

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of November 21/22

4:00 PM + Stella Kwinta - Dorothy Trzuppek
 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

Monday, November 23

7:15 AM + Frank Zak - Wife & Family

Tuesday, November 24

7:15 AM + Ace Gargas - Family

Wednesday, November 25

7:15 AM + Helen R. Rucinski - John Jedniak
 7:00 PM - Ecumenical Service

Thursday, November 26

8:15 AM + Irvin Fleming (42nd Anniv.) - Wife

Friday, November 27

8:15 AM + Stella Jasek - Maccagnano Family

Saturday, November 28

7:30 AM - Krystyna Abram - Mom & Dad
 4:00 PM + Verna Waicunas (26th Anniv.) - Daughter-in-Law, Dolores

Sunday, November 29

8:00 AM + Pauline Pedersen - Ceil Motkowicz
 9:45 AM + Tony & Nellie Segvich - Family
 11:30 AM - Good Health for Martin Covarrubias - Family

Week of November 22 - November 28

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Mary Smierciak - Grandchildren

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Judy Misora - Mother

LECTORS

November, 2009

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, November 28

4:00 PM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, November 29

8:00 AM N. Mooney, B. Meyer, R. Meyer
 9:45 AM C. Haro, T. DeCook, G. Bonczek
 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

The Celebration of Mass during the Current Situation of the Swine Flu

Now that the traditional flu season is here and with the added concerns of the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus this year, the Archdiocesan Emergency Preparedness Committee is monitoring the local situation. Should the situation become more acute in the Chicagoland area, guidelines will be issued to regard to the celebration of the Liturgy as well as other areas of parish life.

It is important to practice hygiene and to remember good common sense. All of us would do well to remember that frequent cleansing of the hands, either with soap and water or with an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution combats the spread or contraction of the flu. This need is especially important for those who minister Holy Communion during the celebration of the Eucharist. Ordinary and Extraordinary Ministers should make an effort to cleanse their hands, discreetly, before and after distributing Holy Communion. An anti-bacterial solution makes this process very easy to do.

Those with flu or cold symptoms should especially act responsibly. Refraining from taking Holy Communion from the Chalice, sharing the sign of peace with a simple nod of the head and the verbal exchange of Christ's peace instead of shaking hands, and avoiding close contact with others will go a long way in helping prevent others from catching the same illness. Others should not interpret this as an affront, but simply that the person who chooses not to extend a hand is taking precautions.

All Catholics should exercise prudence while participating in the celebration of the Eucharist. If one is suffering from the flu, he or she should stay home. Remember that the Mass is televised for those who are homebound every Sunday on WCIU Channel 26 at 7:30AM.

The Bishops of the United States have posted 10 questions and answers regarding the Swine Flu and Liturgy on their website. You can view this resource by going to the USCCB Website: www.usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml.

The Archdiocesan Emergency Preparedness Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will modify or add to these guidelines as needed. Local information and updates can be found on the Archdiocesan webpage, www.archchicago.org/h1n1.

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.



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 Trzupsek, 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, Christen White, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistrz, Jr., Amanda Montemayor, 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 . . .

Jóse M. Uribe
Helen Krupinski

November 11, 2009
November 14, 2009

During our Advent season, please be sure to join together as a parish family on the following days:



Advent Taizé Prayer Service Saturdays at 3:30 PM

As we patiently wait to welcome the Christ-Child we offer an Advent Taizé Prayer Service at 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. We invite all of you to begin each week of Advent with our Taizé Prayer Service in which we sing psalms, hear scripture, reflect, all in the context of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Each Taizé Prayer Service ends with Benediction. Please join us and pray in the quiet stillness of Advent.

