

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 24/25

- 4:00 PM + Cecilia Cap - Family
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Ceil Motkowicz
 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gabrys
 11:30 AM + Florencia Calderon - Family

Monday, January 26

- 7:15 AM + Rose Szczepanik - Young at Heart

Tuesday, January 27

- 7:15 AM + Rose Szczepanik - Harriet Brodzik

Wednesday, January 28

- 7:15 AM + Denice Feltman - V. Michalik Family

Thursday, January 29

- 7:15 AM + Stella Kwinta - Stanley Dubczak

Friday, January 30

- 8:15 AM + Dorothy Orzelski - Peter

Saturday, January 31

- 7:30 AM + William J. Slusarczyk - Mother
 4:00 PM + Bob Karczewski - Wife

Sunday, February 1

- 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Afternoon Faith Sharing Group
 9:45 AM + Walter P. Zakrzewski - Family
 11:30 AM + Cervantes & Arroyo Families - Family

Week of January 25 - February 1

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week as a
 Special Intention for the Marszalek Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week as a
 Special Intention for the Marszalek Family

LECTORS February, 2009

- 4:00 PM A. Simmons
 8:00 AM P. Gadus
 9:45 AM J. Struzik/D. Karczewski
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 31

- 4:00 PM D. Ranos, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, February 1

- 8:00 AM G. Bonczek, J. Carlassare, J. Lelo
 9:45 AM T. DeCook, M. Elizalde, C. Haro
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, N. Mooney, B. Meyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS February, 2009

- 4:00 PM
 L. Morse
 B. Frjelich
 J. Gibbons
 M. Piaskowy
 M. Cowperthwaite
 A. Bonczek
- 8:00 AM
 S. Jezior
 B. Peak
 E. Podsiadlik
 E. Boganski
 N. Moll
 C. Motkowicz
- 9:45 AM
 C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 V. Maccagnano
- 11:30 AM
 A. Davila
 O. Cruz

USHERS February, 2009

- 4:00 PM P. Orzelski, C. Cowperthwaite,
 P. Krasinski, E. Pindara,
 A. Lubanowski, T. Zalewski,
 N. Zalewski
- 8:00 AM C. Zakrzewski, A. Wopinski,
 T. Nester, A. Jasek,
 M. Noworyta, J. Shanahan,
 A. Bruder,
- 9:45 AM G. Villalobos, E. Lihota,
 G. Slusarczyk, K. Podgorny,
 R. Furman, J. Turman,
 T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin our observance of Catholic Schools Week, we will be demonstrating the important role of Catholic schools in providing values-added education for America's young people and making the world a better place for all.



Every year we set aside this week to build up awareness and involvement in Catholic education here at St. Florian and in Hegewisch. We also honor all those people who have made our school a continuing success from our students, families, faculty, alumni and staff to our volunteers, community supporters and local leaders.

"Catholic Schools Celebrate Service" is this year's theme. It underscores the great commitment Catholic education, and in particular, St. Florian, has offered to the parish, our neighborhood, and beyond. Catholic schools instill a life-long commitment to serving others in all their students. So when our students graduate, they have the tools to fulfill their dreams in our society and church.

I wish to extend a personal invitation to all of you to join us in all the activities St. Florian School is offering this week. Visit the classrooms during our open house, meet the teachers and students, and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Don't be afraid to encourage neighbors and friends who may be considering Catholic education for their children to visit St. Florian School.

Also, take time to express your appreciation to our teachers, staff, board members and volunteers who celebrate their service to St. Florian. Through their dedication and commitment may I extend my personal thanks to all those who have made our school a viable Catholic presence in Hegewisch.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim

P.S. Please remember to support the Annual School Fund as generously as you are able.

2009 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

"... DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD."
(1 COR. 10:31)

"That each of us will give generously to support the work of our Archdiocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We pray to the Lord . . ."

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 2009 *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Do all for the glory of God". Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$15,583 - 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal.

ORDINARY TIME —

The Cardinal Difference

It's tempting to think that Ordinary Time got its name because it is "ordinary" or non-exceptional, but that's not really the case. Ordinary Time means ordered or numbered time and is derived from "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) as opposed to "cardinal numbers" (one, two, three). It begins on the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord and is counted sequentially until Lent. The count then resumes where it left off on the Monday after Pentecost and continues until Advent.

Because the beginning of Lent is a movable feast, Ordinary Time can last 33 or 34 weeks. This year, Ordinary Time goes from Jan. 12 to Feb. 25 and from June 1 to Nov. 29.

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, John Noworyta, 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, Eugene Kupiec, Dorita De Cardona, Ed Kosmala, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Dolores & Gilbert Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lassester, Chestine Trzupiek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, Mark Biel, 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, Ruben Montemayor, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Helen Krupinski, Christen White, Katelyn Grabowski, Irma Cardenas, Virginia Majewski, Anthony Gromek, Edward Walczak, Agnes Walczak, Karen Kil, Eugene Piekerczyk, Susan Lenart, 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.



In remembrance . . .

Dorothy Ringelman	January 16, 2009
John Noworyta	January 16, 2009

Conversion of St. Paul

By Paul Turner

The conversion of St. Paul is one of the bible's great stories. A man who persecuted Christians joins the group he was targeting. The story appears several times in the New Testament. Saul was traveling on the road to Damascus when he was struck by a blinding light and fell to the ground. Unable to see, he heard the voice of Jesus ask, "Why are you persecuting me?" Saul in turn asked, "Who are you?" Housed by a disciple named Ananias, Saul learned about Jesus Christ, was baptized, and became known as "Paul." Through his travels, preaching, and writing, he became the most influential of all the followers of Christ. The conversion during his vision symbolizes the stance between God and the average human person: God asks why we do what we do, and we try to penetrate the mystery of God.

