

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend of June 27/28**

- 4:00 PM + Charles Anderson - Wife  
 8:00 AM + Anthony Cudak - Dale & Ellen Whitely & Family  
 9:45 AM + Albert & Catherine Cap - Family  
 11:30 AM + Rosita Pulide - Family

**Monday, June 29**

- 7:15 AM + Elko & John Makara - Harry & Eva Makara & Family

**Tuesday, June 30**

- 7:15 AM + John Hajduc - Susan White

**Wednesday, July 1**

- 7:15 AM + John Palilunas - Family

**Thursday, July 2**

- 7:15 AM + Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawaracaj

**Friday, July 3**

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram (1st Anniv.) - Mom & Dad

**Saturday, July 4**

- 7:30 AM + Catherine Donegan Piaskowy - All her Neices & Nephews  
 4:00 PM + John & Mary Pazdon - Granddaughter, Dolores Waicunas

**Sunday, July 5**

- 8:00 AM + Stanley Marcisz - Bob & Joan Waninski  
 9:45 AM + Barney Sliwa - Wife, Anne  
 11:30 AM + Norma Favela - Friends

**Week of June 28 - July 4**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawaracaj

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawaracaj

**LECTORS**

July, 2009

- |          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 4:00 PM  | B. Frederisy |
| 8:00 AM  | A. Simmons   |
| 9:45 AM  | L. Morse     |
| 11:30 AM | C. Ramirez   |

**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, July 4**

- 4:00 PM G. Bonczek, T. DeCook, N. Mooney

**SUNDAY, July 5**

- 8:00 AM E. Dejanovich, B. Meyer, R. Meyer  
 9:45 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, C. Haro  
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

July, 2009

4:00 PM

- B. Peak  
 R. Abram  
 B. Frjelich  
 M. Cowperthwaite  
 A. Bonczek  
 D. Karczewski

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior  
 C. Motkowicz  
 S. White  
 M. Piaskowy  
 N. Moll  
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

- J. Gibbons  
 C. Michalik  
 P. Maccagnano  
 P. O'Rourke  
 M. Czarobski  
 K. Gibson

11:30 AM

- R. Oseguera  
 A. Davila

**USHERS**

July, 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

- E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,  
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,  
 J. Turman, T. Baker,  
 M. Gasior, M. Aducci

11:30 AM

- L. Arellano, A. Arellano,  
 T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,  
 S. Gonzalez

## CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Pope Benedict XVI is concerned about the exodus of Christians from the Holy Land. Now less than two percent of the population is Christian in the land where Jesus was born, preached, died, and rose from the dead. Christianity had an architectural and archeological presence in the Holy Land, but the faith is in danger of losing its ecclesial presence.

Why are Christians leaving the Holy Land? Like many others who leave the region, Christians are emigrating in pursuit of economic opportunity, democratic freedoms and peace.

While understanding the good reasons for leaving the region, the Pope says the Holy Land needs Christians because it is torn by conflict. Of all the religions, Christianity is—or should be—the great reconciler. Pope Benedict's predecessor, Pope John Paul II, pointed out that there can be no peace in the Middle East without forgiveness. Jesus emphasized forgiving others as the way to peace with God and with others.

On the one hand, Christianity is unaffected by conditions in the Holy Land. Our faith doesn't depend on land or shrines or particular places for worship, sacrifice, or burial. Jesus Christ is "God with us," for he 'lives in our hearts by faith,' as St. Paul wrote. Since the first century, Christianity has welcomed all people with no requirements except to believe, repent, and be baptized. In Christ we are all one—Jew and gentile, rich and poor, male and female. The Spirit of God transcends all human and geographical divisions.

Yet there is something special about the Holy Land. It is the setting for the events described in the Bible, the Word of God on which our faith rests.

For the month of July, let us pray that Holy Land Christians may serve as a yeast of reconciliation, justice, and peace in that strife-torn part of the world. We are one with the Christians in the Holy Land. We pray that they may persevere in safety as they witness to the gospel.

### Let Us Pray:

*O Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen the love and commitment of your people in Jerusalem and the Holy Land in this time of uncertainty and challenge. May they abide in your promise: "Peace I leave with you: My peace I give you." We pray for peace with justice in the Middle East, healing for the wounded and broken hearted, and dignity for all.*

*Amen*

### How can you show your solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land?

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

June 27/28, 2009

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.

## 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, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frijelich, 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, 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, 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, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, 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 - June 29 - St. Peter & Paul

Reading I Acts 12:1-11  
 Reading II 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
 Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

### Tuesday - June 30

Reading Genesis 19: 15-29  
 Gospel Matthew 8:23-27

### Wed. - July 1 - Blessed Junipero Serra

Reading Genesis 21:5, 8-20a  
 Gospel Matthew 8:28-34

### Thursday - July 2

Reading Genesis 22:1b-19  
 Gospel Matthew 9 ;1-8

### Friday - July 3 - St. Thomas

Reading Ephesians 2:19-22  
 Gospel John 24-29

### Sat. - July 4 - St. Elizabeth & Independence Day

Reading Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29  
 Gospel Matthew 9:14-14

### Sunday - July 5 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Ezekiel 2:2-5  
 Reading II 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
 Gospel Mark 6:1-6

## Baby Bottle Project



### A note of thanks from The Women's Center . . .

Dear Parishioners & Students of St. Florian,

St. Florian Parish collected a total of \$3,534.37 in this year's Baby Bottle Project! This is an incredible blessing to the Women's Centers and the women and babies that we serve. It's just fantastic that your Parish is so generous in giving to The Women's Center.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies, helping them to choose life for their babies, and assisting them in coming to a place of confidence and self respect. We have over 5000 appointments with women every year and give away over \$800,000 in material goods.

