

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 7/8 Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00 PM + Barney Zielinski - Family
 8:00 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Husband
 9:45 AM + MaryAnn Piaskowy - Tom & Maryann Nowak
 11:30 AM + Agustin & Bonilla Chavez - Sonia Chavez

Monday, January 9

- 7:15 AM + Bernard Dzialakiewicz - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Petlak

Tuesday, January 10

- 7:15 AM + Daniel Stevens - Mr. & Mrs. Steve Witczak

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:15 AM + Eleanor Wiencek - Carl & Rita Abram

Thursday, January 12

- 7:15 AM + Katherine O'Brien - Daughter

Friday, January 13

- 8:15 AM + Mary R. Mistrz - Son, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Saturday, January 14

- 7:30 AM + Dolores Ganz - Phyllis Serafin
 4:00 PM + Joseph Maciejcik - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Sunday January 15

- 8:00 AM + Connie June Zink - Family
 9:45 AM + Mary Ann Piaskowy - Religious Education Teachers
 11:30 AM + Don Faraon Guajardo - Olivia

Week of January 8 - January 14

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 2012

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| 4:00 PM | B. Frederisy |
| 8:00 AM | R. Kopaczewski |
| 9:45 AM | N. Mooney |
| 11:30 AM | R. Oseguera |

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 14

4:00 PM B. Echevarria, R. Rodriguez, D. Gaczowski

SUNDAY, January 15

8:00 AM D. Ranos, D Robles, R. Robles
 9:45 AM J. O'Keefe, K. Best, A. Shea
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January 2012

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| 4:00 PM | B. Peak
B. Frjelich
A. Bonczek
M. Cowperthwaite
R. Haney
C. Motkowicz |
| 8:00 AM | S. Jezior
P. Gadus
N. Moll
K. Gibson
D. Ciciora
C. Bozovic |
| 9:45 AM | C. Malone
D. Karczewski
J. Gibbons
P. O'Rourke
L. Morse
M. Czarobski |
| 11:30 AM | P. Haro
O. Haro |

USHERS

January 2012

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| 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, J. Young |
| 9:45 AM | E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci |
| 11:30 AM | R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
M. Suarez |

The Epiphany Proclamation 2012

It is ancient custom—from the centuries before popular, printed calendars—that on the day of Epiphany the date of Easter would be solemnly proclaimed aloud in parish churches.

Epiphany is the remembrance of a star that guided people to an even greater Light! Easter—a “movable feast” — is the season of the light of the Risen Christ. Thus the chant announcing Easter’s date would be as follows:

*My brothers and sisters,
Today on the Solemnity of His Epiphany,
the glory of the Lord has shone forth upon us,
And it shall ever be manifest among His people,
until the day of His glorious return.*

*Within the measure of Nature’s times and seasons,
let us observe with celebration the mysteries of faith.
Let us call to mind:*

*The great and most holy Easter Triduum of Christ:
His paschal supper, His passion and crucifixion,
His descent among the dead, and His glorious rising—
celebrated from the night of Holy Thursday—the 5th of April
through the hours of Good Friday—the 6th of April,
in silence on Holy Saturday—the 7th of April
blooming into the joy Easter Sunday—the 8th day of April.*

*Each Sunday will be as another Easter Day,
when the Holy Church presents anew
the great and saving deeds whereby Jesus
has conquered over sin and death.*

From the date of Easter are reckoned all the days we keep in holiness.

Ash Wednesday—the 22nd of February

The day of the Lord’s Ascension—the 20th of May

Pentecost Sunday—the 27th of May

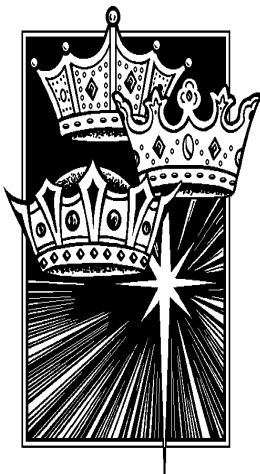
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the 10th day of June.

*Until the year of grace comes full circle, and we observe again
the First Sunday of Advent—on the 2nd of December.*

*In the same way, the Church of God, in the pilgrimage of time,
proclaims the glory of Christ:*

*In the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles,
the martyrs, and all the saints, and in the commemoration
of the faithful departed.*

*By the guidance of a star, wise men were led to the Christ Child.
May we follow Him all the days of the year.*



We pray for . . .



Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, 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 Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, 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. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 Reading II Acts: 10:34-38
 Gospel Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday - Jan. 10

Reading 1 Samuel 1:9-20
 Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday - Jan. 11

Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10
 Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Thurs.- Jan. 12

Reading 1 Samuel 4:1-11
 Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Friday - Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
 Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Saturday - Jan. 14

Reading 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
 Gospel Mark 2:13-17

Sunday Jan. 15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 Reading II 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Gospel John 1:35-42

The Baptism of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Something happened at the baptism of Jesus. John had been using baptism as a way of ushering people into a new way of life. They turned down a new path on life's journey and placed themselves completely at the service of God.

