesday, January 4

- 7:15 AM + Vincent & Walter Brandys Sr. - Loving Siblings

Wednesday, January 5

- 7:15 AM + Stephanie Duszynski - Braver Family

Thursday, January 6

- 7:15 AM + Theresa Sosnowski - Phyllis Serafin

Friday, January 7

- 8:15 AM + Stella Stolarz - Leone Morse

Saturday, January 8

- 7:30 AM + Denice Feltman - Mom & Dad
 4:00 PM + Chester Debski - Virginia Cap

Sunday, January 9

- 8:00 AM + Stanley Lis - Don & Rose McCafferty
 9:45 AM + Barney Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + Anita Montemayor - Adrienne Bonczek

Week of January 2 - January 8

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Stephanie Duszynski - Mrs. P. Dillon

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Stephanie Duszynski - Mrs. P. Dillon

LECTORS January, 2011

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| 4:00 PM | L. Morse |
| 8:00 AM | L. Wopinski |
| 9:45 AM | D. Karczewski |
| 11:30 AM | O. Guajardo |

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 8

- 4:00 PM J. Laskowiecki, T. DeCook, D. Ranos

SUNDAY, January 9

- 8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, J. O'Keefe
 9:45 AM N. Mooney, A. Shea, C. Haro
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January, 2011

- 4:00 PM
 J. Gibbons
 A. Bonczek
 L. Szefc
 B. Frjelich
 C. Motkowicz
 M. Cowperthwaite
- 8:00 AM
 S. Jezior
 C. Michalik
 E. Podsiadlik
 N. Moll
 P. Gadus
 K. Gibson
- 9:45 AM
 C. Malone
 O. Haro
 P. O'Rourke
 P. Maccagnano
 M. Piaskowy
 P. Haro
- 11:30 AM
 O. Cruz
 R. Oseguera

USHERS January, 2011

- 4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite,
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
- 8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
 J. Shanahan, A. Bruder,
- 9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
 T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci
- 11:30 AM F. Favela, J. Gonzalez

Welcome 2011! *Peace and good health
to all our parishioners as we begin a new year!*

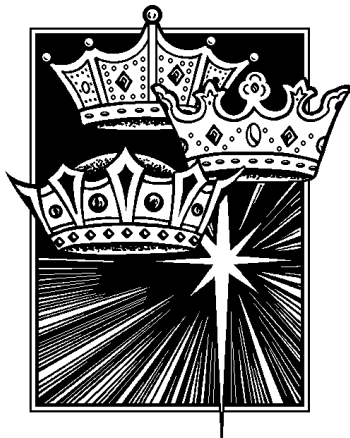
— Fr. Jim and Priests
and Parish Staff of St. Florian



The Epiphany Proclamation

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



*Dear brothers and sisters,
The glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us,
until the day of his return.*

*Through the rhythms of times and seasons
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.
Let us recall the year's culmination,
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
his last supper, his crucifixion,
his burial, and his rising,
celebrated between the evening of the twenty-first of April
and the evening of the twenty-fourth of April.*

*Each Easter - as on each Sunday -
the Holy Church makes present
the great and saving deed by which Christ has
forever conquered sin and death.*

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

*Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the ninth of March.*

*The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated
on the fifth of June.*

*Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the twelfth of June.*

*And this year the First Sunday of Advent
will be on the twenty-seventh of November.*

*Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims
the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the
Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.*

*To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Lord of time and history,
Be endless praise, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

We pray for . . .

Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelijch, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lassetter, Chestine Trzupke, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, Ricardo Morales, Helen Slusarczyk, Irene Marszalek, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Virginia Bovino, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Florence Arendt, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Sophie Kapera, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Eleanor Wiencek, Michelle Kendra, Loretta Wopinski, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Residents of Hammond-Whiting Care Center and Residents of Dolton Health Care Center and Residents of Burnham Terrace.

We pray for the homebound, sick and hospitalized. If your name appears in the above list and you no longer wish to be included due to recovery, please contact the Rectory at 773/646-4877.



