

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 31/February 1

- 4:00 PM + Bob Karczewski - Wife
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Afternoon Faith Sharing Group
 9:45 AM + Walter P. Zakrzewski - Family
 11:30 AM + Cervantes & Arroyo Families - Family

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

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Sophie Lewandowski

Tuesday, February 3 - Feast of St. Blaisé

- 7:15 AM + Walter P. & Mabel Zakrzewski - Family
 1:00 PM - Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 4

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Mr. & Mrs. R. Zurewice

Thursday, February 5

- 7:15 AM + Walter P. Zakrzewski - Family

Friday, February 6

- 8:15 AM + Joseph Ciciora - Family

Saturday, February 7

- 7:30 AM + Robert & Margaret Erwin - Children
 4:00 PM + Albert Cap - Family

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 AM + Rose Szczepanik - Virginia Majewski
 9:45 AM + Irene Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + Esperanza Cambro - Daughter

Week of February 1 - February 7

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Olga Pekala - Afternoon Faith Sharing Group

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, February 7

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, J. Carlassare, B. Meyer

SUNDAY, February 8

8:00 AM D. Ranos, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
 9:45 AM T. DeCook, C. Haro, J. Lelo
 11:30 AM K. Mallee, M. Ortiz, M. Elizalde

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

**Welcome and Pray -
Accepting Young Adults
into our Parish**

This Sunday at the 9:45 Mass, two CCD students will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens. What is this all about? This is the first stage of a ritual process that will lead Cynthia Bahorich and Briana Martin to the Easter Vigil where they will be baptized and confirmed into our faith and receive Holy Communion for the first time. The church calls this ritual process the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) where people like Cynthia and Briana prepare to enter the Catholic faith to lead a full and active life in the church. During this process, they will participate in liturgical rites that both mark the progress of their journey and spiritually form them more deeply by God's grace. Their sponsors Emily Powell (Cynthia) and Lisa Hernandez (Briana) will be their companions, mentors, and prayer partners throughout the RCIA process. They will also participate in the ritual actions at the 9:45 Mass as well.

At this Sunday's Rite of Acceptance, Cynthia and Briana will declare their intention to the Church and, in turn, we as God's Holy People accept them as persons who intend to become members of the Church.

We ask that the whole community of St. Florian welcome and pray for these catechumens as they explore the beliefs, values, prayer, spirit and mission of our faith.

Their next step in the RCIA process is on the First Sunday of Lent when Cynthia and Briana will participate in the Rite of Election. Welcome them. Pray for them. And stay tuned.

Fr. Jim

Annual Catholic Appeal 2009

A Time for Reflection

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

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: **"Do all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)**

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.

A significant gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Archdiocese of Chicago is no exception.

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 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 glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

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 pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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 Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Laseter, Chestine Trzupek, 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.



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."

1 Corinthians 7:32

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never receive anything.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mon., Feb. 2 7:15 AM Mass

This Monday the Church will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In this feast, we recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering.

In a sense, this feast is an epiphany, an illumination, or revelation of Christ as the fulfillment of God's ancient promises. It is not surprising then, that in this feast the Church has traditionally made great use of candles, which represent and symbolize Christ as the Light of the world. Candles are blessed before the procession of the Mass and the people gathered for this Mass walk in the procession with these candles lit. (This is also when the candles to be used for the blessing of throats on Saturday, the optional memorial of Saint Blaisé are blessed.)

Forty days ago we celebrated the Light of the Word, Jesus Christ, coming in his birth at Bethlehem. This week we continue honoring him as the Light which no darkness can overcome (see John 1:5).

Please join us for this beautiful feast this Monday, Feb. 2, at the 7:15 morning Mass

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Feast of St. Blaisé Tues., Feb. 3 7:15 AM Mass 1:00 PM Prayer Service

This Tuesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaisé. 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. The blessing of throats will take place at the 7:15 morning Mass and a prayer service at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

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

Tuesday - Feb. 3 - St. Blaise

Reading Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Wed. - Feb. 4

Reading Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Thursday - Feb. 5 - St. Agatha

Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Gospel Mark 6:7-13

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

Reading Hebrews 13:1-8
Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Sat. - Feb. 7

Reading Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Sunday Feb. 8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Reading II 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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BINGO
 Every Sunday
 Doors open at 1:30
 Games begin at 2:30
 in the gym at 131st & Houston




Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!
Marian Catholic: Sarah Dejanovich
 Roseann Drosos, Matthew Ireland, Robert Lyons, Justine Meyer, Itzel Perez, David Saucedo, and Lauren Witczak
De La Salle Institute: Alex Arnold, Christopher Czarobski, Roxanne DeVriendt, John Gutierrez, Randi Moreno, and Chelsey Torres

Save General Mills, Tyson, & Campbell Soup Labels !
 The school continues to save:
General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons
Tyson Project A+ "Support Your School" labels
Campbell's soup labels - Submit the UPC code with the Campbell Kid LogO next to the UPC located on back of label. Other Campbell products include Franco American, Prego, Nestle Pure Water labels and Pepperidge Farm.