We want to express to all the parishioners of St. Florian, the parish staff and everyone involved, our sincere appreciation. Congratulations and thanks again!



### What the church teaches about Christian Initiation of Adults

Every year thousands of people are received into the Catholic Church. In years past, inquirers were normally prepared in individual or small-group private sessions by a priest and were received at any time of the year. In 1971, in response to the call of the Second Vatican Council, the Church dramatically revised the process of becoming Catholic. It promulgated what is called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

The RCIA, while new in a sense, was not really new. It was an effort to restore the spirit of early Christianity by emphasizing conversation as a participation in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, as well as the role of the entire praying, witnessing, and teaching Body of Christ in giving support and shape to that journey.

Look for more information next week.

#### For more information about RCIA:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your request to Fr. Jim, bring to the rectory, or drop in the collection basket. Someone will contact you.

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

INSERT

LOGO

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

### 2009 - 2010 Registration!

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now underway for 3 & 4 year old Preschool and Grades K-8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773/646-2868.

### Summer Office Hours:

June 29-July 2 Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.

**Office Closed:** July 3-August 11

### Office Reopens:

August 12-14 Wed-Fri 8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

August 17-19 Mon-Wed 8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

August 20-21 Thur-Fri 8:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

**CLASSES START MONDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**GRADES 1-8 (7:45 - 12:00)**

### 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.*

# Florian Fest

Sunday - October 4, 2009

**Next planning meeting:**

**Wednesday, July 15**

**7:00 PM in Konsowski Hall**

All volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend! We also ask that all societies, organizations and ministries from both school and church groups to have at least two members attend our planning meetings. It is extremely important for all of us to work together in making this year's Florian Fest a great success.

Last year's Fest raised over \$30,000 for our parish and school. These funds are a necessity in supporting the well-being of both church and school. We need everyone's help to continue hosting this very important fundraiser.

***Remember to join us Wed., July 15!!!***

### PRIZES & SPONSORS NEEDED!!

Now is the time to start bringing items for Fest prizes!

OR . . . consider being a sponsor!

Monetary donations are being accepted to help defray expenses for our musical entertainment, catering expenses and equipment rental.

Donated items for prize baskets and the mystery booth are always appreciated. Just be sure all items are new and unused. Please also indicate the value of the prize if known.

Donations may be dropped off at the rectory during business hours. Please call Kathy at the rectory (646-4877) if you have any questions.

*Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it.*

—Mother Theresa

WEEKLY OFFERINGS June 20/21	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,073.25
Loose	\$ 415.04
Energy Assistance	\$ 186.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,674.29
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 163.00
Maintenance	\$ 89.00
Children's Offering	\$ 21.01
Votives	\$ 173.00

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$125.21**

**We Are Listening** - We do want to hear from you. We do need you to act as our eyes and our ears. Is there a neighbor of yours in our parish that might benefit by visiting them, a neighbor who is in temporary need because of loss of job or who is experiencing a financial crisis? We may be able to assist them during a difficult time. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to hear from you. Please leave a message at the rectory office for us.



**EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF THE WORD!**

COME AND EXPLORE AT **DISCOVERY CANYON**

Mark your calendars for

**July 27 - July 31 from 9AM to Noon**  
in air-conditioned Konsowski Hall  
(Register at the Rectory! \$15 per child)

A week of wonders is just around the bend. It's time once again to plan a wonderful week for your children. All kids aged 4 yrs. old to 9 yrs. old are welcome! Set in the rugged and majestic DISCOVERY CANYON, this VBS has something for everyone. This week of adventure will have kids crafting away in CAVERN crafts, running, jumping and playing GULLY games, singing a set of new tunes that ROCK and hearing the GOOD NEWS echo off the canyon walls!

This is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun. For more information or to register for VBS, come to the St. Florian Rectory office between the hours of 2:00PM and 8:00PM Monday through Thursday or call 773-646-4877 and leave a message.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- June 27/28 Peter's Pence Collection
- June 28 Holy Name Golf Outing—10AM  
Turkey Creek Merrillville, IN
- June 29 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45
- June 30 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- July 3 Independence Day Holiday  
School / Rectory Offices Closed
- July 7 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- July 8 Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00

**Please pardon our error . . .**

The Knights of Columbus Anniversary Mass will not be held Sunday, June 28, at 9:45, as listed in our bulletin last week. We apologize for any inconvenience this notice may have caused.

**Sacred Heart Church Festival** - Sacred Heart Church, 96th & Escanaba (773-768-1423) is having its Annual Picnic/Festival on Sunday, June 28, 2009. The day starts after the 8AM Mass where you can enjoy homemade pastries with a cup of coffee. Around 10:30AM, BBQ lamb, pork and chicken will be available. At 4PM games and booths open as well as a Bingo. There will be a raffle with a grand prize of \$5,000. Tickets for the raffle are \$10.00. All are welcome!

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, A1C 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.*