

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend, January 18 & 19**

4:00 PM + Joseph Maciejciek - Ron &amp; Irene Nawracaj

8:00 AM + Margaret Nowakowski - Mom

9:45 AM + Gerry Czarobski - Alicia Davila

11:30 AM + Hipolita Aranda - Family

**Monday, January 20**

7:30 AM + Victoria Koza - Family

**Tuesday, January 21**

7:30 AM + George T. Cramer, Sr. - Mr. &amp; Mrs. George Basso

**Wednesday, January 22**

7:30 AM + John Rymarczyk - Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ted Sowa

**Thursday, January 23**

7:30 AM + Rev. Henry Kozak - Family

**Friday, January 24**

8:00 AM + Joseph B. Mistarz - Son, Grandchildren &amp; Great Grandchildren

**Saturday, January 25**

7:30 AM + William F. Hayes - Ted &amp; Irene Kryzyn

4:00 PM + Stanley Lisek - Maccagnano Family

**Sunday, January 26**

8:00 AM + Alex &amp; Angeline Rzonca - Family

9:45 AM + Catholic Schools Week

11:30 AM + Phil Koziarz - Mr. &amp; Mrs. Frank Penkala

*In Remembrance*

Stella Marcisz 12/27/13

Tony Lowery 12/31/13

Carl Abram 1/2/14

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****January 2014**

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek  
M. Cowperthwaite  
D. Karczewski  
L. Morse

8:00 AM

C. Bozovic  
D. Ciciora  
J. Gibbons  
N. Moll

9:45 AM

O. Haro  
P. Maccagnano  
C. Malone  
P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

A. Davila  
I. Jimenez**Week of January 19 - January 25****The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of****The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
Walter Lenckos - Family**READERS****January 2014**4:00 PM B. Frederisy  
8:00 AM P. Gadus  
9:45 AM V. Maccagnano  
11:30 AM R. Oseguera**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, January 25**

4:00 PM J. Laskowiecki, S. Meyer, T. Meyer

**SUNDAY, January 26**8:00 AM A. Bellan, A. Juarez, N. Mooney  
9:45 AM R. Dejanovich, A. Komosa, A. Villanueva  
11:30 AM P. Gomez, X. Gutierrez**USHERS****January 2014**4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Adduci,  
E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,  
T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski  
8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,  
A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,  
J. Shanahan, J. Young  
9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,  
K. Podgorny, T. Baker,  
M. Gasior  
11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez,  
M. Suarez, R. Ortiz

## We pray for...



Carl Abram, Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Adrienne Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Irma Bulatovich, Bernice Chmura, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelic, Bob Frjelic, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Otilia Haro, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, Charlene Jones, Edward Kawa, Larry Kawa, Ron Keene, Karen Kil, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Helen Larson, John Larson, Beth Lasseter, Thomas J. Lohr, Katharina Makara, Mary Ann Miceli, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Maria Tokarz, Chestine Trzupek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, Chris Wopinski, Stanley Wrona, Sr., Melissa Young, 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.*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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### Monday - January 20 - St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

Reading 1 Samuel 15:16-23

Gospel Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday - January 21 - St. Agnes

Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Gospel Mark 2:23-28

### Wednesday - January 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Children

Reading 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Gospel Mark 3:1-6

### Thursday - January 23 - St. Vincent

Reading 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Gospel Mark 3:7-12

### Friday - January 24 - St. Francis de Sales

Reading 1 Samuel 24:3-21

Gospel Mark 3:13-19

### Saturday - January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

Reading Acts 22:3-16

Gospel Mark 16:15-18

### Sunday - January 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

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## Accountability and Transparency

Letter From Francis Cardinal George

January 9, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This January, as was announced a month ago in a press conference by a plaintiff's lawyer, documents relating to the sexual misconduct of thirty priests of the Archdiocese will be released as part of settlement agreements over the past years. All these incidents were reported over the years to the civil authorities and claims have been mediated civilly. Almost all of the incidents happened decades ago, perpetrated by priests whom neither I nor many younger clergy have ever met or talked to, because the priests were either dead or out of ministry before I came to Chicago as Archbishop.

