

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of August 23/24

- 4:00 PM + John & Lottie Sabados - Evelyn & Helen
 8:00 AM + Vickie L. Peiffer - James P. Wilfinger
 + Dolores Wapinski - Loretta Wopinski
 9:45 AM + Connie Rolek Grzyb - Mary & Sharon Rolek
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, August 25

- 7:15 AM + Charles Anderson - Jim & Ann Cummings

Tuesday, August 26

- 7:15 AM + Freda Ciciora -Family

Wednesday, August 27

- 7:15 AM + Frank Pekala & John Lenart - Family

Thursday, August 28

- 7:15 AM + Edwin J. Lopacki - Dorothy Owens

Friday, August 29

- 7:15 AM + Chuck Anderson - SVDP

Saturday, August 30

- 7:30 AM + Robert & Carl T. Lyza, Sr. and Ed & Mary Riedel - Family
 4:00 PM + Elizabeth Czajkowski - June Greene

Sunday, August 31

- 8:00 AM + John Krupa - Wife & Family
 + John Gabrys - Felicia Lembas
 9:45 AM + Bob Karczenowski - Family
 11:30 AM - Health of Martin Cavarrubias - Sister

Week of August 24 - August 30

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Joseph Cap - Joe & Lois

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Joseph Cap - Joe & Lois

LECTORS August, 2008

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, August 30

4:00 PM J. Gottardo, J. Brajkovich, E. Dejanovich

SUNDAY, August 31

8:00 AM L. Chocholek, T. DeCook, B. Meyer
 9:45 AM J. Carlassare, D. Ranos, N. Mooney
 11:30 AM M. Elizalde, M. Ortiz, J. Lelo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS August, 2008

4:00 PM

R. Abram
 E. Boganski
 B. Peak
 M. Cowperthwaite
 M. Piaskowy
 B. Frjelijch

8:00 AM

P. Gadus
 E. Podsiadlik
 D. Karczewski
 J. Gibbons
 N. Moll
 C. Malone

9:45 AM

K. Gibson
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 S. Jezior
 M. Czarobski
 P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

O. Cruz
 A. Davila

USHERS August, 2008

4:00 PM

P. Orzelski, C. Cowperthwaite,
 P. Krasinski, E. Pindara

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

A Jubilee Year for St. Paul

We will continue to take a meditative look at St. Paul's life in a variety of ways. Each reflection concludes with a prayer. We hope these reflections throughout the summer provide a good way to relax and enjoy one of Christianity's greatest convert: St. Paul.

Paul, Vessel of God

Paul clearly recognizes his human frailty, but this is not a source of discouragement for him. Rather, he rejoices in those very weaknesses, which make the power of God working in him all the more apparent. The sufferings Paul endures are his share in the sufferings of Christ and, through them, a living of the Paschal Mystery.

LET US PRAY

Saint Paul, help us to value and respect every human person as created in the image of God, and to unite our daily sufferings to the salvific sufferings of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

Religious Education Registration Information

St. Florian offers a Religious Education Program to all students in grades K to 8 who are not attending a Catholic school. Grades K, 1 & 2 meet on Sunday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Grades 3 to 8 meet on Sunday morning from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. They attend the 9:45 AM Mass. The **FIRST CLASS** of the new year will be **SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**. You can register your child on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Rectory, 13145 S. Houston Ave., or call at 773/646-4877 during those hours if you have questions. Tuition is \$90.00 per family.

It is recommended that children begin religious education in kindergarten, as they are required to have two (2) years of religious education before receiving instruction for the sacraments. It is the child's religious education that determines their readiness for sacraments, NOT their age or grade in school.

