

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 16/17

- 4:00 PM + John Noworyta - Family
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Helen Zurawski & Dolores Campagnolo
 9:45 AM + Elaine Boganski - Gibson Family
 11:30 AM + Stanley Pietruszka - Donna Andrysiak

Monday, January 18

- 7:15 AM + Eddie Kosmala - Ed & Carolyn Malewicki

Tuesday, January 19

- 7:15 AM + Helen Zajac - John Balio

Wednesday, January 20

- 7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Leona Kovacich

Thursday, January 21

- 7:15 AM + Edward Cieszkiewicz - Wife, Michalene

Friday, January 22

- 8:15 AM + Peter Zroka - Cheryl & Glenn Boske

Saturday, January 23

- 7:30 AM + Catherine Cap - Family
 4:00 PM + Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 AM + Joseph B. Mistarz (28th Anniv.) Grandchildren & Son
 9:45 AM + Charles Miceli - Mr. & Mrs. George Shideler
 11:30 AM - For all Fathers - Living & Deceased

Week of January 17 - January 23

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Leo Novak - Wife, Sarah Novak

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Edward Cieszkiewicz - Dorothy & Bernard Dzialakiewicz

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

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 23

4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, T. DeCook, D. Ranos

SUNDAY, January 24

8:00 AM R. Carllassare, E. Echevarria, N. Mooney
 9:45 AM G. Bonczek, V. Velasco, C. Haro
 11:30 AM S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

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
 T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
 S. Gonzalez

A Christmas Thank You!

As we move into the Winter Ordinary Time of the Church year, let's look back at how we began the Church year with the season of Advent. Our Taizé prayer services with Benediction began each Sunday of Advent on Saturday afternoons. We received many compliments when the Blue Nativity play came to St. Florian with their creative and fresh approach to the Christmas story as well as the wooden ornaments that decorated our parish Christmas tree. The Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe also added something new: they used Konsowski Hall for the first time to accommodate the growing number of people and they raised funds to have a mariachi band play at the Guadalupe Mass on December 12th.

As Advent drew to a close, we heard the St. Florian Choir sing, O Come, O Come Emmanuel for the last time as four candles processed through the darkened church at night on Christmas Eve.

A special thanks to many of our parishioners who gave of their time, energy, and creativity to make Christmas such a beautiful and joyous celebration. We wish to thank all those who cleaned, swept, and washed the church and its furnishings; to all who put up and took down the Christmas trees, decorations and cribs; to those who beautifully decorated the church; to our sacristan, ministers of care, organist, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists, lectors, communion ministers, ushers, servers, our greeters from Catholics Come Home and to our priests who celebrated the Masses during the Christmas season.

We would also like to thank all who prayerfully and joyfully participated in our Christmas celebrations and thank you to those who came back to the faith and to our parish. May our Advent and Christmas celebrations lead us into a new year of celebrating and sharing our faith in 2010.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



Come Home to the Catholic Church

Through Mary's example others come to believe

As we begin Ordinary Time in this new liturgical year, the Gospel story of the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 12:1-11) is anything but ordinary! Today we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle and are also reminded of Mary's extraordinary faith. Mary's life has always provided for us a model of how to live and to love. Through her faith in Jesus "his disciples began to believe in him."

It is possible that we can follow Mary's example and help others to believe in Jesus? What a great question to ask yourself during the **Catholics Come Home** evangelization initiative. All of us know someone who has been away from the church and in some families this is a cause for concern and sadness. Consider the following ways to bring others back to the Church:

- First of all, follow Mary's lead and **be a good example**: attend Mass, celebrate the Sacraments regularly and live by Jesus' commandment to love God and love others in your everyday life.
- **Talk about your faith** in positive ways. Let people know the joy and strength you receive from your faith in God. With the ads on TV it is so easy to begin a conversation on faith, just ask, "What do you think about those Catholic Come Home ads on TV?"
- **Be Proud of your Catholic faith**. Find ways to learn and grow in understanding of our history and the teachings of the Church. Participate in adult formation in your parish and share all that you learn with others.
- Finally, **Pray** for your friends and family members that have distanced themselves from the Church.

Opportunities for Reconciliation

You may find that people are interested in knowing about the Church and how they can return to a practice of faith. For those who want to return to the sacramental life of the Church there are opportunities for Reconciliation as noted below:

Confessions are available here at St. Florian:

Saturdays at 3:00 pm in the Reconciliation Room

You may also make an appointment for confession by calling Fr. Jim at the Rectory at 773-646-4877.

Other Opportunities in the neighboring areas:

Dates/Times: Sunday, Jan. 24 2:00 - 4:00

Monday, Feb. 1 7:00 - 9:00

Where: Chicago Parishes: St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Ailbe, and St. Michael - and St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, Ill. A Guide for Penance and a list of other locations are listed on the website at **www.CatholicsComeHomeChicago.org** or by calling 312-534-5100.

