

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 23/24

- 4:00 PM + Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj
 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

Monday, January 25

- 7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Peg Gadus

Tuesday, January 26

- 7:15 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family

Wednesday, January 27

- 7:15 AM + Henry Abram - Lorraine Sapinski

Thursday, January 28

- 7:15 AM + John Prinz - Wife

Friday, January 29

- 8:15 AM + Cecilia Cap - Family

Saturday, January 30

- 7:30 AM + James Halubiak - St. Florian Class of 1959
 4:00 PM + Dorothy Orzelski - Peter & Diane

Sunday, January 31

- 8:00 AM + Charles & Valerie Bobonick - Bobonick Family
 9:45 AM + Alex & Angeline Rzonca - Family
 11:30 AM - For all Mothers - Living & Deceased

Week of January 17 - January 23

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Margaret Nowakowski - Mom

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 John Prinz - Wife

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January, 2010

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek
 B. Frjelic
 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 30

4:00 PM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, R. Carllassare

SUNDAY, January 31

8:00 AM G. Bonczek, J. O'Keefe, N. Mooney
 9:45 AM T. DeCook, B. Meyer, R. Meyer
 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



Come Home to the Catholic Church

Proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord

Do you know someone whose faith is so on fire that he/she is willing to tell anyone about all they believe? St. Luke the Evangelist must have been like that. In today's Gospel (Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21) we hear his introduction to the life story and teachings of Jesus. Luke writes it all down so that many generations later, we will know the truth.

Luke and his followers showed great faith and courage in taking on this task in a world that was not friendly to Christians. In our country we honor freedom of religion, we do not confront the same obstacles as those early Christians. Our greatest challenge is overcoming our silence. In American society we have absorbed the law separating church and state to the extent that faith has become a personal matter, something to keep to ourselves. Even Catholics who have a strong faith have a hard time talking about it to others.

The Catholics Come Home TV ads have helped many to become aware of the strengths of the Church. We have seen an increased sense of pride in the Catholic Church that encouraged people to talk about the proclamation and service that the Church is doing in the world. In one of the ads you may have heard the line, "**We are the largest charitable organization on the planet.**"

Did you know that Catholic Charities USA is the fifth largest charitable organization? Add to this the local diocesan Catholic Charities, the Catholic Relief Services, Catholic communities like the Missionaries of Charities, plus each of the 20,000 parishes in the USA alone. We ARE the largest charitable organization on the planet.

Be proud of all that the Church does to welcome, serve and support people in need all over the planet. Even though the TV ads end today, we can continue inviting our Catholic brothers and sisters to come home.

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

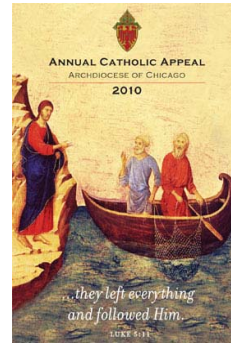
You may also make an appointment for confession by calling Fr. Jim at the Rectory at 773-646-4877.

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.



2010 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

*"... they left everything
and followed him."
(Luke 5:11)*

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2010 *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the largest philanthropic source of financial support for ALL of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. In addition, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish and greatly assists with financial help for our school.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "... they left everything and followed Him." This familiar phrase from the story of the Apostles walking away from their livelihoods and their worldly possessions to follow Jesus is a familiar one. But, how often do we reflect on their example as it applies to our lives. At the core of discipleship is the practice of stewardship. Stewardship is the recognition that all that we have is a gift from God and we are obligated to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in His work. Our gifts are to be given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$14,000 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Participation in the 2010 Debt Reduction Initiative

St. Florian Parish has been selected for participation in this initiative. The Parish will receive credit against our parish and school debt equal to the total of all cash raised by St. Florian Parish during the Annual Appeal. This opportunity has the potential to reduce our debt with a dollar-for-dollar match from the Archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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., 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. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

Reading Acts 22:3-16

Gospel Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday - Jan. 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus

Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8

Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wed. - Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici

Reading 2 Samuel 7:4-17

Gospel Mark - 4:1-20

Thursday - Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

Reading 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29

Gospel Mark 4:21-25

Friday - Jan. 29

Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Sat. - Jan. 30

Reading 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Sunday Jan. 31 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

In Remembrance . . .

