

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 8/9

- 4:00 PM + Chester Debski - Virginia Cap
 8:00 AM + Stanley Lis - Don & Rose McCafferty
 9:45 AM + Barney Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + Anita Montemayor - Adrienne Bonczek

Monday, January 10

- 7:15 AM + Theresa Sosnowski - Daughters

Tuesday, January 11

- 7:15 AM + Rose Grzeskowiak - Daughters

Wednesday, January 12

- 7:15 AM + Maryann Frederisy - Husband, Bill

Thursday, January 13

- 7:15 AM + Mary Mistarz - Son & Grandchildren

Friday, January 14

- 8:15 AM + Bruno Chwastocki - Wife

Saturday, January 15

- 7:30 AM + Vincent Ginalski - Olga Pekala Family
 4:00 PM + Kenneth Simmons - Friends

Sunday, January 16

- 8:00 AM + Stephanie Duszynski - Peter, MaryBeth & Matthew Duszynski
 9:45 AM + Sandy (Rzonca) Scherer - Mr. & Mrs. Chester Zakrzewski
 11:30 AM + Vincente Sempritt - Adrienne Bonczek

Week of January 9 - January 15

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Vincent Ginalski - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Backofen

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Walter Lenckos - Family

LECTORS January, 2011

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 15

- 4:00 PM N. Cervera, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, January 16

- 8:00 AM T. DeCook, N. Mooney, A. Morales
 9:45 AM C. Haro, A. Shea, V. Velasco
 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

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**

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 9th - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Have you heard God calling or speaking tenderly to your heart with the invitation towards 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.

2011 Calendars

Our special thanks to Mr. Jim Betkowski of Elmwood Chapel for sponsoring our 2011 parish calendars. If you haven't received a calendar yet, please see one of the ushers after Mass.

We pray for . . .

Ida Fasciana, 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 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan. 10

Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday - Jan. 11

Reading Hebrews 5:5-12

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday - Jan. 12

Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Thurs. - Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

Reading Hebrews 3:7-14

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Friday - Jan. 14

Reading Hebrews 4:1-5, 11

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Saturday - Jan. 15

Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel Mark 2:13-17

Sunday Jan. 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel John 1:29-34

In Remembrance

Roberto Sanchez January 1, 2011

Bernard Dzialakiewicz January 3, 2011

December Baptisms:

Ella Rose

Daughter of Jason & Jamie Highland

First Corinthians

By Paul Turner



On Sundays between the Christmas season and Lent, the second reading at Mass is taken from the "First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians." On Ordinary Time Sundays throughout the year, the second reading gives us several excerpts from the same New Testament letter for several consecutive weeks. Usually we hear a given letter for one series of weeks every three years. But Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is an exception. It is a long, important letter, so the lectionary divides it up into three parts. We hear from it every year as Ordinary Time first gets underway.

Earlier in his career, Paul had made a lengthy visit to Corinth. After he left, members of the young Christian community contacted him about some problems and questions they were facing in his absence. Paul deals with these issues one by one. When we read the letter today, we learn about the challenges in the early church and the position Paul held on controversial topics, and we realize that some things haven't changed. It is comforting to know that the issues we face today are not new and that the solutions Paul proposes are still practical and inspirational.

The letter includes many famous passages: the divided community of Corinth, God's choice of the weak instead of the strong, the cross of Christ as a stumbling block for many, the unmarried life, the imperative to preach the gospel, the body of Christ, the gift of love, the resurrection of Christ, and the eternal life of believers. For several weeks each year, we hear familiar passages from one of the Bible's great letters. The pastoral, hopeful message of Paul can always inspire those who drop everything else and listen to his words.

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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



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.

January 2011 Book Rack Selections

- Journey of the Spirit**
by Trevor Hudson with Morton Kelsey
- Family Prayers** *by Nick Aikens & Rowan Williams*
- The Tree That Survived the Winter** *by Mary Fahy*
- Could Jesus Walk on Water?**
*by Monika Deitenbeck,
Marcus C. Leitschuhand & Christina Riecke*
- Christ Our Hope** *by Pope Benedict XVI*
- Image of God** *by Mark Plaiss*
- Threefold Way of St. Francis**
by Murray Bodo, OFM
- Living the Days of Lent 2011**
by Anita M. Constance, SC



Appreciation Party!

Saturday - February 5, 2011
5:00 - 8:00 in the gym

(Doors open immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Volunteers are people who are willing to give of themselves — time, talent, treasure—for the good of the whole community. Volunteers do not get paid for what they do. Many people volunteer at St. Florian and for this we are most grateful.

Please come and enjoy dinner, great music and a fun time as our way of saying thank you for all you do! (Spouses welcome.)

We appreciate you!

Please respond by Friday, January 28th.

St. Florian Parish Volunteer Appreciation Party Saturday - February 5, 2011

Yes, I have volunteered my time and talent and will attend the celebration!

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

(Please reply via the collection basket or at the rectory or school office.)

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	
January 1/2, 2011	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,264.75
Loose	\$ 317.37
Energy Assistance	\$ 288.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,870.12
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 139.00
Maintenance	\$ 440.00
Children's Offering	\$ 29.95
Votives	\$ 178.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$149.00
We Are Listening The St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those in need. We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know of a parishioner in need of temporary assistance? Please call the rectory and leave a message.

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. 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
Evangelization Mtg, (Rectory) 6:00
Confirmation Sponsor Night (KH) 7PM
- Jan. 13 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 14 Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
Members 8:00
- Jan. 16 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30

Konsowski Hall Boiler Replacement - Donations are still being accepted to defray the expense of replacing our boiler in Konsowski Hall. You may use your Maintenance envelope for your contribution or a plain white envelope marked "Boiler". Thank you to those who have already contributed so generously.

Christopher Nichols Aug. 29, 1966 - Dec. 22, 2010
We extend our condolences to the family of Christopher Nichols. He was the son of Mrs. Lyn Keever who served as principal of St. Florian School for many years. Please remember Christopher and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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.