Nevertheless, the publication puts the actions of these men and the Archdiocese itself in the spotlight. Painful though publicly reviewing the past can be, it is part of the accountability and transparency to which the Archdiocese is committed. For more than twenty years, the Archdiocese has reported all allegations of sexual abuse to the civil authorities and to DCFS. Records of priests have been shared with civil authorities when asked for. Accountability to the civil authorities constitutionally responsible for the protection of children is part of the life of the Church here. The names of priests known to have abused a minor are published on the Archdiocesan website, and the Archdiocese will offer more information in the future. But publishing for all to read the actual records of these crimes raises transparency to a new level. It will be helpful, we pray, for some, but painful for many.

Pope Francis has spoken several times in recent months about "clericalism" as a vice. Clericalism appears when a person or group decides it is not accountable for its actions. Clericalism in the clergy is evident when a priest decides he is not accountable to his bishop or to the faithful for what he teaches or how he celebrates the Church's liturgy or pastors the Church's people or when a bishop, in turn, is not accountable to his Councils and his clergy for his own ministry. Clericalism is spiritually deadly when a priest decides he is not accountable even to God and breaks his promise of chaste celibacy as well as the commandments of the Lord himself. The general discipline of the clergy weakened during the years when sex abuse was most prevalent, during the 1970's and 1980's. Chicago followed the now well-known national trends. In the late eighties, however, the Archdiocese began to put its house in some order and started, sometimes hesitantly, to follow the path of accountability and transparency.

Through the nineties, Archdiocesan policy still allowed some perpetrators a restricted form of ministry, with monitoring, that kept them from regular contact with minors. In 2002, the National Bishops' Conference decided that zero tolerance was the only certain means to be sure children would not be molested, and I removed from all public ministry those who had been allowed some pastoral work under the rules in effect under my predecessor. Others have been removed as accusations came forward. So far as can be known from all our records, there is no priest in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been found to have sexually abused a child, no matter when the abuse took place.

A more recent episode that has created distrust and injured the

Archdiocesan community is that of Daniel McCormack. The public story, up to this point, has been largely fashioned by plaintiffs' lawyers and other activists and deliberately distorts or ignores points that would mitigate the charge of Archdiocesan neglect. For the sake of complete transparency, as well as accountability, I want to put on the public record the following facts:

1. Neither in Chicago nor in any previous posting as a bishop or a religious superior have I assigned to pastoral ministry or transferred for ministry a priest whom I knew to have sexually abused a child.
2. When I came to Chicago as Archbishop, Fr. Daniel McCormack had a reputation as a dedicated priest and an effective pastor. He had been ordained by Cardinal Bernardin, who vetted his seminary record. He was already, before I became Archbishop, appointed to a seminary faculty, a position of trust. He had been elected by his peers to represent them on the priests' placement board, a sign of confidence in his judgment by those who knew him best. Just months before his first arrest, he was recommended by those who worked with him in re-organizing the parishes on the west side to serve as dean for that area. He was dedicated to ministry in African American parishes in poor neighborhoods. He was trusted and admired.
3. The first association of his name with the possible sexual abuse of a minor was made for me in September 2005, when I was told that the police had arrested him, questioned him about the allegation and then released him without charges. He was put under monitoring and his ministry with children restricted while the Archdiocese began to investigate whether there was "reasonable cause to suspect" that he had sexually abused a child. The investigation was hampered because the various offices involved did not consistently share what they knew with each other or with me. Nor did the civil authorities share with the Archdiocese what they came to know in their investigations. From the time he was arrested and released to the time that he was arrested a second time and eventually pled guilty, no one involved in investigating the allegation, not even the review board that struggled with their justified concerns, told me they thought he was guilty.
4. After McCormack's second arrest in January 2006, a number of incidents came forward that might have served as warning signals along the way, if people had been more wary. Each of them, when the record is fairly presented, was examined and responded to by the authorities concerned. The response, in retrospect, was not always adequate to all the facts, but a mistake is not a cover up.