The Catholic Church celebrates a feast day of honor of Paul's conversion every year on Jan. 25. There is no historical evidence linking this date to that event. The earliest appearance of Jan. 25 on the church calendar seems to have commemorated the anniversary of the day that the relics of this apostle were moved from the catacombs to the basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls of Rome. The date later became associated with his conversion, probably because of the universal appeal of Paul's story.

As a feast day, the conversion outranks most other weekdays, but when it falls on a Sunday, the Ordinary Time liturgy takes precedence. However, Pope Benedict XVI made mid-2008 to mid-2009 a special year commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, and in honor of this event he authorized the celebration of the Conversion of St. Paul on Sun., Jan. 25, 2009.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8

Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday - Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici

Reading Hebrews 10:1-10

Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wed. - Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

Reading Hebrews 10:11-18

Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday - Jan. 29

Reading Hebrews 10:19-25

Gospel Mark 4:21-25

Friday - Jan. 30

Reading Hebrews 10:32-39

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Sat. - Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco

Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Sunday Feb. 1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

January 2009

Book Rack Selections

(Our book rack is located in the back of church.)

Living the Days of Lent 2009 *edited by Anita Constance*

Praying with Young People *by Maureen Gallagher*

Discovering and Serving Your Passion for Life

by Bradley L. Hahn

The Little Tern Tale *by Brook Newman*

The Joy of Lent *compiled and edited by Pat McDonough*

My Wounded Hands *edited by Renzo Sala*

Living by Surprise *by Woody Bartlett*

Walking Humbly *by Thomas Flowers*

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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Catholic Schools Week! Jan. 25 - Jan. 31



Sunday: Family Mass at 9:45 a.m. We invite all families to worship with us.

There is no better way to begin the week!



Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 - 12:30
(Adults \$6.00 and Children (4-11) \$3.00)

School Open House from 10:45 - 12 Noon All are invited to visit the school and classrooms and see some of the wonderful work our students are doing. Prospective students and families will have the opportunity to receive information about the school. Tour the classrooms and meet the teachers!

Book Fair in the Gym from 9:00—1:00 p.m. Sunday is Family Day!

Monday: Book Fair - Monday is teacher/student browsing day.

Tuesday: Book Fair in the Gym from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Classroom Visit Day — Parents are welcome to stop in.

Spirit Day - Spirit Day is sponsored by the Athletic committee. Students may wear blue and gold, our school colors. Team members may wear their jerseys. We're planning a pep rally in the gym. All are welcome to join us.

Book Fair in the Gym from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Grandparents / Special Relative Day

Honors Assembly at 1:00

Book Fair in the Gym from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday: Teacher Appreciation Day - 12 noon Dismissal

Saturday: Parish Volunteer Appreciation Party at 5:00 p.m. in the gym.

Sunday: Annual School Fund Collection



Please support our Annual School Fund on Feb. 1

This weekend we passed out envelopes for the Annual School Fund collection to be taken up at all Masses next weekend, Jan. 31/Feb. 1.

You may also use the Annual School Fund envelope from your packets to support the important mission of Catholic education at St. Florian. Please give as generously as you are able. Your donation will help parents who need tuition assistance.



St. Florian School Book Fair *Lights, Camera, Books*

Sunday, January 25 9:00 am - 1:00 pm is Family day and the public is welcome. There will be books for all ages, computer games, and craft activities. A Family Day Raffle will be held with the drawing taking place at 12:00.

The Book Fair will continue until Wed., January 28. Hours Mon- Wed are 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. This is a major fund raiser for the School's Library. For more details see the St. Florian Website.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
January 17/18, 2009	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,364.00
Loose	\$ 524.55
Energy Assistance	\$ 65.00
Actual Received	\$3,953.55
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 82.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Children's Offering	\$ 64.70
Votives	\$ 70.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$105.36

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.

Mount Carmel Mothers' Club Annual Bunco Night

presents the annual Bunco Night on Friday, February 6th. No experience necessary, easy to learn, fun to play! Snacks and food are available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Carmel Convocation Center, 6410 S. Dante Avenue, Chicago. \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. To register, contact, Jan Klausner at 708-331-2757 or email jklaus1@sbcglobal.net

Volunteer Appreciation Party!
Saturday - January 31, 2009
5:00 - 8:00 in the gym

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

We need a final count for the caterer - If you haven't responded, please call the rectory no later than Monday, January 26th.

St. Florian Parish
Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday, January 31, 2009

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

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

(Please reply at the rectory, 646-4877)

BINGO Bingo is cancelled for Jan. 25. Bingo will resume February 1 - Doors open at 1:30. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 25 Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 9-12:30
- Jan. 25-29 Catholic Schools Week
Book Fair (Gym)
- Jan. 26 Music Mtg. (Rectory) 9:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 28 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- Jan. 29 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 31 Appreciation Party
- Feb. 1 Annual School Fund Collection
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Feb. 2 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
- Feb. 3 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Feb. 5 RCIA (Rectory) 6:00
- Feb. 8 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30

Daughters of Isabella - The Daughters of Isabella, Circle 859, will meet on Tues., Feb. 3 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Columba Social Center—weather permitting. Cake and coffee will be served after the meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Tues., March 3.

St. Florian School Class Reunion - Class of 84' is searching for fellow classmates for a 25 Year Reunion this summer. For more details please contact Tammy Sliwa-Mazur at (219) 588-5909.

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. Kathryn Diaz, U.S. Marine Corps - 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, PVT David Cook - U.S. Army, PFC Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force

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