

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of September 19/20

- 4:00 PM + Eugene Sr. & Eugene Jr. Zralka - Helen & Evelyn
- 8:00 AM + Busia Cap - Family
- 9:45 AM - Special Intention for Jim & Pat O'Rourke
- 11:30 AM + Salvador Avila - Family

Monday, September 21

- 7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Monday Afternoon Faith Sharing Group

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:15 AM + Sylvia Krupa - Ladies Rosary Sodality

Wednesday, September 23

- 7:15 AM + Carole Bradich - Parents

Thursday, September 24

- 7:15 AM + Helen F. Hankus - Sister, Ann Slaga

Friday, September 25

- 8:15 AM + Mary J. Tina Dubiel - Children

Saturday, September 26

- 7:30 AM + Anthony Salvati - Jim & Pat O'Rourke
- 4:00 PM + Stephan Grabowski - Catherine Evans

Sunday, September 27

- 8:00AM + Rudolph Premetz - Family
- 9:45 AM + Charles Anderson - Wife
- 11:30 AM + Jaime Cristobal - Family

Week of September 13 - September 19

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
John A. Makara - Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Betty Czajkowski - Friend, June Greene

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September, 2009

- 4:00 PM
 - B. Peak
 - R. Abram
 - B. Frjelich
 - M. Cowperthwaite
 - M. Piaskowy
 - C. Motkowicz
- 8:00 AM
 - S. Jezior
 - K. Gibson
 - S. White
 - J. Gibbons
 - N. Moll
 - P. Gadus
- 9:45 AM
 - P. Maccagnano
 - C. Michalik
 - C. Malone
 - P. O'Rourke
 - M. Czarobski
 - D. Karczewski
- 11:30 AM
 - R. Oseguera
 - A. Davila

LECTORS

September, 2009

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
- 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
- 9:45 AM L. Morse
- 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, September 26

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

SUNDAY, September 27

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

USHERS

September, 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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO - Seminary Collection September 26-27, 2009

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, we will celebrate Seminary Sunday in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On this occasion, we honor the ministry of the many priests who serve you so faithfully each day, as well as those who are preparing to serve you with that same charity in the future.

As part of the Church's observation of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, Pope Benedict XVI has declared 2009/2010 the *Year for Priests*, hoping to highlight the mission of those who have been called to the ordained priesthood in the 21st century. Centered around the theme, "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests," the *Year for Priests* began on June 19, 2009 and will end on June 19, 2010 with a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary is a place where vocations to the priesthood are discerned and strengthened. Each year, as I ordain the graduates of Mundelein Seminary to the priesthood of Jesus Christ, I do so with confidence that they have been formed for fidelity and service. The best example of the work of the seminary is reflected in the quiet and compassionate ministry of your pastor and parish priests as, each day, they live out their ordination commitment to bring Christ to you in word and sacrament. I thank them for their good example and you for your prayers and financial contributions which provide our future priests with the education and environment they need to "prepare well" to serve God's faithful. I ask you to pray for those whom God is now calling to the ordained priesthood from among our families and friends. Talk to young men you know whom you judge would be good priests; encourage them to explore the possibility of priesthood.

In a special way, during this *Year for Priests*, I ask you to remember your bishops and parish priests each day in prayer. You and your intentions are in my prayers. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Florian Fest
Sunday - Oct. 4
12:00 - 9:00

12:30 - 4:30 PM
**Ted Tomczak's
Take Five Band**
Polka music and great
favorites

the *Relics*

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Over four decades of hits from
The Eagles, Rolling Stones,
Chicago, Santana and more
from the 60's, 70's, & 80's!

Zingo!


Kid's Games **PUDGY'S**
Pizza

BAKE SALE! - It's not too soon
to start baking those cakes,
cookies, brownies, pies, breads,
etc. etc.! Items can be stored in
the rectory freezer!

**ORIGINAL
"DRAGO-BOBS"**

Next Meeting:
Monday - September 21
7:00 PM Konsowski Hall

**\$5,000 Grand Prize
Cash Raffle**

Other prizes include:

**Weekend Getaway Packages
at Spring House Inn
\$200 + value!!**

Couple & Family Packages — *Why not buy
a chance to give away as a gift?* Advance
tickets available in Church or at the rectory!

Bean Bag Tournament!

Start getting your
teams together!



Registration: \$20 2-person team.

Cash Prizes!!! Forms available in church,
rectory & school.



New this year at the Fest!
ST. FLORIAN CAR SHOW!
12:00—4:00

Come and see a collection
of fantastic cars! Have a car
to show? Give us a call!!

Plus so many more things at the Fest . . .
*Music, Dancing, Entertainment, Prizes,
Great Food, Bakery, Kid's Games . . .*

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, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, 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.



In remembrance . . .

Josephine Chocholek

September 11, 2009



The Period of Purification and Enlightenment

In the early Church, baptisms only occurred at Easter, so the weeks before Easter were a focused time of preparation for catechumens. This period evolved into what we know as Lent. Today, for catechumens and candidates, the role of Lent as a period of final preparation for initiation has been restored.

This stage begins within the Rite of Election, which normally occurs on the First Sunday of Lent. Catechumens and candidates are presented to the bishop of the diocese at the Cathedral. The catechumens' names are inscribed in a Book of the Elect, and candidates commit to continuing conversion.

