

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of August 8/9**

- 4:00 PM + Anthony Cudak - Henry & Wanda Bugajski
 8:00 AM + Andrew C. Motkowicz - Wife, Ceil
 9:45 AM + Frances Gargas - Family
 11:30 AM + Patricia Montemayor - Daughter

Monday, August 10

- 7:15 AM + Frank Paravich (Anniv.) - Family

Tuesday, August 11

- 7:15 AM + Stanley Marcisz - Christy Waninski

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:15 AM + Joseph Cygal - Family

Thursday, August 13

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Lorraine Vellegas

Friday, August 14

- 7:15 AM + Rina Rigoni - Sons & Daughters

Saturday, August 15 - Feast of the Assumption

- 8:00 AM + Libby Lawrence - Family
 4:00 PM + August & Mary Zralka - Helen & Evelyn

Sunday, August 16

- 8:00 AM + Judy, Sophia, & Steven - Zakrzewski Family
 9:45 AM + Walter & Mary Opiola - Ranos Family
 11:30 AM + Gregoria Guajardo - Family

Week of August 9 - August 15

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Porfirio Montemayor - Daughter

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Porfirio Montemayer - Daughter

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 15**

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

SUNDAY, August 16

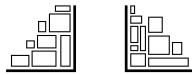
- 8:00 AM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, N. Mooney
 9:45 AM E. Dejanovich, C. Haro, D. Ranos
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC 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,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
 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

Four Things that Hurt Parishes



Before we look at the negative, let's recall the positive: the four marks of the Church. In the earliest professions of faith, the Catholic Church always identified herself as "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic." We pray these words in the Nicene Creed professed at Sunday Mass. Inseparably linked with one another, these four marks indicate the essential features of the Church and her mission on earth. Let's take a quick look at each one of them.

The Church is **ONE**. She professes "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph 4:5). This unity, sustained by the Holy Spirit, includes a diversity of gifts, talents, cultures, and rites.

The Church is **HOLY**. Jesus, the founder, is holy and makes his holiness available through his death and Resurrection. The Holy Spirit imparts holiness to us, especially through the Sacraments. The Church's holiness shines in the saints, and most especially in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Church is **CATHOLIC**. The word *catholic* means universal. All the means of salvation are found in the Church. The Church has the fullness of the faith, the Sacraments, and apostolic succession.

The Church is **APOSTOLIC**. Jesus willed to build the Church on the foundation of the Apostles. The Church hands on the teaching of the Apostles through all generations. Christ shepherds the Church through Peter and the other Apostles, whose successors are the Pope and the college of bishops.

As you can see these four marks of the Church insure its growth and development throughout history and the world. On a more human level, we can also be responsible for harming the church in four ways that are common to all parishes. Here are the four things the hurt parishes:

- **NEGATIVITY** - It can begin with a few disgruntled people, but it can spread like wildfire. The best way to deal with negativity is to address it head-on. Is what this person or group saying true? If yes, what needs to be done? If no, the person or group must be confronted and the negativity exposed.
- **GOSSIP** - Gossip is negativity directed at a person or group. One's own insecurity is the source of this problem. The best way to deal with this is, once again, to approach it directly.
- **CLIQUEES** - Sadly, people involved in one usually do not think of themselves as "cliquish". They've been running things for so long they automatically rely on the same people over and over again. Sometimes a friendly reminder to invite others is a good start. Newcomers also benefit and help the parish by starting new ministries. This was evidenced at the last session of "New Beginnings" last fall.
- **REFUSAL TO CHANGE** - Tradition is good, but when things become too rigid, "this is the way things have always been done," a parish can quickly begin to decline. Change is never easy, regardless of age or experience; but talking about it will help. It is always good to find a balance that will maintain some time-honored traditions, while incorporating new ways of doing things and involving new people in doing them.

Fr. Jim

Next Weekend: Summing up today's Parish.

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 Frijlich, 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 Trzupcek, 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, 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 - Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence
Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Gospel John 12:24-26
Tuesday - Aug. 11 - St. Clare
Reading Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed. - Aug. 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday - Aug. 13-St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus
Reading Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Gospel Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday - Aug. 14 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Reading Joshua 24:1-13
Gospel Matthew 19:3-12
Sat. - Aug. 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Reading I Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Gospel Luke 1:39-56
Sunday - Aug. 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I Proverbs 9:1-6
Reading II Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel John 6:51-58

In remembrance . . .