In Remembrance

Walter L. Moll
Josephine Opiola

December 23, 2011
December 23, 2011

OUR HOPE RESTS IN JESUS

Catholics Come Home Chicago in the New Year

Have you made a New Year's resolution? In every one of our resolutions, there is a seed of hope... hope that we can be better, happier, healthier, smarter, kinder, etc. A New Year's resolution provides a fresh start, a new beginning, and hope for the future.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has made a resolution of sorts by starting off the year with an invitation to all people to take a new look at the Catholic Church. Maybe you've seen one of the TV advertisements inviting all people to return to their spiritual home to find a sense of peace and hope. A line from the advertisement says:

*"Where is this hope and who knows the way?
Our hope rests in Jesus and his Church
leads the way."*

If Jesus and His Church can be the source of hope for us all, then maybe we need to adjust our New Year's resolutions by including a way to strengthen our faith. We get to know Jesus through prayer and the Scriptures. This year, strengthen your relationship with Jesus by adding a few minutes of silent prayer or time to read from one of the Gospels each day. Strengthen your connection to people in our parish community by joining a ministry or volunteering your time and talents. As you work side-by-side with people of the same faith there are opportunities to share and learn from each other. Our parish community echoes the last lines from the TV advertisements . . .

*"If you're longing to fill an emptiness . . .
or seeking a way home . . .
We invite you to experience the peace
that only comes from God.
We are Catholic. Welcome Home."*



You can find out more about this evangelization effort and how you can participate by going to our website at
www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan. 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

Reading 1 John 3:22—4:6
Gospel Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday - Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Reading 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday - Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann

Reading 1 John 4:11-18
Gospel Mark 6:45-52

Thurs. - Jan. 6 - St. André Bessette

Reading 1 John 4:19—5:4
Gospel Luke 4:14-22a

Friday - Jan. 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort

Reading 1 John 5:5-13
Gospel Luke 5:12-16

Saturday - Jan. 8

Reading 1 John 5:14-21
Gospel John 3:22-30

Sunday Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Reading II Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

St. Florian School Happenings . . .



visit us at our website!
<http://florian.hegewisch.net>

BINGO

Doors open at 1:30
 Games begin at 2:30
 in the gym at 131st & Houston



(Please Note: There will no bingo on Jan. 2nd. Bingo will resume on Jan. 9th)

Market Day - Orders due Friday, Jan. 14, 2011. Pick up on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011 from 2-3PM. Free Book Bag Buddy with any purchase. Profits earned last month: \$124.87. Thank you for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 2011 at 8AM in the parking lot.

Mission Statement of St. Florian School

Our mission is to provide each student with a Catholic education in all areas. The faculty and school families join the parish staff and fellow parishioners to form a living Catholic faith community. Our school population is multicultural and fosters sensitivity to the needs of all. We promote the students' burning desire for learning. Through education, service, support, formation and challenge, the students are called realize their potential spiritually, socially, and intellectually. For one hundred years our school has been committed to carry out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ on a daily basis.

KONSOWSKI HALL BOILER REPLACEMENT UPDATE:

The cold and snow came much earlier than expected this season. The warmth of our homes is quite a blessing. Here at St. Florian we recently experienced what it is like to have a building without any heat.

The condition of our 50+ year-old boiler in Konsowski Hall was beyond the state of any further repairs. We were unexpectedly faced with the only choice of installing a new boiler. Meetings for many of our parish organizations including our Rosary Ladies, St. Vincent de Paul, Young at Heart, Holy Name, Parish Council, Parents Club, Scouts, Faith Sharing Groups and Evangelization all needed to be relocated to other areas. We are grateful for everyone's cooperation and understanding while we worked with contractors to obtain bids and start the process of having the boiler replaced. Needless to say, with the early cold snap, the heating contractors were extremely busy with many other customers needing repairs to their heating systems which added to the delay in getting our work completed.

