

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of November 8/9

- 4:00 PM + Verona Biscan - Evelyn Twardosz
 8:00 AM + Emil Stolarz - Wife, Stella
 + Carl Petlak - Family
 9:45 AM + Connie Grzyb & Walter Rolek - Mary & Sharon Rolek
 11:30 AM + Graciela Silvazarate - Davila Family

Monday, November 10

- 7:15 AM + Mary Abram - Family

Tuesday, November 11

- 7:15 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Dr. Novak & Family

Wednesday, November 12

- 7:15 AM + Edwin J. Lopacki - Phyllis Serafin

Thursday, November 13

- 7:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Betty Peak

Friday, November 14

- 8:15 AM + John O'Conner - Pat & Joe Wichert

Saturday, November 15

- 7:30 AM + Robert Peak - Family
 4:00 PM + Anna Twardosz (Anniv.) - Daughters

Sunday, November 16

- 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Kathy Keene & Sons
 + Josephine Iwan - Mr & Mrs. Ed Wojcik
 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gabrys
 11:30 AM + Dionicio Garcia (11th Anniv.) - Imelda Ramirez & Family

Week of November 2 - November 8

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Robert Boganski - Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 John Grzyb - Lenckos Family

LECTORS November, 2008

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM P. Gadus
 9:45 AM A. Simmons
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, November 15

- 4:00 PM J. Gottardo, M. Elizalde, D. Ranos

SUNDAY, November 16

- 8:00 AM G. Bonczek, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
 9:45 AM E. Dejanovich, J. Carlassare, J. Lelo
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, T. DeCook, B. Meyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS November, 2008

4:00 PM

- R. Abram
 B. Frjelich
 M. Piaskowy
 L. Morse
 M. Cowperthwaite
 D. Karczewski

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
 C. Motkowicz
 B. Peak
 J. Gibbons
 N. Moll
 E. Boganski

9:45 AM

- C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 K. Gibson
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 P. Maccagnano

11:30 AM

- O. Cruz
 A. Davila

USHERS November, 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

The Lateran Basilica

PAUL TURNER

Whenever the ninth of November falls on a Sunday, many churchgoers are surprised to learn that the regular Mass has been replaced by one for the Feast of the Dedication of the St. John Lateran. Christmas, Easter, even All Souls Day we understand. But John Lateran? The feast most nearly resembles Independence Day on the national calendar. It celebrates the freedom to worship and the dedication of a place to gather for worship.

Early in the fourth century the persecution of Christians came to a close with the conversion of the emperor Constantine, who granted the followers of Jesus the right to public worship. Constantine offered Pope Sylvester I some property owned by the Lateran family, which became the site of the first Christian basilica, dedicated on November 9, 324. In time, the church was placed under the patronage of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The popes lived in a palace adjoining the church which underwent several renovations over the centuries. Several councils were held in the building, including the ones legislating celibacy for priests and communion once a year for the faithful.

Even though the popes moved to Avignon, France for a century and eventually to a residence in the Vatican palace, the Lateran Basilica remains the cathedral church of Rome. When we speak of the pope as bishop of Rome, this is his cathedral, not St. Peter's. Since the pope is the shepherd of the universal church, the Lateran Basilica of St. John is the cathedral church of the world.

Each year the dedication of this building is celebrated in every Catholic parish in the world on November 9. It proclaims the original freedom of Christians to worship, the dedication of our ancestors to worship, the perseverance of our faith and the universal nature of our community. By commemorating the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, we pass on that faith to new generations.

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In Sure and Certain Hope — Preparing a Catholic Funeral

Since November is the month of All Souls, here are some topics concerning the death of a loved one. We hope this helps clarify any uncertainties on these subjects.

Donations of Organs or the Whole Body

Moved by charity, Catholics may donate their bodies or parts of their bodies to advance medical science. The only limitation is that, upon eventual disposition of the body or its parts, there should be some reasonable assurance that the remains will be disposed of in a proper, reverent manner. After organ removal for medical research, whatever remains of the donor's body should be given a appropriate burial.

The family of the donor should celebrate a memorial Mass after the person's death. The rite of committal with Final Commendation may appropriately conclude the prayers for the donor and their family.

Charity Burial

Burial in a Catholic cemetery is available to every Catholic who, at the time of death, is entitled to receive Christian burial. Inability to meet the cemetery costs is no deterrent to Christian burial in a Catholic cemetery.

When a family is faced with financial hardship, the parish priest or the funeral director should contact the Resource Consultant at Catholic Charities (312-655-7122). The Resource Consultant will describe the sources of public and private funds available for assistance and recommend the nature and degree of charitable assistance to be given by Catholic Cemeteries.

