

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of July 11/12**

- 4:00 PM + Krystyna Abram - Louise Fleming
 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Barbara Anderson
 9:45 AM + Walter Wojcik - Family
 11:30 AM + Robert & Irene Stevenson - Peter & Colleen Stevenson

Monday, July 13

- 7:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo (1st Anniv.) - Family

Tuesday, July 14

- 7:15 AM + Stanislaw Smaczny - Family

Wednesday, July 15

- 7:15 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Diane Brandys

Thursday, July 16

- 7:15 AM + Sylvia Krupa - Dan & Teri Kolinowski

Friday, July 17

- 7:15 AM + Stanley Marcisz - Richard Marcisz

Saturday, July 18

- 7:30 AM + Mary J. Dubiel - Anne Sliwa
 4:00 PM + Angeline Klimczak (25th Anniv.) - Son & Daughter

Sunday, July 19

- 8:00 AM + John Noworyta - Betty Peak
 9:45 AM + Carole Bradich - Parents
 11:30 AM + Elodia Juárez - Family

Week of July 12 - July 18

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Eugene A. Mezydlo - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Moll

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Eugene A. Mezydlo - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Moll

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

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 18**

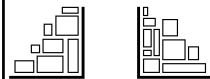
- 4:00 PM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, K. Mallee

SUNDAY, July 19

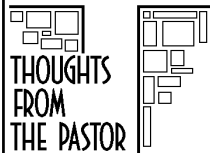
- 8:00 AM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, G. Bonczek
 9:45 AM D. Ranos, J. O'Keefe, T. DeCook
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

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



A LOOK AT TODAY'S PARISH



Attending Parish Events

Last week we spent some time on the importance of being a welcoming parish. Today let's take a look at the importance of attending parish events.

Although Mass is our central focus, other parish ministries, activities, and events help to increase spirituality and build community as well. Whether it's a parish mission, a spaghetti dinner or a parish festival, don't be afraid to take advantage of the opportunities to meet new people, feel more connected with parishioners you already know, and affirm your fellow parishioners who work hard to plan and execute these events. Go ahead and invite family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you—even those who are not Catholic or may have stopped practicing their faith.

These folks may not be ready to attend Mass, but they might enjoy coming to a parish event, meeting other parishioners, and seeing some of the good things that St. Florian has to offer. I recently enjoyed the Holy Name's Mostaccioli Dinner, the 50th St. Florian Class Reunion of 1959, and the celebration of a 50th Wedding Anniversary. Now, I am looking forward to the Knights of Columbus outing on July 17th to see a minor league baseball game with the Gary SouthShore Railcats.

Our next event at St. Florian happens to be our biggest: Florian Fest. While October 4th seems a long way off and we all deserve a summer break, it is still important to know that we can support this parish event even now: Whether it's attending the meeting this Wednesday, July 15th, or by bringing prizes for the Fest, or even considering being a sponsor.

All of these are ways that can involve each of us to participate, support, and attend parish events

Fr. Jim

Next Weekend: Using our gifts and talents for the good of the parish.

A PRAYER FOR MY PARISH

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our parish community.

Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognize and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Instill in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time, and our financial resources.

Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honor and glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen

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 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, 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, 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.



How Long Does It Take?

There is no set time period for the process of becoming a Catholic. Different parishes and dioceses may set their own timetables. However, the Church makes clear that what is important is not meeting a schedule, but instead ensuring adequate preparation. Some may require more, some less, depending on their spiritual readiness. Whatever precedes it, though, the Sacraments of Initiation should normally be celebrated during the Easter Vigil.

The Precatechumenate

The Precatechumenate is also called "the inquiry stage" in many parishes. For individuals, this is the stage when they may first contact the parish about their interest and start attending inquiry sessions or meeting privately with a priest or a catechist. For some who have engaged in their own study or attended Mass attentively and regularly, the Precatechumenate might last months. For others who have little background in Catholicism or Christianity in general, more time might be needed.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - July 13 - St. Henry

Reading Exodus 1:8-14,22

Gospel Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday - July 14 - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Reading Exodus 2:1-15a

Gospel Matthew 11:20-24

Wed. - July 15 - St. Bonaventure

Reading Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12

Gospel Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday - July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Reading Exodus 3:13-20

Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

Friday - July 17

Reading Exodus 11:10—12:14

Gospel Matthew 12:1-8

Sat. - July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis

Reading Exodus 12:37-42

Gospel Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday - July 19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reading II Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Appreciate your faith

One cannot be a good steward without having an appreciation for what one has been given. If we reflect on the struggles of those who have gone before us to make the faith available to us, we will be filled with gratitude for their committed efforts. We will want to learn more about our faith because we see the inherent value in it. And as we learn more about faith, we will grow in our appreciation of it and desire to share it with others.

-Sacred Heart Parish
Oklahoma City, OK

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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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. Registration information packets are available at the rectory office while the school office is closed for summer hours. The school office reopens August 12th as noted below.

Summer Office Hours:

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.

Catholic programs promote stronger marriages:

For Your Marriage (www.foryourmarriage.org) is a website sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to help strengthen marriages. The website offers information, communication skills, stories, anecdotes, advice, humor, spirituality and inspiration.

Retrouvaille (www.retrouvaille.org) is a weekend program followed by 6-12 sessions during the next three months. The program is designed for couples who feel as if the love in their marriage is dying. They learn new ways to communicate and new ways to rediscover the love between them.

Christian Family Movement (www.cfm.org) is a national organization consisting of small groups of Catholic couples in parishes or neighborhoods. They meet in homes or at the parish for discussion, and action programs that reinforce Christian values.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS July 4/5	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,815.00
Loose	\$ 324.48
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 265.00</u>
Actual Received vs.	\$3,404.48
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,156.50
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 152.00
Maintenance	\$ 273.00
Children's Offering	\$ 24.09
Votives	\$ 139.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$85.95

Barbeque - The welcome and attention you give friends and neighbors when you gather them in your backyard for a cookout is a sign of your hospitality. Your guests are appreciative and happy and you have a warm glow from the pleasure you give them.

St. Felicitas Graduate?? - Looking for St. Felicitas graduates from the Class of 1949 for a 60 year reunion. Please contact Lois at 708-448-0386 for Bill Hearne at 708-841-5775.



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 CAV-ERN 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

- July 11/12 Missionary Co-op Collection
- July 12 Holy Name Golf Outing—7:30AM
Burnham, IL
- July 13 Faith Sharing Picnic (Courtyard) 6:00
- July 14 Golden Agers (KH) 1:00
Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00
- July 15 Florian Fest Mtg. (KH) 7:00
- July 20 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00
Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- July 22 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- July 27-31 Vacation Bible School (KH) 9-12Noon

Found: Over the weekend of June 27/28 two sets of keys were found. Please claim and identify at the rectory.

LOOKING FOR WORK?: Ultra Foods in Lansing, Illinois is looking for qualified hard working individuals. Ultra Foods is located at 16831 Torrence Ave. in Lansing. We are an equal opportunity employer affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local #881- #1546. We currently have positions available in our produce, meat, deli and seafood departments. Bi-lingual (Spanish/English) skills preferred. Please apply on line at www.ultra-foods.com.

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.