Sacramental Preparation Registration

All parish children who are in grades 2, 3 or 8 need to register for Sacramental Preparation whether attending St. Florian School or in our Religious Education program (CCD). You can register your child on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 PM to 6 PM at the Rectory office. You will need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (no one may receive a sacrament w/o proof of baptism) and sacramental fee. Reconciliation—\$50.00, Communion—\$50.00 and Confirmation—\$75.00. Any student in grades 4 through High School that is in need of any of the sacraments may also register during this time.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA is a program by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its communal life. The RCIA program is a living experience of the church, and NOT just a series of classes to teach you about Christianity. There are discussions about the facts of the faith. These sessions are only one part of the experience of living the faith. The program allows you to learn and share with others who are on the same journey—living the faith with members of the church. For more information about the program or if you are already baptized but have not received Communion or Confirmation, please contact the Rectory at 773/646-4877.

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 & Gilbert Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Pauline Pedersen, Beth Lassetter, 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, Ace Gargas, 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, Rose Szczepanik, Helen Krupinski, Christen White, Norbert Klekowski, Elizabeth Klekowski, 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. 25 - St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz

Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12
Gospel Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday - Aug. 26

Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17
Gospel Matthew 23:23-26

Wed. - Aug. 27 - St. Monica

Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Gospel Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday - Aug. 28 - St. Augustine

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

Friday - Aug. 29 - The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Gospel Mark 6:17-29

Sat. - Aug. 30

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday - Aug. 31- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 20:7-9
Reading II Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

In remembrance . . .

Franklin A. Paravich August 14, 2008



Questions for Reflection on Today's Scriptures

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

...Who do you say that I am?

- What recent events remind you that God's ways are unsearchable, God's judgments inscrutable? If we cannot know God's mind, how can we know how to act? Why would you believe in our unknowable God, instead of a smaller, easier, more predictable pagan "god"?
- Who do people say Jesus is? Who do you say that Jesus is, deep in your heart of hearts? How does your answer compare or contrast with Peter's?
- What are the church's strengths? What are the church's weaknesses? What signs suggest that we do continue to proclaim the gospel in a broken world? How can we improve? What can you do to make to church more effective and credible?

August 2008 Book Rack Selections



(Our book rack is located in the back of church. Please take a moment and browse. Prices are indicated on each book.)

Rising from the Ashes by Adolfo Quezada

Would You Like to Be Catholic by Eugene Kennedy

Grace through Simplicity by Evelyn Underbill

Patience and Humility by William Ullathorne

Remaining Catholic by Rev. Martin Pable

Coming Together in Joy edited by Stephen Liesenfeld

A Time for Leaving by Mary Fahy

Everyday Virtues by John W. Crossin

Discovering Your Personal Vocation

by Herbert Alphonso, SJ

Men in the Bible by John F. O'Grady

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Cathedral

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2:30 PM. Couples married in 1958 who are interested in attending this celebration may contact the rectory (646-4877). For further information call the Family Ministries at (312-751-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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2008 - 2009 School Year

We are looking for substitute teachers. Bachelor's Degree is preferred and Teaching Certificate is not necessary. Please contact the School for more information.

School Office Hours are from 8:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday - September 6, 2008
All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner
and Family Portraits!

(Sponsored by St. Florian Parents Club)

Please help us raise funds for our Music & Art program. Immediately after the 4:00 Mass, please join us in the School Gym for a spaghetti dinner — \$7 adults, \$3.50 for ages 4-12, kids 3 & under are free. You will also have the opportunity to have your family portraits taken. Tell your friends too!

The cost for a 10x13 portrait is \$19.95. Certificates must be purchased in advance - sittings are from 10AM-7PM on Sept. 6. You will get to take home your color portraits that evening!

Contact Cathy Pizana (708/243-0398) for further information.

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 5, 2008
12 Noon - 9:00 PM

\$5,000 Grand Prize Raffle!

- 2 - \$1,000 Prizes
- 3 - \$ 500 Prizes
- 2 - \$ 250 Prizes
- 5 - \$ 100 Prizes

Donation \$5.00 each/ Book of 12 tickets for \$50.00
(Sell an entire book and be entered into a special cash prize raffle — be sure to return the gold stub!)
(Don't forget to pick up your tickets in back of church)_

Entertainment includes . . .

