

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of November 14/15

- 4:00 PM + Anna Twardosz (Anniv.) - Daughters
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Daughters of Isabella
 9:45 AM + Walter Krawczyk - Wife, Leona & Children
 11:30 AM + Robert & Irene Stevenson - Peter & Colleen Stevenson

Monday, November 16

- 7:15 AM + Robert Peak - Family

Tuesday, November 17

- 7:15 AM + Steve Powidzki - Daughter, Shirley

Wednesday, November 18

- 7:15 AM + Jozef Karolak - Family

Thursday, November 19

- 7:15 AM + Mieczystaw Szubka - Family

Friday, November 20

- 8:15 AM + Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Saturday, November 21

- 7:30 AM - 56th Wedding Anniversary of Carl & Rita Abram
 4:00 PM + Stella Kwinta - Dorothy Trzupek

Sunday, November 22

- 8:00 AM + Joseph & Freda Ciciora - Family
 9:45 AM + Emil J. Kurek - Family & Friends
 11:30 AM - Marion Vargas (Blessings for Good Health) -
 Mary Ann Piaskowy & Barb Anderson

Week of November 15 - November 21

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of

Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

LECTORS

November, 2009

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| 4:00 PM | J. Struzik |
| 8:00 AM | L. Wopinski |
| 9:45 AM | D. Karczewski |
| 11:30 AM | R. Oseguera |

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, November 21

- 4:00 PM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, G. Bonczek

SUNDAY, November 22

- 8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
 9:45 AM T. DeCook, N. Mooney, C. Haro
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

November, 2009

- 4:00 PM
 A. Bonczek
 R. Abram
 B. Frjelich
 M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 L. Szeft
- 8:00 AM
 S. Jezior
 K. Gibson
 B. Peak
 M. Piaskowy
 N. Moll
 E. Podsiadlik
- 9:45 AM
 P. Maccagnano
 C. Michalik
 C. Malone
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 V. Maccagnano
- 11:30 AM
 O. Cruz
 A. Davila

USHERS

November, 2009

- 4:00 PM 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

Purification Prayer

By Paul Turner



Whenever the priest purifies the vessels after communion, he says a particular prayer quietly. It is one of the parts of the Mass that is not to be spoken aloud, so it concerns the priest more than the people, but it serves as a reminder of the holiness of the communion that everyone shares.

The first appearance of this prayer is in the Veronese Sacramentary, a collection thought to contain the prayers in use for Mass in Rome in the late sixth century. It has remained almost completely unchanged ever since. Today it is still assigned to the priest, but others could pray it profitably.

The text, as revised in 2008, goes like this: "What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity." The prayer recognizes the holiness of the crumbs and droplets that remain after communion in the sacred vessels and the purity of heart required to receive them. The priest prays that his inadequacies may be healed for eternity as he receives these heavenly gifts at this moment in time. It is a beautiful prayer that shimmers with our beliefs in the real presence of the Eucharist, the promise of eternal life, the honesty of human failure, and the mercy of God.

After communion or after Mass, when the priest takes up the corporal in one hand, sweeps the crumbs from the paten into the chalice, pours in some water, and swallows the contents, he says this prayer. God purifies the priest, as the priest purifies the vessels.

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Thanksgiving Celebrations!

**Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service
at St. Florian Church
Wednesday, Nov. 25 - 7:00 p.m.**

Let us celebrate the Thanksgiving season with our neighbors from Lebanon Lutheran and St. Columba. Your donations of non-perishable food items and your monetary contributions in the collection will greatly assist our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service in Konsowski Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to join together.

**St. Florian Parish
Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, Nov. 26th - 8:15 a.m.**

Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks for the blessings we have received this year and pray for God's continued love and protection. Please bring your dinner wine and bread for a special blessing during Mass. The Thanksgiving Day monetary offerings will be donated to our St. Vincent Food Pantry.

**Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
St. Columba Social Center
Thursday, Nov. 26th
12:00 PM—2:00 PM**

St. Columba Parish will host a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 at St. Columba Social Center, 13323 Green Bay Ave. from 12:00PM to 2PM. All members of the community who are unable to prepare a traditional meal or those who find themselves far from family on the holiday are welcome to attend.

If you are planning to attend, please R.S.V.P. to St. Columba Parish, at 646-2660, by November 19th. Include family name and the number of adults and children attending. Transportation is available upon request.

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 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, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupke, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, 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, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistrz, Jr., 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 . . .

Casimir Lapinski

November 5, 2009

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Nov. 21-22, 2009

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over thirty-nine years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been a living example of our Church's social teaching. This year, CCHD is funding twenty-one organizations throughout Cook and Lake Counties that are helping seniors, youth and families to help themselves.

The CCHD is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty, abiding strictly to the Catholic Church's social teaching, including the respect for life and the dignity of all human beings.

Please make a special effort this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD's Collection November 21-22. Your contribution enables the CCHD to help build God's kingdom of life, peace and justice today.