The Blue Nativity Saturday, December 12th 3:00 PM in Church

A theatrical performance about the birth of Christ followed by Mass at 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Spanish community will begin their Novena (nine days) to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. They will meet each evening in the Parish Meeting Room (2nd floor above Konsowski Hall) and say the rosary and special prayers to Our Lady. All are invited to join them for as many days as you are able. A Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday, December 8th Masses at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Advent Confessions

All Saturdays in Advent	3:00 - 3:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 16th	7PM Reconciliation Service
Saturday, Dec. 19th	2:30 - 3:30 & after 4PM Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 22nd	7:00 - 8:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Nov. 23 - St. Clement I

Reading Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Gospel Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday - Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Reading Daniel 2:31-45
Gospel Luke 21:5-11

Wed. - Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Reading Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Gospel Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day

Reading I Sirach 50:22-24
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Friday - Nov. 27

Reading Daniel 7:2-14
Gospel Luke 21:29-33

Sat. - Nov. 28

Reading Daniel 7:15-27
Gospel Luke 21:34-36

Sunday - Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

Reading I Jeremiah 23:14-16
Reading II 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

BINGO! – Doors open at 1:30
and games begin at 2:30!

Market Day - Orders due Friday, December 4th.
Pick up on Friday, December 11th, from 2-3PM.
Profits earned last month: \$182.87. Thank you
for your support.

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

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!

Mother McAuley : Kaila Morin & Natalia

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

Whether we like to admit or not, it's all too easy to get lost in today's hectic lifestyles. Many people suddenly realize that their lives have lost a sense of meaning or purpose. Questions like "What is my life all about?" or "Why do I do what I do?" come up in one's heart and soul. When our culture contributes to the widespread confusion about morality, truth, and the good, it is the Catholic Church that offers a beacon of light. A light that gives meaning not only to our life here on earth, but also for life eternal.

If you know of someone who questions and yearns of the meaning of life, urge them to join you on Sunday, the Lord's day, at St. Florian. The prayers, hymns and readings for the next several weeks speak of these themes very well. Let them hear this and pray for this in the presence of the Lord and His Church.

— Fr. Jim

Next week: Reason #9 -
Because childhood memories surface.

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.

Thanksgiving

Dear God,

In a world where much is available yet so many still go wanting, we thank you for all you have given us.
In a time when family life is often fragmented and chaotic, we thank you for the family we have with us today.

In a time when so many cannot express their faith, we thank you for our freedoms.

In a world that moves ever more quickly, we thank you for this time today to share a meal with loved ones,
and to rest, reflect and refresh ourselves on this Thanksgiving Day.

Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Nov. 14/15	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,111.21
Loose	\$ 331.86
Energy Assistance	\$ 94.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,537.07
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 82.00
Maintenance	\$ 125.00
Children's Offering	\$ 65.02
Votives	\$ 136.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
- Dec. 1 Parent/Teacher Club (KH) 6:30
- Dec. 2 Scouts (KH) 5:30
- Dec. 6 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal

"...do all for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Thank you for your pledges and contributions to this year's Annual Appeal. We are pleased to report that we have surpassed our goal! This means that all donations received above and beyond the goal will be sent directly to St. Florian Parish. To date we have received a check for \$3,948.56 as outlined below:

2009 Pledged:	\$23,572.00
2009 Goal:	- \$15,583.44
Potential Rebate:	\$ 7,988.56

Pledge Payments made through Oct, 2009	\$19,532.00
Less 2009 Goal:	- \$15,583.44
Rebate to St. Florian received Oct., 2009	\$ 3,948.56

Additional rebate

<i>IF remaining pledge payments are fulfilled</i>	+ \$ 4,040.00
	\$ 7,988.56

Just one more pledge billing will be sent before the conclusion of the 2009 Appeal. Many thanks to those of you who have completed your pledges. We encourage everyone to fulfill their pledge obligations. All payments sent in from this point on will directly benefit St. Florian Parish.

Whether your gift is large or small, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, every gift makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide vital ministries and services. Thank you again for your support.

Daughters of Isabella #859 - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 1:30PM at St. Columba Social Center with a Christmas Luncheon. Please make reservations by November 22 by calling Mary Ann at 646-3988. The cost is \$10 per person.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box
11-08 (\$74.72) & 11-15 (\$71.50)

St. Vincent de Paul Society During this past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. May the peace and joy of this Holy Season be yours. "The Poor Boxes are the bread boxes of the poor."

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.