When Jesus accepted baptism by John, his public ministry began. He worked wonders. He preached about the reign of God. He acquired disciples. He foretold his death and resurrection. He prayed. He lived for God alone when the evangelists searched out how this ministry began, they all turned back to the same moment: the baptism of John.

In Acts of the Apostles, Peter went to the house of Cornelius the Gentile, because Cornelius wanted to know more about Jesus. Peter began teaching by summarizing the life of Jesus. He did it the same way the evangelists did: God proclaimed peace, "beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached," where "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

Many of us can point to a moment when something happened in our lives, too. Perhaps there was one day when we started looking at the world a lot differently. We saw more clearly who we were and what God wanted us to be. We pledged to be faithful to the God who loves us, and ever since, we have striven to live out our commitment. No one did it as perfectly as Jesus, but we are all called by God for some purpose.

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Vocation Thoughts

JANUARY 8 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Magi come to do our Lord homage. How can we, as individuals living in today's world pay homage to our Lord? Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? For more info about priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org. Check out www.ChicagoPriest.com. For info on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or erami-rez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu.

2012 Calendars

Our special thanks to Mr. Jim Betkowski of Elmwood Chapel for sponsoring our 2012 parish calendars. If you haven't received a calendar yet, please see one of the ushers after Mass.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



State of the School - Meeting on Tues., Jan. 10, 2012

All school parents are asked to attend a special meeting with members of our Board of Specified Jurisdiction and Action Committees in Konsowski Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 PM

BINGO

Doors open at 1:30 Games at 2:30



Market Day - Orders due Friday, Jan. 13. Pick up on Friday, Jan. 20 from 2-3PM.

St. Florian Parent Teacher Club Entertainment Card

Cardholder benefits include a variety of discounts with local retailers listed on the Entertainment Card. Cards cost \$10 and you receive continuous savings until November 1, 2012. Retailers include: Chicago Pita, Los Cantaritos Restaurant, Don Pedro's, Subway (118th St .), Olympia Lanes Bowling, Palalano's, Pudgy's Pizza, Doreen's Pizza, Steve's Lounge, Club 81 II, and Jason's Bar and Grill. Patronize these business and save money every time you shop. All funds support the school music program. For more information contact Kathy Fox at 773.608.2813 or kfox@uchicago.edu

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - Weekend of January 14/15, 2012

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine over 700 children getting ready to receive the Eucharist for the first time in their lives! Through the generous support provided by the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**, last year these young boys and girls from St. Blaise parish in El Pozón, Colombia were taught by trained catechists so that they were well prepared for their First Holy Communion.

For many in the twenty- two countries of South America and the Caribbean, the funds from this collection provide the only help that individual parishes receive to sustain and enrich the faith of their parishioners. Your contributions to this collection will assist in the formation of seminarians, permanent deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and lay ministers of the Gospel.

The natural disasters which occurred in 2010 continue to challenge the Church in Latin America. Your participation in this collection will help the Church to re-establish and strengthen her presence in this region and ensure that the faithful can continue to experience the Lord's love in the sacraments and in their local parish communities.

I am grateful for your support of your local parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Church. May God, who is never outdone in generosity, continue to bless you and your loved ones in this New Year. You and your intentions are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
	12/25/11	1/1/12
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,705.00	\$2,774.00
Energy	\$ 19.00	\$ 238.00
Children's Offering	\$ 24.86	\$ 59.20
Maintenance	\$ 25.00	\$ 215.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 25.00	\$ 130.00
Votives	\$ 173.00	\$ 138.00

Our Christmas offerings will be reported at a later date.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$140.00

We Are Listening We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know someone in need of temporary assistance? Please call the rectory and leave a message.



KC Spaghetti Dinner — If you like their Pancake Breakfasts then you'll love their Spaghetti Dinner!! The dinner will be held on Saturday, January 21st, from 4PM—7PM at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 Greenbay Ave. Dinner will include salad, bread & butter, dessert, coffee, milk, and "All You Care to Eat Spaghetti & Meatballs with Meat Sauce" all for just \$8.00 per person, \$5.00 for kids 12z and under. Bring your friends & family! Plenty of parking.

Please pray for our Service Members:



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, - 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 8 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Jan. 9 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 10 Daisies (PMR) 4:30
VFW Meeting (KH) 5:00
State of the School Mtg. (KH) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 11 Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 12 Faith Sharing (KH) 6:00
Scouts (PMR) 6:00
- Jan. 13 Confirmation Sponsor Night (KH) 7PM
Holy Name Meeting (PMR)
Officers 7PM Members 8PM
- Jan. 14 Zumba/Health & Fitness (Gym)
(more details to follow)
- Jan. 15 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Jan. 16 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 18 Liturgy Mtg. 6:00
- Jan. 20 Market Day (Gym) 2:00

Volunteer Appreciation Party
Sat. - February 4, 2012
5:00 - 8:00 (in the gym)

We appreciate you — please join us!
Yes, I have volunteered my time and talent and will attend the celebration!

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

(Please reply by Jan. 27th via the collection basket, at the rectory or at the school office.)

2011 Charitable Contributions - Statements for the 2011 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 23rd. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2011 contribution statement to me:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(return form via collection basket or at the rectory)