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 Trzuppek, 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., Ed Ronczy, Policarpo Naya, 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. 18

Reading 1 Samuel 15:16-23
 Gospel Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - Jan. 19

Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Gospel Mark 2:23-28

Wed. - Jan. 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

Reading 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 40-51
 Gospel Mark - 3:1-6

Thursday - Jan. 21 - St. Agnes

Reading 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7
 Gospel Mark 3: 7-12

Friday - Jan. 22 - St. Vincent

Reading 1 Samuel 24:3-21
 Gospel Mark 3:13-19

Sat. - Jan. 23

Reading 1 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Gospel Mark 3:20-21

Sunday Jan. 24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
 Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Appreciation Party!

Saturday - February 6, 2010

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 29th.

**St. Florian Parish
 Volunteer Appreciation Party
 Saturday - February 6, 2010**

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.)

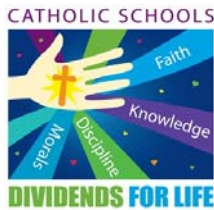
What you are is revealed by what you do. What you do reveals what you really believe.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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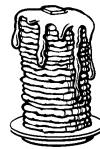
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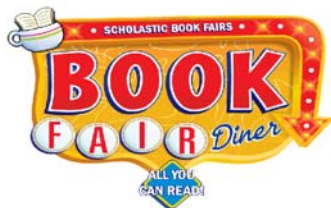
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Join us on Sunday, January 31st!
All School Family Mass 9:45 a.m.
School Open House 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon

Luncheon with
Grandparents & Special Relatives
Wednesday, February 3rd
12 Noon in the Gym
Followed by Honors Assembly



**Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 31**
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
13110 S. Baltimore
School Gym



Come to the Book Fair Diner and feast on all the great books and great prices. Look for our Family Day Specials offered on Sunday, January 31. They will include:

- A Classroom Wish List: Purchase or make donations so we can buy items for your child's class!
- A Family Day Raffle: Enter to win gift certificates good at the book fair.
- One for Books: Every dollar you donate goes to help our library buy books. Every dollar you donate is matched by Scholastic and is donated to Toys for Tots or National Early Literacy programs.
- Enter our "Pickle Guessing" contest and win you choice of Scholastic Books.



The Book Fair Diner will be open:

Sun., Jan. 31 9AM to 12:30PM
Mon., Feb. 1 12 noon until 4PM
Tues., Feb. 2 8:30AM to 4PM
Wed., Feb 3 8:30AM to 3PM



Go Blazers!!!

ST. FLORIAN ALUMNI Men's Basketball Tournament & Women's Alumni Volleyball

All Classes Welcome 1960's - 2009
First Captain's Meeting
When: January 31, 2010 at 2PM
Where: Club 81 Too - 13157 Ave. M



Start getting your teams together!

Games will begin March 15 and Championship Night is March 26. Refreshments, food and M.V.P. awards will be available. \$30.00 per player. For more information, please call the school at 773-646-2868, Ken at 773-243-9548 or Steve at 773-646-0933.

*Sponsored by
St. Florian Athletic Association*

BINGO! – Doors open at 1:30
and games begin at 2:30!



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.

January's Winner:
The Bensett Family

February's Raffle Sponsor:
The Green Olive

Coming Soon — Save the Date!

"WINDY CITY WRESTLING"

is coming to our St. Florian Gymnasium!
Saturday, February 20th — Doors open at 6:00 PM
Tickets will be available soon!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Jan. 9/10, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,291.00
Loose	\$ 437.55
Energy Assistance	\$ 166.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,894.55
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 124.00
Maintenance	\$ 128.00
Children's Offering	\$ 64.37

Cursillo de Cristiandad (A Retreat for Spanish speaking Catholic Ladies) will be held on Feb. 11th through Feb.14th at 1445 S. Hoffman St., Hammond, IN. For more information call Rev. Eduardo Malagón, Spiritual Director at 219-962-8626, Maria Czarowski at 773-731-2581 or José Del Real at 708-289-8772.

Cursillistas (Se les invita a un Cursillo Católico para mujeres) Del 11 al 14 de febrero de 2010. Lugar: 1445 S. Hoffman St., Hammond, IN. Para información llamar al: Rev. Eduardo Malagón, Director Espiritual. Tel. (219) 962-8626 ó con Maria Czarowski (773) 731-2581 José Del Real (708) 289-8772

Daughters of Isabella #859 Meeting will be held February 9, 2010 at 1PM at St. Columba Social Center. Cake and coffee will be served.

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. 17 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 18 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 19 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 20 Scouts (KH) (5:30)
Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Jan. 21 Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 22 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- Jan. 24 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 25 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 27 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- Jan. 28 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 31 Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 9-12:30
- Jan. 31-Feb. 3 Catholic Schools Week
Book Fair (Gym)

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box
(1/3 & 1/10) \$213.29**

St. Vincent de Paul Society In the life of Mother Teresa, the Two Commandments — To love God and to love our neighbor — are inseparable. In her life and work she exemplifies the relationship between the two: How, if we do not love God we cannot love our neighbor, and if we do not love our neighbor we cannot love God.

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.