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., Feb. 4th by 8 AM.
Market Day - Orders due Fri. Feb. 13th and pick-up is on Fri. Feb. 20th, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Profits earned last month was \$159.40. Thank you for all your support!

Please support our Annual School Fund
 Last weekend we passed out envelopes for the Annual School Fund. This weekend's second collection was in support of the Annual School Fund and the important mission of Catholic education. If you missed the opportunity to turn in your donation with our second collection you may still do so throughout the month of February. Please use the Annual School Fund envelope from your packets (or a plain envelope marked School Fund with your name on it) and return it to the rectory, school office or place it in the collection basket in church. Please give as generously as you are able. Your donation will help parents who need tuition assistance.



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.

Gifts of Remembrance

There are several ways you may remember your deceased loved ones. Please consider the following:

Daily Masses	\$ 10.00 donation	The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of.... (\$10.00 donation)
Tree of Life	Donation:	The Gifts of Bread and Wine were donated this week in memory of . . . (\$15.00 donation)
Engraved Gold Leaf	\$ 100.00	
Engraved Small Stone	\$ 500.00	
Engraved Large Stone	\$1,000.00	

Please call the rectory (646-4877) if you have any questions. You may also come to the rectory to make arrangements for any of these remembrances.

Church Envelopes: To those who have not received their Feb/March church envelopes — we appreciate your patience and understanding while we try to resolve the problem with the postal service. In the meantime, please use a plain envelope with your name, date, and indicate the type of contribution (weekly, energy, building improvement, etc.)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Jan. 24/25	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,938.00
Loose	\$ 412.05
Energy Assistance	\$ 60.00
Actual Received	\$3,410.05
(vs. Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 103.00
Maintenance	\$ 72.00
Children's Offering	\$ 31.48
Votives	\$ 74.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$100.84

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."

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

St. Andrew Doughnut Dance! - Come to the 37th Annual "Paczkowy Bal" (Doughnut Dance) on Saturday, February 12th, 2009, at St. Andrew School Gym, 156th & Freeland in Calumet City. Dance to the music of the band New Phaze from 7:00 to 11:00PM. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Doors open at 6:00. Polish food and Paczki (prune, cheese, jelly) available for purchase.

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.

Free Income Tax Service at DeSales Senior Center - AARP will once again have free income tax service for seniors, handicapped, and low income persons, on Mondays from February 2 through April 13. By appt. only. Call 773-768-2850 Mon-Wed 9:00 AM to 12 NOON.

Our Lady of Knock— "Focus on the Positive" Adult Enrichment presentation on Thurs., Feb. 12, in the Parish Hall from 7PM-8PM. Speaker for the evening will be Mary Sue Kegl from St. Alexander Parish in Palos Heights presenting "Lenten Renewals". All are welcome. Call 708/862-3011 for more information.

"Keeping it Real" Teen Dating Violence Forum - On Wed. Feb. 4th from 5-7:00 PM at Rainbow Beach & Park, 3111 E. 77th St., the 4th District Domestic Violence Subcommittee is sponsoring this forum. The event is free of charge and all teens and adults are welcome. Due to the explicit nature of the program content, adult/parental participation is recommended. For more information contact Mary Ivy, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer at 312-747-7583.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
- Feb. 9 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Feb. 10 Golden Agers (KH) 1:00
Parent Club Mtg. (PMR) 6:30
Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- Feb. 11 Brownies/Daises (KH) 2:30
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:30
Holy Name Officers (PMR) 7:00
- Feb. 13 Holy Name Society (PMR) 7:30
- Feb. 15 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Feb. 16 President's Day - No School
- Feb. 18 Brownies/Daises (KH) 2:30
Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00

Coming Soon! Save the Date!

The Harlem Wizards
are coming to town!
Tricks, Hoops & Alley Oops!



Monday, February 23, 2009
7:00 PM — St. Florian Gymnasium
Harlem Wizards vs. St. Florian All Stars
Tickets available soon!

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, 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.