One hundred percent of the CCHD budget comes from individual donations - of and size - just like yours. Your contribution does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Nov. 16 St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

Reading 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Gospel Luke 18:25-43

Tuesday - Nov. 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Reading 2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Wed. - Nov. 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul

Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

Gospel Luke 19:11-28

Thursday - Nov. 19

Reading 1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Gospel Luke 19:41-44

Friday - Nov. 20

Reading 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59

Gospel Luke 19:45-48

Sat. - Nov. 21 Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Reading 1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Gospel Luke 20:27-40

Sunday - Nov. 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Reading I Daniel 7:13-14

Reading II Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel John 18:33b-37

A Catholic Cemetery . . .

A Place of Remembrance

Reverend Tim Lindenfelser— Diocese of St. Augustine

Clothes, homes, and all material objects are left behind. Our white smiles, perfect noses, and our physical attributes turn to dust. Catholic Cemeteries remind us to live our lives to the fullest—working toward the things that last.

Love is eternal and God faithful.

We shed tears and tell stories. We pray for mercy and celebrate the lives of those who have died. We remember how they loved us. We remember what they did for us.

Love is eternal and God faithful.

As we remember our brothers and sisters who sleep in Christ, may they know our love and our forgiveness. May they help us to love God and keep us awake so that we never forget what lasts forever.

Love is eternal and God faithful.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



BINGO

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

Market Day - Pick-up is on Friday, Nov. 20th, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Profits earned last month were \$182.87. Special of the month: Free Coffee w/purchase of three Bonus Days Desserts!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., Dec. 2, by 8 AM.

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!

De La Salle: Alex Arnold, Jacob Bugajski, Roxanne DeVriendt, John Gutierrez, Andrea Medina, Nikolina Medina, Randi Moreno & Chelsey Torres

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.



Come Home to the Catholic Church

"You Can't Go Home Again" is the title of a once-famous novel. The author, Thomas Wolfe, believed that going home again is bound to be a great disappointment.

But not so with the Catholic Church. No matter how long anyone may have been away, everyone can always come home.

There are numerous reasons for coming back to the Church as there are people who left. Circumstances may vary, but God remains the center of each person's decision to come back.

Over the next several months we'll be offering the top ten reasons that influenced the decision of other people to return to the Catholic faith. May all of us welcome back Catholics Returning Home to St. Florian.

— Fr. Jim

Next week: Reason #10 -
Because people want meaning in their life.

A series of TV commercials will be aired to invite Catholics to return to the practice of the faith starting December 16, 2009 through January 24, 2010 on all major networks. The commercials will air in English, Spanish and Polish.

Make a first contact by calling
Catholics Come Home Chicago
at 312-534-5100 or visit our website
www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org.



The 2010 Mass Book is now open.

Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for mass intentions in memory of your family members or friends. There are also a few Masses available in our 2009 Book as well as memorial intentions for our Tabernacle Candle and Bread & Wine.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Nov. 7/8	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,506.30
Loose	\$ 426.73
Energy Assistance	\$ 104.20
Actual Received vs.	\$4,037.23
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 173.00
Maintenance	\$ 146.00
Children's Offering	\$ 73.50
Votives	\$ 108.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box

St. Vincent de Paul Society We are all poor in many ways. We need the support of fellow Christians and neighbors to support us in our hour of need if we are to live happy lives and make heaven some day. We are grateful this Thanksgiving to be of service to you and your family.

Daughters of Isabella - Daughters of Isabella #859 meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 1:30PM at St. Columba Social Center with a Christmas Luncheon. Please make reservations by November 22nd by calling Mary Ann at 1-773-646-3988. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Beat the Stress - Women of all ages are invited to participate in this free event. Join Nancy Boyd, RN, for this informative stress management program on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 to 12:00 at Saint Margaret Mercy, Dyer Campus, 24 Joilet St., Dyer, IN. Doors open at 9AM for the educational presentation at 10AM. Refreshments will be available. For more information or to register, please call 1-800-931-3322.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (www.wmchicago-gary.org) - **A SHINING BEACON** We are to allow our marriage to shine for others. Does it? When it does, do we immediately thank God for what He has given us? Polish your relationship with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next dates are Dec. 4-6, and Feb. 12-14 or Apr. 23-25 2010. For info or reservations, please consult our website or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554. For Spanish weekends (other dates) call Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

St. Kevin's Bereavement Group - St. Kevin's Church will host a annual holiday speaker night on Thursday, November 19th at 7PM. Doors will open at 6:30PM. This a free event and all are welcome! The speakers for the evening will be Mrs. Gail Goleas and Mr. David Mantener. St. Kevin's Church is located at 10509 S. Torrence. Please call Rosie Ramirez to reserve your seats at 773-646-6764.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 15 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Nov. 17 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Coaches Mtg. (PMR) 7:00
- Nov. 18 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Nov. 19 Scouts (KH) 6:00
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Nov. 20 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- Nov. 21/22 Campaign for Human Development
- Nov. 22 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Nov. 23 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Nov. 26/27 Thanksgiving Holidays
School/ Rectory office closed
- Nov. 29 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Nov. 30 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00



Pancake Breakfast - The General Pulaski Council #3323 Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 15th at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay. The Breakfast is an "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, Eggs cooked to order, French Toast, Sausage, Milk, Coffee and Orange Juice. Breakfast will be served from 8AM to 12:30PM. \$7 for Adults, Children 10 & under \$3.

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. 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.