

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 2/3 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00 PM + Deceased Members of the
Mezydlo & Lenczycki Families - Rosemary Mezydlo
- 8:00 AM + Edward Pala - Joe & Pat Stref
- 9:45 AM + Vincent W. Brandys, Sr. - Wife & Children
- 11:30 AM - For the Good Health of Cheryl Kaim - Olivia

Monday, January 4

- 7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Friends at Sally's Restaurant

Tuesday, January 5

- 7:15 AM + Vincent W. Brandys, Sr. -
Sisters, Barbara, Christine and Brother, Bob

Wednesday, January 6

- 7:15 AM + Virginia Majewski - Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday, January 7

- 7:15 AM + Sophie Burkat - PLAV Chapter 44

Friday, January 8

- 8:15 AM + Emil J. Kurek - Family & Friends

Saturday, January 9

- 7:30 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Husband
- 4:00 PM + Elaine Boganski - SVDP

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 AM + Elaine Boganski - Hogleund Family, Deborah, John,
Patricia & Children
- 9:45 AM + Barney Zielinski - Family
- 11:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

Week of January 3 - January 9

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Lorraine Obrakta - Husband

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Lorraine Obrakta - Husband

LECTORS January, 2010

- 4:00 PM B. Frederisy
- 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
- 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
- 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 9

- 4:00 PM G. Bonczek, R. Carlassare, T. DeCook

SUNDAY, January 10

- 8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, J. O'Keefe
- 9:45 AM C. Haro, V. Velasco, H. Walsh
- 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, D. Ranos

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January, 2010

4:00 PM

- A. Bonczek
B. Frjelich
R. Abram
M. Cowperthwaite
J. Gibbons
C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
K. Gibson
M. Piaskowy
B. Peak
N. Moll
P. Gadus

9:45 AM

- P. Maccagnano
C. Michalik
C. Malone
P. O'Rourke
L. Morse
D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

- O. Cruz
A. Davila

USHERS January, 2010

4:00 PM

- C. Cowperthwaite,
P. Krasinski, 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,

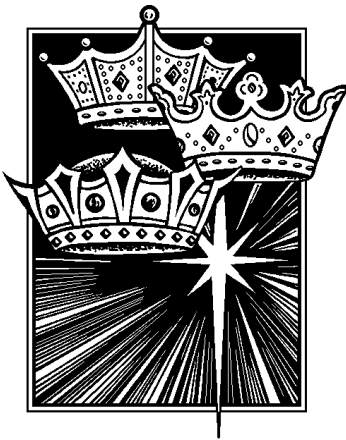
11:30 AM

- M. Gasior, M. Aducci
L. Arellano, A. Arellano,
T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
S. Gonzalez

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 first of April
and the evening of the 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 seventeenth of February.
The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated
on the sixteenth of May.
Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the twenty-third of May.
And this year the First Sunday of Advent
will be on the twenty-eighth 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.

ST. FLORIAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

We are Roman Catholics of prayer, service and long-standing tradition guided by the spirit to meet the direct needs of our parishioners and neighboring communities in a demanding social environment.

We strive to achieve a sense of justice, responsibility, prayerfulness, communication and unity by providing:

- All individuals the opportunity of receiving Sacraments;
- The proper educational environment—spiritually, morally, academically;
- A channel for corporal works of mercy; and
- A time and place for social gathering and fellowship.

Our goals and objectives will be accomplished through encouraging active participation in dialogue, evangelization, stewardship, prayer and love.

We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, Helen Kasper, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupiek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, Raquelina Chavez, 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, Lynette Kozlowski, Socorro Elizalde, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Christen White, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Amanda Montemayor, Ed Ronczy, 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Reading 1 John 3:22 - 4:6

Gospel Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday - Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann

Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Mark 6:34-44

Wed. - Jan. 6 - Blessed André Bessette

Reading 1 John 4:11-18

Gospel Mark - 6:45-52

Thursday - Jan. 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort

Reading 1 John 4:19 - 5:4

Gospel Luke 4:14-22a

Friday - Jan. 8

Reading 1 John 5:5-13

Gospel Luke 5:12-16

Sat. - Jan. 9

Reading 1 John 5:14-21

Gospel John 3:22-30

Sunday Jan. 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Come Home to the Catholic Church

There are as many reasons as there are people who have either left the Catholic Church or may simply sit on the sidelines. Here are some of them.

