#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Weekend of July 25/26

4:00 PM + Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kubicki - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wojcik

8:00 AM + Zakrzewski Family - Frances & Chester

9:45 AM + Jim Morse - Family

11:30 AM + Joanne Zroka - Friend, Bernice Renko

#### Monday, July 27

7:15 AM + Jerry Hoglund - Elaine Boganski

#### Tuesday, July 28

7:15 AM + Bryan Bastie (2nd Anniv.) - Steve & Patty Livak

#### Wednesday, July 29

7:15 AM + Ray & Nora Flesher - SVDP

#### Thursday, July 30

7:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Susan White

#### Friday, July 31

7:15 AM + Frances Rucinski - Betty Peak

#### Saturday, August 1

7:30 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Arlene Malocha

4:00 PM + Steve & Edward Waicunas - Dolores Waicunas

#### Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM + Frank & Mary Hurysz - Daughter, Ceil

9:45 AM + Pauline Pedersen - Jim & Ann Cummings

11:30 AM + Ignacia Bonilla - Granddaughter

#### Week of July 26 - August 1

#### The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of Stephanie Lickus - Family

#### The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of John Stechcon Family - Daughter, Judith Price

# LECTORS August, 2009 4:00 PM V. Maccagnano 8:00 AM L. Wopinski 9:45 AM D. Karczewski 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

#### **SATURDAY, August 1**

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, T. DeCook, J. O'Keefe

#### **SUNDAY**, August 2

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, N. Mooney

9:45 AM E. Dejanovich, C. Haro, D. Ranos

11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

#### August, 2009

#### 4:00 PM

- J. Gibbons
- R. Abram
- B. Frjelich
- M. Cowperthwaite
- A. Bonczek
- P. Maccagnano

#### 8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
- C. Motkowicz
- S. White
- E. Podsiadlik
- N. Moll
- P. Gadus

#### 9:45 AM

- M. Piaskowy
- C. Michalik
- L. Morse
- P. O'Rourke
- M. Czarobski
- K. Gibson

#### 11:30 AM

O. Cruz

A. Davila

#### USHERS August, 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,

11:30 AM

K. Podgorny, R. Furman,

J. Turman, T. Baker,

M. Gasior, M. Aducci

L. Arellano, A. Arellano,

T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,

S. Gonzalez





#### **A LOOK AT TODAY'S PARISH**

#### **Supporting the Parish Financially**



All of us know how much it costs to run a house along with day to day family expenses and those unexpected things that break or are in need of repair. Parishes face even higher costs and depend upon every parishioner to help meet them. Looking back, many of our parishioners have risen to the occasion to keep St. Florian in good shape throughout the 100-plus years of its existence. We can go back just a few years ago on

how well we responded to the carillon system we hear throughout the day as well as the restoration of the pipe organ. And as we approached the parish's 100th anniversary we were able to restore all of our stained glass windows in church as well as replace the original heating pipes and church roof.

The building and grounds committee has done an excellent job at keeping costs down significantly through their time, work, and expertise. The church courtyard/playlot was a concerted effort of school parents, teachers, and building committee members, along with a grant from Big Shoulders. We also received support from the Alderman's office to make that reality an enjoyable one for our preschool and kindergarten children as well as for parish groups using the space for summer picnics. These and many other projects have been accomplished because of the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of so many of our parishioners throughout the years.

In one way or another all of us benefit from these much needed projects. That's why your continual and consistent financial support cannot be taken for granted. It provides the basis to take care of all the bills that need to be paid. It helps our parish grounds and buildings to be kept up by the maintenance man, cleaning people and other maintenance services we depend on.

That is why it is important for all of us to take a serious look at the money we give to the parish each week. Do we regularly increase our contributions each year? Giving to the Church is more than just a financial obligation. Once we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God, we can see that giving generously to continue God's work in the parish is an essential part of our spirituality and Catholic presence in Hegewisch. To ensure our future depends upon what God has graciously bestowed on us and on our willingness to share it for the common good of our parish.

Fr. Jim

Next Weekend: Pray for your parish.

#### **Blessings**

In our Catholic tradition, we recognize the power of blessings. The introduction to the *Book of Blessings* reminds us that the "source from whom every good gift comes is God, who is above all, blessed for ever. He who is all good has made all things good, so that he might fill his creatures with blessings and even after the Fall he has continued his blessing as a sign of his merciful love" (BB,1).

To bless God is actually to praise God, to give him thanks. To bless God is to recognize the many good and wonderful ways that God has acted in our lives. God's powerful and saving presence is the basis of all of the praise and thanks we offer him.

When the Church celebrates a blessing we recognize that God is the source of all good things. We ask that God's goodness continue in a specific situation. When the Church blesses objects, we ask that God make his presence and action known through our use of those objects. Finally, when the Church blesses people, we recognize God's goodness in them as his son or daughter, and we ask God to continue to guide them, to be present to them.

In all of these rites, the Church acknowledges God's great care for his people and the world. In acknowledging God's saving presence and action, we are moved to praise him for all the good he has done, and we ask that his goodness continue in our lives.