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.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

BINGO

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



SUPER RAFFLE BINGO BASH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008
ST. FLORIAN SCHOOL GYM
131st & HOUSTON AVE.

Doors open at 12:00
Games begin at 1:30
11:30 admittance with your ticket!

\$25.00 admission includes
Luncheon Buffet,
(Served from 12:00 - 1:30)
Beverage, Dessert, and Set-Up

Raffle, Door Prizes, and More!
\$500.00 Coverall

Admission \$25.00. Make checks payable to
St. Florian School.

Call the school office (773-646-2868)
or stop in during school hours
(7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) to
purchase your ticket.

Only 150 Tickets Sold!!!

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!

From the creator of
LATE NITE CATECHISM . . .
St. Florian School presents:

Sister's Christmas Catechism
"The Mystery of the Magi's Gold"
Saturday - November 22, 2008

Dinner from 5:00-6:30 PM
at 131st & Houston in the gymnasium
\$30/ adults & \$20 children (ages 10-13)
includes holiday buffet dinner, dessert &
show

Tickets available at the rectory and school.

*All proceeds will benefit St. Florian School's
new Art & Music Program provided by the
Beverly Art Center's
Community Outreach Program*

Make your holidays hilarious !!!

*(The Mystery of the Magi's Gold is suitable for
children ages 10 & above.)*

Market Day -

Pick up is on Friday, Nov. 14 from 2PM to 3PM in
the gym. Profits earned last month were \$131.
Special of the month - PIES! Each pie ordered
earns extra profit for the school. Thank you for your
support!

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.

Pampered Chef Fund Raiser!

If you like to cook, bake or just love kitchen gadgets then Pampered Chef is for you! You can even do some early Christmas shopping by placing an order.

All proceeds from this fund raiser will be used towards the Beverly Art & Music program being offered to our students this year.

Call Michelle at 646-0231 to place an order or get more information. You may also order directly through the website at

www.pamperedchef.biz/michellehoward.

All orders must be placed by Nov. 11.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
November 1/2, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,570.00
Loose	\$ 483.04
Energy Assistance	\$ 294.00
Actual Received	\$4,347.04
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 148.00
Maintenance	\$ 204.00
Votives	\$ 174.00
Children's Offering	\$ 62.15

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$118.77

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Our works are not so much what we do, but rather what we are. Our works are not something we do for God, nor even with God. Our works are something we allow God to do in us.

Note of Thanks - The Catholic League for Religious Assistance is most grateful to St. Florian parishioners for a generous donation of \$630.00. It is truly through your gracious donations that we are able to provide the necessary support needed by the Catholic Church in Poland and the Polish Seminaries in Paris and Rome.

Vocation Thoughts - Today's Gospel foreshadows Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The world needs heroes to bring the good news of Christ to all. Is God calling you to the priesthood? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan, Vocation Director, at (312) 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org. For more information about the religious life the Office for Religious at 312-751-5245.

Holiday Speaker Nights — Thurs., Nov. 13, at St. Kevin's Parish, 105th & Torrence, at 6:30 PM in the church hall. The topic is "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar — Sun., Nov. 9, at St. Kevin's in the church basement from 8AM—2PM. Breakfast, lunch and bake sale will be available.

Concert of Guitar and Organ Music — Enjoy a free concert of classical music for guitars and organ at Immaculate Conception Church at 88th & Commercial in Chicago on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 3:00 PM in the church. A collection will be taken to help repair the 1930 pipe organ.

Our Lady of Knock - The next Parish Adult Enrichment Series, *Focus on the Positive* will take place on Thursday, November 13th. Guest Speaker will be Father Dominic Grassi, author of the popular "Bumping Into God" books. The program will take place in the parish hall located at 497 163rd street in Calumet City beginning at 7PM. For more information, please call 708-862-3011.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 9	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Nov. 10	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Nov. 11	Parents Club (KH) 8AM & 5:30PM Golden Agers (KH) 1:00 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Nov. 12	Music Mtg (Rectory) 9AM Daisies/Brownies (KH) 2:30 Evangelization (KH) 6:30 Holy Name Officers (PMR) 7:00
Nov. 13	Scouts (KH) 6:00 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Nov. 14	Market Day (Gym) 2:00 Holy Name (PMR) 7:30
Nov. 16	Super Bingo (Gym) Games at 1:30
Nov. 17	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Nov. 19	SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00

Pancake Breakfast - The General Pulaski K. of C. will host an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 16, at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay, from 8AM until 1PM. \$7 adults and \$3 kids 12 and under (kids under 3 are free). 3-way Split-the-Pot and other chances to win turkeys.

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, 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.

Found Near Gym (Digital Camera & Purse) -
Please call the rectory to identify.