This is not a story that fits the template that has been used to report sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, which is why it's difficult to set the record straight. Nor is the record, even when set straight, one that any of us can easily put together with what we expect the Church to be. Telling the truth does not create an excuse for failure. But it makes a difference, as we go forward, to know in what the failure consists, to know that the truth has been told and that the Church is committed to accountability and transparency.

Most of all, this Archdiocese is committed to trying to help victims of sexual abuse achieve the freedom necessary to live

with dignity. The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth is a ministry that brings hope and freedom to many victims. It is responsible for the extensive system of background checks and training in child protection that every employee and volunteer in the Archdiocese must undergo. Its story should be better known, again for the sake of accountability and transparency.

Monetary recompense is part of helping victims and making reparation to them. The funding of sexual abuse settlements comes from a stream of revenue entirely separate from regular donations or investments. Over the years, the Archdiocese has bought a great deal of property for possible institutional expansion. Sale of some of that undeveloped property is the source of the revenues for funding sexual abuse settlements. It has not been and would not be used for normal Archdiocesan operating expenses.

Finally, all our actions are transparent to the Lord, to whom each of us is accountable. He is a merciful judge, and I ask you to commend to him in your prayers the victims, the perpetrators and the Archdiocese at this time in our history. Once again, I apologize to all those who have been harmed by these crimes and this scandal, the victims themselves, most certainly, but also rank and file Catholics who have been shamed by the actions of some priests and bishops. Thank you and God bless you.

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

## St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - [www.stflorianschool.org](http://www.stflorianschool.org)

### Market Day

Orders can be picked up on Friday, January 24th in the school gymnasium from 2-3pm. Profits earned from last month's Market Day were \$75.44.

### Congratulations Alumni!

#### *Principal's Honor Roll*

De La Salle Institute:	Olivia M. Bensett
	Jessica Amber McKee
	Adrian Suarez

### 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 multi-cultural 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.



### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	January 2014	
	4 & 5	11 & 12
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,993.00	\$ 2,446.00
Loose	\$ 98.25	\$ 445.43
Children's Offering	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00
Votives	\$ 47.00	\$ 131.61
Actual Received	\$ 2,143.25	\$ 3,025.04
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$ 4,500.00	-\$ 4,500.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$ 2,356.75</b>	<b>-\$ 1,474.96</b>
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$ 4,818.53	\$ 0.00
Christmas Offering	\$14,305.07	\$ 0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Initial Offering	\$ 472.00	\$ 146.00
Thanksgiving - SVDP	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 947.00	\$ 105.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Energy	\$ 220.00	\$ 73.00
Maintenance	\$ 243.00	\$ 150.00
Building Improvement	\$ 157.00	\$ 1,098.00

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 20 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00pm
- Jan 21 Confirmation Session (PMR) 7:00pm
- Jan 21 Pantry Setup (KH) 9:00am
- Jan 22 Big Pantry (KH) 2:30pm
- Jan 26 PC Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 8:00am

### St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$92.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society God will and does reward those who care and share. Thank you.

Anyone interested in renting Konsowski Hall, please call the rectory for more information.

**Don't forget to put your e-mail address on your envelope.**

*Please pray for our Service Members:*



- Eugene Zmija, U.S Air Force - SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - Sgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, US Army - 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. 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 - Cpl Kristin Pala, US. Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, US.Army - PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army - PVT David Cook, US Army - Petty Officer Second Class Laura A Tomczak, U.S Navy - LTC Peter Allen Kubas, U.S. Army - A1C Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force - Sgt. Ernest Silva, U.S. Marine Corps - Jonathan Daniel Ladowski, U.S. Marine Corps.