Albina Wollack January 16, 2010

Lillian Furmankiewicz January 16, 2010

**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: _____

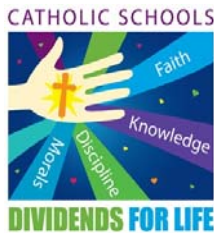
(Please reply via the collection basket or at the rectory or school office.)

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week!
Jan. 31—Feb. 6**

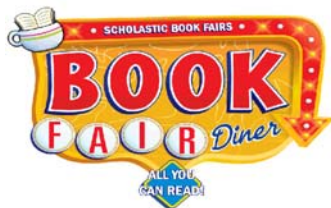
Join us on Sunday, January 31st!

All School Family Mass 9:45 a.m.
School Open House 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon
Don't miss it! At 11:15 a.m. in Rm. 212
Grade 2 will present a program on the Sacraments and Grade 3 will present a program about culture.

**Luncheon with
Grandparents & Special Relatives**
Wednesday, February 3rd - 12:00 Noon
Followed by Honors Assembly



Pancake Breakfast (in the school gym)
Sun., Jan. 31 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Adults \$6, Children \$4, Under age 3 free



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*

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!

De La Salle Institute: Alex Arnold, Jacob Bugajski, Roxanne DeVriendt, John Gutierrez, Andrea Medina, Randi Moreno & Chelsey Torres

"WINDY CITY WRESTLING "

is coming to our St. Florian Gymnasium!

Saturday, February 20th

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Show begins at 7:30 PM

Tickets prices as follows:

\$15.00 front row ringside

\$10.00 ringside/floor

\$5.00 bleachers

Tickets available at the school office.

Call 773/646-2868 for further information.

| WEEKLY OFFERINGS | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 16/17, 2010 | |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,751.70 |
| Loose | \$ 457.96 |
| Energy Assistance | \$ 84.00 |
| Actual Received vs. | \$4,293.66 |
| Budgeted Goal | \$5,250.00 |
| Bldg. Improvement | \$ 143.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 70.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 40.45 |
| Votives | \$ 142.00 |

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$127.49

St. Vincent de Paul Society loves and works for God. The members love and work for our neighbors in need. They do this through your kind offerings each week in the poor boxes. God will and does reward those who care and share.

**Catholic Charities to offer services:
Public Benefits Outreach
and Enrollment Program**

Government funded public benefits will be available to qualifying individuals in need who are struggling financially during the economic recession. Catholic Charities will conduct benefit screenings in Konsowski Hall on Wednesday, February 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Documents needed include ID, Birth Cert., SS cards, proof of income, copies of utility/rent/mortgage bills, and copy of lease. You may contact Ruth Robinson of Catholic Charities at 312-217-5874 for further information.

Cursillo de Christiandad (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 Czarobski 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 Czarobski (773) 731-2581 José Del Real (708) 289-8772.



**COME JOIN THE
ST. FLORIAN CHOIR!**

If you would like to join the choir, come to rehearsal on January 27 at 6:30 p.m. or call the rectory at 1-773-646-4877 or Judy at 1-773-646-4773. Practices will continue on February 4th, 11th, and 25th at 6:30 p.m.


BINGO Bingo is cancelled for Jan. 31. Bingo will resume February 7 - Doors open at 1:30. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 23/24 Collection for Relief in Haiti
- 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
- Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Jan. 28 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 31 Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 9-12:30
- Jan. 31-Feb. 3 Catholic Schools Week
- Book Fair (Gym)
- Feb. 3 Scouts (KH) 5:30
- Feb. 4 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Feb. 6 Appreciation Party (Gym) 5:00
- Feb. 7 Annual School Fund Collection
- Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Feb. 8 Parish Council (KH) 7:00

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 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.