

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 30/31

- 4:00 PM + Dorothy Orzelski - Peter & Diane
 8:00 AM + Charles & Valerie Bobonick - Bobonick Family
 9:45 AM + Alex & Angeline Rzonca - Family
 11:30 AM - For all Mothers - Living & Deceased

Monday, February 1

- 7:15 AM + Albert Cap - Family

Tuesday, February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

- 8:15 AM + Bob Karczewski - Wife

Wednesday, February 3 - Feast of St. Blaisé

- 7:15 AM + Virginia Majewski - John Paul II Choir

Thursday, February 4

- 7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Alicia Davila

Friday, February 5

- 8:15 AM + Peter Orzelski - Kubiak Family

Saturday, February 6

- 7:30 AM + Joseph Ciciora - Family
 4:00 PM + Elaine Boganski - Barbara Anderson

Sunday, February 7

- 8:00 AM + John Noworyta - Barbara Anderson & Mary Ann Piaskowy
 9:45 AM + Walter Kantowski - Young at Heart
 11:30 AM + Esperanza Cambron - Daughter

Week of January 31 - February 6

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Peter Orzelski - Friends & Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Virginia Mauer - Mom

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

February, 2010

4:00 PM

L. Morse
 B. Frjelich
 R. Abram
 M. Cowperthwaite
 M. Piaskowy
 C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 J. Gibbons
 E. Podsiadlik
 B. Peak
 N. Moll
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

P. Maccagnano
 C. Michalik
 C. Malone
 P. O'Rourke
 K. Gibson
 D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

O. Cruz
 A. Davila

LECTORS

February, 2010

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM A. Simmons
 9:45 AM K. Gibson
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, February 6

4:00 PM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, N. Mooney

SUNDAY, February 7

8:00 AM G. Bonczek, J. O'Keefe, R. Carlassare
 9:45 AM C. Haro, H. Walsh, V. Velasco
 11:30 AM S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

USHERS

February, 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

I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

There is a dramatic moment in today's Gospel (Lk 4:21-30). Jesus tried to tell the people of his town the truth about the messiah; that the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in him. The listeners did not see the connections between the past and the present moment. On hearing the truth, they were filled with fury and they drove Jesus out of town.

In the recent television ads for Catholics Come Home, you may have heard a true statement that made you uncomfortable. One of the statements seems so large and exaggerated and we don't have the historical perspective to understand the underlying truth. Have you heard the ad that says the Catholic Church **"founded the college system."** The contemporary liberal arts course of study is comprised of literature, language, philosophy, history, mathematics, and science which holds the historical truth in that statement.

This system was developed in the 5th Century C.E. and defined the education proper to a free man (Latin: liber, "free"), unlike the education proper to a slave. The formula remained unchanged throughout the Christianized Roman Empire of the 5th century until Arabic texts and the works of Aristotle became available in Western Europe in the 12th century.

Another line in that same TV ad states that **the Catholic Church "educate(s) more children than any other scholarly or religious institution."** Did you know that the largest system of Christian education in the United States is operated by the Roman Catholic Church? In the U.S. alone there are 8,500 schools, enrolling 2.7 million students. Most schools are administered by individual dioceses and parishes that also offer Religious Education to children who attend public schools.

Today, as many schools in the Archdiocese prepare for a week that celebrates Catholic Education you may want to share these facts with your family. Be proud of the Catholic Church and all it does to foster the minds and hearts of the next generation.

Catholic Relief Service Continues to Accept Donations for Haiti

Individuals wishing to make donations in support of relief efforts in response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti should make their checks payable to *Catholic Relief Services*, and put *"Haiti"* on the Memo line.

Mail donations to:

Catholic Relief Services
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653-1402

2010 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

They Left Everything



This week, you are asked to review the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is ". . . they left everything and followed Him." (Luke 5:11)

The Apostles gave up everything to follow Jesus. You are not asked to do the same. Rather, you are asked to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal. While funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, **the Annual Catholic Appeal is also the largest philanthropic source of financial support for ALL of the Catholics schools in the Archdiocese.**

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over five months.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God they find a significant portion of the work of our Archdiocese. After our parish goal of \$14,000.00 is reached in cash, 100% of the additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew process at all Masses next weekend.

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

We pray for . . .