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

**2014 Charitable Contributions** - Statements for the 2014 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 29<sup>th</sup>. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2013 contribution statement to me:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*(return form via collection basket or at the rectory)*

### St. Florian Parish Volunteer Appreciation Party Saturday - February 8, 2014

Yes, I have volunteered my time and talent and will attend the celebration!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please reply by Jan 27<sup>th</sup> via the collection basket or at the rectory or school office.)*

# Year of Strong Catholic Parents

July 2013 - June 2014



## Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

### Fairness

Two brothers live on my block—Gerald, my next-door neighbor, and Mike, who lives down the block. I like to say they run a school for fairness. As winter approaches each year, the brothers build an ice rink in Gerald's yard. When the first cold wave arrives, they get to work, and soon the rink is ready for hockey. The two brothers teach not only the rules of the game, but also rules important in life, such as it's more fun when the teams are evenly matched; everyone who wants to play gets to play; and if you hog the puck too often, you sit in the penalty box. Children need to learn fairness, and there's no place like home to begin those lessons—especially if that home has an ice rink in the backyard.



—Tom McGrath

## Criando hijos creyentes • una palabra a la vez

### Justicia

Hay dos hermanos que viven en mi calle: Gerardo, mi vecino de al lado, y Miguel, que vive más adelante. Me gusta decir que dirigen una escuela de justicia. Cada año, al acercarse el invierno, los hermanos construyen una pista de hielo en el patio de Gerardo. Se ponen a trabajar en cuanto llega la primera ola de frío y, muy pronto, la pista está lista para jugar al hockey. Los hermanos enseñan no solo las reglas del juego sino también reglas que son importantes en la vida, como que es más divertido cuando los equipos son parejos; que todo el que quiera jugar, puede jugar; y que si acaparas el disco mucho tiempo, terminas en la banca de castigo. Los niños necesitan aprender sobre la justicia y no hay mejor lugar que el hogar para comenzar esas lecciones, especialmente si ese hogar tiene una pista de hielo en el patio trasero.



—Tom McGrath

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**MISSION STATEMENT of ST. FLORIAN PARISH**

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 community 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
- 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.

**Worship**

Altar Servers  
 Choirs, Cantors & Musicians  
 Ministers of Communion  
 Liturgy Committee  
 Ministry of Care  
 Ministry of Consolation  
 Ministry of Lectors  
 Faith Sharing Groups  
 Ushers & Greeters  
 Bible Study

**Education and Adult Formation**

Elementary School  
 (Pre-K through 8th)  
 Baptismal Preparation  
 R.C.I.A.  
 Parish Pastoral Council  
 Religious Education  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Evangelization Committee

**Service**

Garden Club  
 Finance Council  
 St. Vincent de Paul

**Parish/School Organizations**

Holy Name Society  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Parents' Club  
 Ladies Rosary Sodality  
 Young at Heart  
 Athletic Association

***Mission Statement of  
 St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council***

St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who work together with the pastor to act as a consultative body for the parish. Our mission is to build a prayerful, evangelizing and welcoming spirit for the benefit of the faith community.

***Memorials  
 And Gifts of Remembrance***

You may remember your deceased loved ones in the following ways:

	Donation	
<u>Daily Masses</u>	\$ 10	
<u>Tree of Life</u>		
Gold Leaf	\$ 100	
Small Stone	\$ 500	
Large Stone	\$1,000	
<u>The Tabernacle Candle</u>		
will be lit in memory of . . .	\$ 10	
<u>The Gifts of Bread and Wine</u>		
are donated in memory of . . .	\$ 15	

*Please remember St. Florian Parish  
 in your estate planning*

Your Gift, Your Parish  
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**TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE**

Whether visitors, long-time residents  
 or newly arrived in the Parish, we  
 Thank God for you.

If you are not registered,  
 or there is a change in your address,  
 or telephone number,  
 please fill out the form and place it in one  
 of our collection baskets or mail it to  
 the Rectory

Thank You

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check One:

New Parishioner       New Phone Number

New Address       Moving, Remove

from Register