Our members of St. Vincent de Paul braved the chilly temperatures not only outside while unloading trucks for the Thanksgiving food pantry, but also worked inside a very cold Konsowski Hall while wearing hats, coats and mittens as they served those in need. Fortunately before the worst of the cold snap and the fear of frozen pipes bursting from the cold, we were finally able to get the new boiler up and running. It was just in time for the nine-day Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe as well as our Christmas gathering for the Rosary Ladies. Everyone welcomed not only the warmth of each others presence — but most certainly a warm and toasty meeting space!

Some of you have expressed a desire to help contribute funds to offset the expense of replacing the boiler. We are grateful for this and invite others to share in this as well.

For those parishioners and organizations who are able, we ask that you please make use of your Maintenance envelopes with a generous donation. You may also use a plain envelope marked "Maintenance" or "Boiler Fund" and place it in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. We thank you in advance for the "warmth" of your generosity!

Getting to know your Parish Pastoral Council . . .

St. Florian's Parish Pastoral Council is a group of volunteers who work collaboratively under the direction of the pastor. The council is responsible for assessing the needs of the parish by formulating long-range plans, establishing goals, and implementing action steps for the parish as a whole. The council is committed to promoting the Word of God and creating a welcoming, prayerful environment for all so that the faith will continue to grow at St. Florian Parish.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are Fr. Jim Mezydlo, Pastor, Mr. Terry McKenna, Principal, Adrienne Bonczek, Peg Gadus, Toby Gibson, Sandy Jezior, Kathy Keene, Shirley Konecek, Pam Krasinski, Chris Michalik, Linda Minogue, Rosa Oseguera, and Betty Peak

Mission Statement of St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council

St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who work together with the pastor to act as a consultative body for the parish. Our mission is to build a prayerful, evangelizing and welcoming spirit for the benefit of the faith community.

Christmas Offerings: Thank you to those who have responded so generously with your Christmas envelopes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete your Christmas offering to the parish, you may continue to do so throughout the month of January. We will then make a final report of all Christmas offerings received.

Initial Offering Envelopes: Please remember to use your Initial Offering Envelope in the January packet. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will help defray the cost of printing and mailing contribution envelopes.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
December 26, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,126.00
Loose	\$ 363.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 50.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,539.00
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Children's Offering	\$ 34.88

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$195.00
St. Vincent de Paul During the past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. May the peace and joy of this Holy Season be yours. "The Poor Boxes are the bread boxes of the poor."

PLEASE NOTE: In order to receive proper credit, please be sure to complete all 2010 church contributions by Jan. 24, 2011

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2010 Charitable Contributions - Statements for the 2010 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 24th. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2010 contribution statement to me:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(return request via collection basket or at the rectory)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 School Resumes
Daisies (KH) 4:30
- Jan. 9 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Jan. 10 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 11 Scouts (KH) 2:45
School Board (Rectory) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 12 Daisies (PMR) 4:30
Confirmation Sponsor Night (KH) 7PM
- Jan. 13 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
Scouts (KH) 6:00

Vocation Thoughts

January 2nd - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Magi come to do our Lord homage. How can we, as individuals living in today's world pay our Lord homage? Have you ever thought of a vacation to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org. For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at eramirez@archchicago.org. See our website at www.ChicagoPriest.com.

Please pray for our
Service Members:



Cpl Ryan Keene, U.S. Marine Corps -
Chief Dennis Zmija, U.S. Navy - Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force - SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - SSgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Cpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - SPC Mark J. Dancer, U.S. Army - PVT Joshua Garza, U.S. Army - PVT Adam Garza, U.S. Army - Aaron Alvarez, U.S. Navy - MSgt James Ritchie, U.S. Air Force - Capt. Christopher Conner, U.S. Marine Corps - Sgt. Michael Marszalek, U.S. Army - Robert A. Islas, Jr., U.S. Navy - Sgt. Matthew R. McGivney, U.S. Army - Cpl Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, U.S. Army - PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army - PVT David Cook, U.S. Army - Seaman Laura A. Tomaczak, U.S. Navy - LTC Peter Allen Kubas - U.S. Army - A1C Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force

If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.