"A Touch of Class"

12:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Enjoy a polka or dance to many of your favorite tunes throughout the years!!!

Plus so much more . . .

Bean Bag Tournament, Games, Raffles, Prizes
Ethnic Foods, Pizza, Brats,
Beef Sandwiches, Bake Sale
Something for everyone!!

Bake Sale!



Start baking!!! You may bring your home baked goods for storage in the rectory freezer (during business hours). Also, be sure to label all items. We appreciate all **homemade** bakery items

First 40 Teams only!!

Sign up now — don't delay!

Early Registration: **\$20/Team**

Game Day Registration: **\$30/Team**

Bean Bag Tournament

At the Fest!

— **Double Elimination Competition** —
(for adults & high school students)

Pairings & Open Courts at 11 a.m.

Games at 11:30 a.m.

Games held at the south lawn of 131st & Houston



- 1st Place **\$200**
- 2nd Place **\$100**
- 3rd Place **\$ 50**
- 4th Place **\$ 20**

Entry forms in church, at the school & rectory offices.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

August 16/17, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,837.00
Loose	\$ 521.44
Energy Assistance	\$ 48.00
Actual Received	\$3,406.44
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 83.00
Maintenance	\$ 49.00
Children's Offering	\$ 16.00
Votives	\$ 191.07

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box
August 10/11 & 16/17 - \$227.75**

Heat, Heat, Heat - During the hot summer weather, we all seek some sort of relief to make living more bearable. Some have additional problems of not being able to meet their food, medical and other bills. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will help bring relief to neighbors in need. We ask you to be our eyes and ears and to inform us of a family that needs assistance. Call the rectory at 646-4877 and leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

There are other neighbors who also are appreciative of your kindness. They, too partake of the food you supplied by your contributions in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. For this kindness, another warm glow as the words of Jesus are addressed to you "I was hungry and you fed me."

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug. 23/24 Catholic League Collection
- Aug. 25 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Aug. 26 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
Religious Ed Staff Mtg. (Rectory) 7:00
- Aug. 27 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:00
- Aug. 28 Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
- Aug. 31 Holy Name Golf Outing - 9:00AM
Minnie Monnesse, Grant Park, IL
- Sept. 1 Labor Day (Rectory Closed)
- Sept. 2 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
- Sept. 4 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 7:00
Coaches Mtg. (PMR) 7:00

HOLY NAME NEWS

**GARAGE SALE SEPT. 20th (in the gym)
\$20.00 PER TABLE**

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS BY SEPT. 15TH
Bob-773-646-2374 or Vince-773-646-4029

Thank you . . .

We extend our warmest thanks to Fr. Bernie Pietrzak and his parishioners at St. Raymond Parish in Mt. Prospect for their generous alms collection which has been donated for the ministries of St. Florian Parish. Fr. Bernie is an alumnus of St. Florian School and presided and preached at our School's 100th Anniversary Mass last November.

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

ESL Registration: *Ingles como Segundo Idioma.* Adult education classes are sponsored by Olive Harvey College and held at St. Florian 2nd floor gym, 13137 S. Houston, on Tue. & Thu. from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Class starts on Tuesday August 26th. For registration information please call 773-291-6770.

Leave No Child Inside — The Southeast Environmental Task Force invites families for an evening of refreshments and a presentation of why the Calumet area is so important and unique. Join them on Tues., Aug. 26, from 7PM to 8:30 PM at 13300 S. Baltimore and learn about outdoor activities you can do with your children.

Chicago Park District, MANN PARK, 13000 S. Exchange is now registering for the Fall Programs. All fall programs can be viewed at chicagoparkdistrict.com. Register online or at the park. Preschool, Fun & Games, Basketball, Volleyball, Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics classes and much more. Mann Park also has a Special Recreation program for persons with disabilities For more information contact Mann Park at 773-646-0210.

Please pray for our Service Members:



- LCpl 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, 2nd 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, PVT David Cook - 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.