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## 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, 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, Marion Vargas, Elaine Boganski, 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 - July 27

Reading Exodus - 32:15-24, 30-34

Gospel Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday - July 28

Reading Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28

Gospel Matthew 13:36-43

Wed. - July 29 - St. Martha
Reading Exodus 34:29-35
Gospel John 11:19-27

Thursday - July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

Reading Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Gospel Matthew 13:47-53
Friday - July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Reading Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37

Gospel Matthew 13:54-58

Sat. - Aug. 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori
Reading Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Gospel Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday - Aug. 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Reading II Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel John 6:24-35

#### The Catechumenate

RCIA

When a person has decided to join the Catholic Church, he or

she begins the Catechumenate. This begins with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, which is often combined with a Rite of Welcoming for Candidates when there is a mixed group of the unbaptized and the already baptized.

This rite occurs at a Sunday Parish Liturgy. The catechumens proclaim their readiness to accept the Gospel, and candidates declare their intent to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The catechumens and candidates are signed with the sign of the cross as a sign of their readiness to bear witness to Christ with their whole lives. A bible or cross may be given. The period of the Catechummenate can last for months or even years. Catechumens are "brought to maturity" in the faith during this period through formal study of Church teaching, by a deeper commitment to living the Christian life, prayer, and by witness of their faith in the world. Catechumens are considered part of the church. If a catechumen dies, he or she is buried with Catholic Rites.

Catechumens are being formed to be members of the Body of Christ, and it is the responsibility of the entire parish, not just a few people, to participate in this formation through witness, support, and prayer.

For more	e information about RCIA:
Name	
Address	
Phone _	
	turn your request to Fr. Jim, bring to the rec rop in the collection basket. Someone will ou.

#### The 2010 Mass Book

is now open.

Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for mass intentions in memory of your family



members or friends. There are also a few Masses available in our 2009 Book as well as memorial intentions for our Tabernacle Candle and Bread & Wine.

# 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 continues 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.



#### 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.



# REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION!

Registration for religious and sacramental preparation will take place at the rectory, 13145 S. Houston Ave., Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm during the month of August. A registration form must be completed for each student before they can be admitted to class. To register for sacramental preparation—Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation—a candidate must have 2 consecutive years of religious education. To register: a copy of baptismal certificate and sacramental fee are required. (Confirmation can-

didates check your packets for more information.) If your are unable to register during the time listed above, please call Peg—773-646-4877— and we can make other arrangements. Registration will be closed as of Wednesday, September 30, 2009

WEEKLY OFFERINGS July 18/19				
Sunday Envelopes	\$2	,826.79		
Loose	\$	252.54		
Energy Assistance	\$	45.00		
Actual Received vs.	\$3	,124.33		
Budgeted Goal	\$5	,250.00		
Bldg. Improvement	\$	55.00		
Maintenance	\$	81.00		
Children's Offering	\$	25.16		
Votives	\$	156.00		
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St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$81.85

We Are Waiting - To help someone or a family who is out of work and needs assistance. Maybe it's only a temporary setback. Call the Rectory and leave a message for a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Kevin Fest -** Kevin Fest is getting closer, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 1, held in the church parking lot (10509 S. Torrence). A day full of events, food, raffles, prizes and music, for the entire family. This year's live band will be "Latin Satin Soul" starting at 5:30 pm. Join us for a day of fun!!

Garden with a Green Thumb! - Join the Southeast Environmental Task Force for a light dinner, a small presentation on the benefits of native gardening, local examples of native gardens and great gardening door prizes. Open to both beginning and experienced gardeners. This event will take place on Thursday, August 6th at 5PM to 7PM at the Southeast Environmental Task Force Office located at 13300 S. Baltimore Ave. Join us promptly at 5:00PM. If you have photos of your garden bring them to display. Registration for this event is required. Call Jessica at 773-646-0436 or send an email to jessica @setaskforce.org.

FREE HEALTH FAIR! - A free health fair will take place on Saturday, August 1st from 10AM to 4PM at East Side United Methodist Church, 11000 S. Ewing, Chicago. Take advantage of free back-to-school exams, health-related services and information from the area's top healthcare facilities and providers. Services include mental health, blood pressure, blood glucose, dental exams, and much more! For more information visit: <a href="https://www.dentalhygieneworld.com">www.dentalhygieneworld.com</a>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (www.wwmechicagogary-org) - IT IS TIME FOR FIREWORKS? - For a really exciting fireworks display, how about putting the spark back into your marriage by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next weekends are Sept. 11-13, Nov. 6-8 or Dec. 4-6 For info or reservations, please consult our website or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554. For Spanish weekends, call Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

July 26	Holy Name Golf Outing - 9AM
	Oak Knoll, Crown Point, IN
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School (KH) 9-12 Noon
July 27	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00
July 29	Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
	School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Aug. 9	Holy Name Golf Outing—9AM
	Cedar Lake, IN
Aug. 11	Golden Agers (KH) 1:00
-	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Aug. 12	Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00



Please don't forget us during your summer activities!

With graduations, family reunions, picnics, vacations and all of the other summer plans you and your family may have, please be sure to use your

"vacation" envelopes to keep current with your contributions to the Parish while you are away. We wish everyone a very blessed, safe and happy summer!

### 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.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.