Some who have left the Catholic Church have been blessed by worshiping for a while in another Christian denomination. But some came back when they realize the fullness of grace and truth the Catholic Church embodies. The Catholic Church was not founded by a single reformer or historical movement. There may be thousands of Christian denominations, but only one Catholic Church.

Some people return to the Catholic Church because of their children. They realize that their children need a spiritual dimension to their life as well as a structured system of belief and a firm moral foundation. People return because they want a solid foundation upon which their children can build their lives.

Many people also seek a sense of belonging. But community is more than friendly people, interesting sermons, and church activities. The Catholic Community is a group of people who come together to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, encounter the sacraments, celebrate joys, mourn losses, serve others, and provide strength and support to those who need it the most. A Catholic parish, like St. Florian, offers all of this and much more to those who recognize the importance of walking with others toward union with God.

Welcome Home!

Fr. Jim

Watch your thoughts . . .

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

Please Note:

During the holiday season, there will be no BINGO on Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

Bingo will resume on Sunday, Jan. 10th.



Market Day - Orders due Friday, Jan. 15th and pick up is on Friday, Jan. 22nd from 2-3PM. Profits earned last month: \$106.70. Free PB & J Grahamwiches with \$40 purchase. Thank you for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wednesday, January 6th, by 8 AM.

Sponsors Needed for our Monthly Tuition Raffle!!!

Each month school families are offered an opportunity to win a free month's tuition by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each.

If you would like to sponsor a monthly raffle, or know of someone that would like to sponsor a month, please notify the school office at 773/646-2868.

December's Winner -
The Dejanovich Family

January's Raffle Sponsor -
Patricia K. Mosser - Alumni

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 to 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.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA *Jan. 10 Special Collection*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Although Latin America is home to the largest number of Catholics in the world, the Church is experiencing an alarming decline in membership, for a variety of complex reasons. The unstable global economy has played a part, as has a low priest-to-parishioner ratio that makes it difficult to teach the faith and make the sacraments available in a consistent matter. Additionally, migration across the region has ruptured the bonds of family and community in which the Catholic faith is supported and passed down from generation to generation.

This year's **Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be directed towards a comprehensive evangelization effort, as well as towards the formation of seminarians, catechists, and lay ministers in more than 200 dioceses in the southern hemisphere. So many are attuned to alleviating material poverty, which of course is necessary and a part of the Church's efforts anywhere she is present. However, as Mother Teresa once pointed out, life without God is a much greater poverty than any material deprivation.

Through your generous support of this collection, you will help the Church to rebuild her strong presence in Latin America. Your contribution will ensure that millions of people can come to experience the Lord's love in the sacraments and in strong local parish communities.

I am grateful for all you do to support your local parish, as well as the Church in other parts of the world. May God, who is never outdone in generosity, bless you and your loved ones in this New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Vocation Thoughts - 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 vocation to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan, Vocation Director, at 312/ 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org. For more information about religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez at 312-534-5240 or at eramirez@archchicago.org.

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	
Dec. 26/27 2009	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,985.00
Loose	\$ 423.49
Energy Assistance	\$ 111.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,519.49
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 66.00
Maintenance	\$ 62.00
Children's Offering	\$ 39.75

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$198.82

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 2009 church contributions by Jan. 23.

2009 Charitable Contributions - Statements for the 2009 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 22nd. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2009 contribution statement to me:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(return request via collection basket or at the rectory)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 4 School resumes
Parish Council Mtg (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 6 Scouts (KH) 5:30
- Jan. 8 Holy Name (PMR) Officers 6:30
Members 8:00
- Jan. 9/10 Latin America Collection
- Jan. 10 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 11 Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00
Confirmation Mtg (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 12 Parent/Teacher Club (KH) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 13 Athletic Mtg. (School) 3:00
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 14 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
Scouts (KH) 6:00

During the inclement weather this winter we ask all parishioners to be mindful when turning in their church offerings. If you miss Mass due to the weather, please be sure to "catch up" with your offerings as soon as possible. We greatly rely on all donations to meet our monthly expenses.

Also, please be as generous as you are able with your Energy envelopes to assist with the fuel heating costs this winter. Thank you to all.

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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 -
- LCpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot -
- SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - Chief Jim Pope, U.S. Navy -
- 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 - PFC Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps,
- 1st Lt. 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

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