Helen Golden, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelich, 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 Trzupek, 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 Cardenas, Barbara Burnette, Christen White, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Ed Ronczy, Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, 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 - Feb. 1

Reading 2 Timothy 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Gospel Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord

Reading I Malachi 3:1-4
Reading II Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Wed. - Feb. 3 - St. Blaisé & St. Ansgar

Reading 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Gospel Mark - 6:1-6

Thursday - Feb. 4

Reading 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Gospel Mark 6: 7-13

Friday - Feb. 5 - St. Agatha

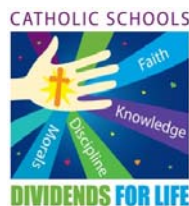
Reading Sirach 47:2-11
Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Sat. - Feb 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

Reading 1 Kings 3:4-13
Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Sunday Feb. 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8



What our Children

Believe

*is Just as Important
as What They Know*

Catholic Schools struggle with declining enrollments, limited budgets and rising operational costs, still they remain a sound investment for families who take their Catholic faith seriously.

Here is what Catholic elementary and high schools offer:

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith.
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness.
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills.
4. A 99 percent graduation rate in Catholic high schools.
5. Strong preparation for further education.
6. Safe and disciplined environment.
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential.
8. Individual attention in a caring community.
9. Commitment to the technology to enhance education.
10. Good stewardship of resources.

And Remember . . .

Eight, twelve, even sixteen years of Catholic education do not guarantee a virtuous life. Nor do they automatically prevent your child from straying off the right path, missing Sunday Mass, leaving Church, joining a cult, having a bad marriage, living in sin, or winding up in jail—or, God forbid, in hell.

What Catholic education does, is plant a seed of the Catholic faith—a well formed conscience which, despite the ravages of opposition and neglect, may someday experience a rebirth of grace that leads your now-adult child back to the full embrace of the Church and the road to salvation that it illuminates.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after Christmas. On this day candles will be blessed and lit as we process into church. If you have candles at home that you would like blessed, please bring them on that day. If you do not have candles, please take one from the basket at the church entrance and return it to the basket after Mass. This day is also known as Candelmas Day with its rite of blessing and the procession with lighted candles which begins the Liturgy. Please join us for this beautiful feast on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at the 8:15 morning Mass.

Feast of St. Blaisé

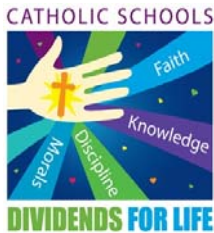
Wednesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaisé. In memory of St. Blaisé throats will be blessed at the 7:15 morning Mass. This custom began in the 16th century and continues today in many Catholic communities. Blaisé is the patron of sore throats. Throats are blessed with two unlit candles in the form of an "X" as the minister invokes the blessing of St. Blaisé.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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What Our Children Believe



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

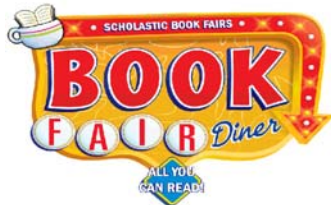
is Just as Important as What They Know!

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

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.

**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
All-you-can-eat Pancakes,
Belgian Waffles, Eggs & Sausage



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.

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

- 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.



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

"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
\$7.00 bleachers

Tickets available at the school office.
Call 773/646-2868 for further information.

Christmas Update:

We are thankful for the many blessings of so many this past Christmas season. Throughout the month of January we continued to receive Christmas donations which now total \$19,636. We are also very grateful for the generous donations from our Young at Heart Society and the Knights of Columbus. The donations for Christmas flowers and decorations amounted to \$1,233. Thank you for your constant and generous support.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS
Jan. 22/23, 2010**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,299.00
Loose	\$ 449.39
Energy Assistance	\$ 117.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,865.39
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 93.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Children's Offering	\$ 97.25

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$65.44

Thanks! Because you are concerned . . . This is a note of appreciation. Our thank you is a simple but sincere statement. You are being thanked by the poor and the needy for food, clothing, medicine, and other needs you are supplying. The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for allowing us to be a channel of your almsgiving. "The Poor Boxes are the Bread Boxes of the Needy."

'Til Death Do Us Part—Late Nite Catechism 3 - Annunciata Church will host the presentation of 'Til Death Do Us Part on Sunday, February 14th, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and will include dinner (cash bar) following the performance. For further information contact Chris at 773/374-1309 or Claudia at 773/731-0131.

Graduates of 1960 . . . Where are You?? St. Mary Magdalene Grade School Class of 1960 is planning a class reunion. If you are interested in renewing old friendships, please contact either Romyne Badyniak at 708/891-8683 or e-mail at PinkLadyRo2@aol.com or Dennis Kranc at dennis@dkinfrared.com

**Volunteer Appreciation Party!
Saturday - February 6, 2010
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, February 1st. (773/646-4877).

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. 31 Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 9-12:30
- Jan. 31-Feb. 3 Catholic Schools Week
Book Fair (Gym)
- Feb. 3 Aluminum Can Recycling (8AM) Pkg. Lot
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
- Feb. 9 Parent/Teacher Club Mtg. (PMR) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Youth Group (KH) 7:00

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



If you would like to join the choir, please 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.

**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.