During this period of Purification, catechumens participate in several rites during parish liturgies. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent are the Scrutinies, during which special prayers are offered for the catechumens, "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. During the first Scrutiny or the week afterward, the catechumens are presented with a copy of the Creed. During the Third Scrutiny or week afterward, they are given a copy of the Lord's Prayer, in accord with ancient tradition in which catechumens were not taught the words of the Lord's Prayer until soon before their baptisms.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Sept. 21— St. Matthew

Reading Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday - Sept. 22

Reading Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Gospel Luke 8:19-21

Wed. - Sept. 23 - St. Pio of Peitrelcina

Reading Ezra 9:5-9
Gospel Luke 9:1-6

Thursday - Sept. 24

Reading Haggai 1:1-8
Gospel Luke 9:7-9

Friday - Sept. 25

Reading Haggai 2:1-9
Gospel Luke 9:18-22

Sat. - Sept. 26 - St. Cosmas & St. Damian

Reading Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Gospel Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday - Sept. 27- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Numbers 11:25-29
Reading II James 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.


*It's not hard to make decisions when
you know what your values are.*

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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BINGO

Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Houston

SAVE THE DATE!!
**St. Florian Parent's Club
 Vendor & Craft Show**
October 17 in our gymnasium
 10x10 space for \$30 (incl. table and two chairs) (Application forms available —call C. Pizana at 708-243-0398 for 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.

Oil of the Sick by Paul Turner



The oil of the sick is used for the sacrament in the Catholic Church. Traditionally this oil is olive oil, but any vegetable oil will suffice. The bishop blesses fresh oil each year; in case of necessity, any priest may bless the oil for this sacrament. In the distant past lay people anointed the sick, but today only a priest or bishop may administer this sacrament.

The sick were anointed even at the time of Christ. In Mark 6:13, Jesus sent the disciples out to anoint the sick. James 5:14 urges the sick to send for the elders of the church for an anointing. The custom of anointing the sick continued, but for several hundred years only the dying were anointed. The priest prayed for their forgiveness and anointed them on seven different parts of the body.

The custom of blessing oil is ancient. One such prayer dates to fourth-century Egypt. In the Roman rite the oil came to be blessed at a Mass with the bishop. That Mass, established for the consecration of chrism before the initiation rites at the Easter Vigil, attracted the blessing of the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick. Today, a bishop blesses all three oils at the chrism Mass, held shortly before Easter each year in every diocese.

The priest anoints the forehead and the palms of the sick, while praying that God will save and raise them up. The anointing accompanies a prayer for physical and spiritual healing.

The oil of the sick is sometimes kept in a container marked OI for *oleum infirmorum*, the oil of the sick. Almost every priest carries this oil in his car.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Sept. 12/13	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,188.00
Loose	\$ 521.69
Energy Assistance	\$ 95.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,804.69
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 218.00
Maintenance	\$ 119.25
Children's Offering	\$ 66.85
Votives	\$ 151.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box(9/6 & 9/13)\$290.93
How Do We Care? - We visit people at home, in hospitals. We give advice, money food and clothes to those in need. We reach out to the lonely and alienated. We are members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Hegewisch Lions Club will be conducting their annual "CANDY DAY" collection in front of the church the weekend of Oct. 3-4. Your generous support is requested! The Lions also need volunteers on "CANDY DAY", Friday Oct. 9th to "shake a can" on the corners of our community. Anyone interested in working for this cause may contact Phil Smith (646-4041) or Joe Block (731-4134). Your assistance is appreciated!

Storybook Mornings at Powderhorn Lake - On Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10:30AM come and relax next to the lake with your kids and enjoy nature inspired stories read by professional actors from the Chicago Area. This is a free event—all are welcome. Parents must stay with their children. Powderhorn Lake is located on the east side of Brainard Ave. just south of Burnham Ave. For more info contact Danielle Diaz at 646-0436 or seft@sbcglobal.net.

St. Kevin Dance - The newly formed Group of Presenters of St. Kevin will be having their first fundraising dance, on Saturday, September 26, at St. Kevin Church parking lot (10509 S. Torrence). Beginning at 6PM until midnight. Music provided by Estrella Latina, tickets available at \$5.00. For more information call the rectory at 773-721-2563.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Saturday, Oct. 3 at 12:30

Saint Francis of Assisi wrote a canticle of the creatures — an ode to God's living things and a testimony that animals share in Christ's love of all God's creation: "All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." All creatures, great and small — of the earth, sky and sea — O, praise God, the author and giver of every gift, who offered his own son to us as the paschal lamb.

Please be sure to bring your pets for a blessing (near the statue of St. Francis on the south side of the church).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept. 20 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 21 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Florian Fest Mtg. (KH) 7:00
- Sept. 22 Parents Club Mtg. (PMR) 6:30
- Sept. 23 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
Scouts (PMR) 5:30
- Sept. 24 Scouts (KH) 6:00
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Sept. 26/27 Seminary Collection
- Sept. 27 Holy Name Golf Outing—8AM
Burnham, IL
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 28 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive - General Pulaski Council #3323 Knights of Columbus will be having their 40th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive September 18-20 for the *Mental Retardation / Learning Disabilities*. All donations will benefit those afflicted people in our community. Anyone interested in working for this very worthy cause may contact Gene Slusarczyk at 773-418-2260. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

English as a Second Language - Corazón a Corazón offers two one-on-one tutoring programs. One program is for adults and the other one is for elementary school children. Registration is now open for both programs at 8235 South Shore Drive, (2nd Floor). For more information call 773-221-0620.

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.*