Sandra M. Blaszk July 30, 2009
Lottie Kowalczyk August 4, 2009



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday of this week the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate the bodily entry of Mary into heaven. This belief was declared as dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Mary, as the first disciple of the Lord, the one who's great yes opened the doors of salvation to the world, has always been held as a model of the Church. As a model of discipleship and faith, her surrender to God's will gives us a pattern for our own lives of faith. As a model of the Church, her life gives us hope in the future promise of glory given to us at our Baptism.

The preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for today's Mass reminds us that Mary was "taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection." In other words, Mary's Assumption is our destiny as faithful followers of her Son! As disciples of Christ and as members of his Body the Church, we have a place at the heavenly banquet at the end of time when Christ returns to establish completely the kingdom of God. This is what is meant by saying that Mary is the image of the perfected Church—all the faithful, gathered from every time, nation, language, and way of life, forever gathered around the table of the Lamb, singing that hymn of endless life and praise!

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Saturday, August 15th
Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Mass at 8:00 AM
Saturday, August 15th is the feast that commemorates the Assumption of Mary (bodily entry of Mary into heaven). There is the tradition that on that day the FIRST FRUITS OF THE HARVEST were brought to church to be blessed. In keeping with that tradition, we are asking that if you have vegetables, herbs, flowers and/or fruits in your garden that you bring them to Mass at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 15th. There will be a special blessing of the FIRST FRUITS OF THE HARVEST after the homily.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

NEW TUITION RATES!

St. Florian School is pleased to announce a tuition reduction for active, contributing parishioners.

The rate will drop from \$3,800 to \$2,500.

St. Florian is a parish school, and those parishioners who attend Mass every Sunday, contribute financially, and volunteer will benefit.

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year continues for 3 & 4 year old Pre-school 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

- Fun & Games!!!
 - Zingo!!
 - Cash Raffles!
 - Bake Sale!
 - Bean Bag Toss!
 - Fantastic Prizes!!
 - Music & Dancing!!
 - Delicious Menu!!
- plus so much more . . .*

12:30 - 4:30 PM Ted Tomczak's Take Five Polka Band!
5:00 - 9:00 PM -- The Relics

Next meeting:
Aug. 19 at 7:00 PM in Konsowski Hall

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.

A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.


—St. Basil

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Aug. 2/3	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,355.00
Loose	\$ 396.79
Energy Assistance	\$ 837.37
Actual Received vs.	\$4,589.16
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 128.00
Maintenance	\$ 214.00
Children's Offering	\$ 18.59
Votives	\$ 172.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box
Week In and Week Out - To those of you who, Sunday after Sunday, place a contribution in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes....thank you. We appreciate you allowing us to be a channel of your charity. On behalf of the poor you assist, we thank you!

Vocation Thoughts - Have you ever thought of being a priest? Many Catholic men have! If so, the following is an ideal opportunity for you. Men of college-age and older are invited for an **Exploring Priesthood Weekend** retreat to learn about, reflect upon and discuss with seminarians and priests the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. **Exploring Priesthood Weekend** is October 9-11, 2009 at the campus of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. For more information contact Fr. Joe Noonan at (312) 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org. For more details, see our website at www.ChicagoPriest.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, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army

If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
- Aug. 17 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Aug. 18 VBS Wrap-up Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Aug. 19 Florian Fest Mtg. (KH) 7:00
- Aug. 23 Holy Name Golf Outing—9AM Summertree, Crown Point, IN




Summertime Energy Expenses:
 Please be mindful when using your Energy envelopes during the summer months. As we all know, running the air conditioning can lead to a very costly electric bill. Please be as generous as you are able so that we may continue to provide a cool and comfortable Church this summer.

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 candidates check your packets for more information.) If you 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.

10TH WARD ACTIVITIES:



The 10th Ward Back-to-School Fest sponsored by John A. Pope, 10th Ward Alderman & Chicago Public Schools (CPS) will take place on Sat., Aug. 29, from 12-3PM at Calumet Park, 9801 S. Avenue G. Refreshments, free school supplies, music, clowns, games, medical, eye, and dental will be provided.

10th Ward Senior Citizen Picnic will be held Friday, Aug. 14, from 11AM-2PM at Rowan Park, 11546 S. Ave. L for ages 65+. This is a free event with food, music, raffles and more.

For more information please call Alderman Pope's Office at 773-721-1999.