

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of November 22/23

- 4:00 PM + Verna Waicunas (25th Anniv.) - Daughter-in-law, Dolores  
 8:00 AM + Irvin Fleming (41st Anniv.) - Wife, Louise  
 + Joseph & Sophie Soltys - Granddaughter  
 9:45 AM + Mary Smierciak - Grandchildren  
 11:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

### Monday, November 24

- 7:15 AM + Marie & Walter Lis - Stan & Helen Lis

### Tuesday, November 25

- 7:15 AM + Louis Stincic Jr. - Benny & Ann Granich

### Wednesday, November 26

- 7:15 AM + Arlene Hoglund - Family

### Thursday, November 27

- 8:15 AM + Josephine Iwan - Stella Stolarz

### Friday, November 28

- 8:15 AM + Stella Jasek - Vince, Pat, & Jennifer Maccagnano

### Saturday, November 29

- 7:30 AM - Blessings for Carl & Rita Abram (55th Wedding Anniverary)  
 4:00 PM + Verona Biscan - Evelyn Twardosz

### Sunday, November 30

- 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Novak  
 + Sophie Soltys - Granddaughter  
 9:45 AM + Sophie Kolarczyk - Children  
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

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### Week of November 23 - November 29

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of  
 Joseph Cap - Pat Iwan

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of  
 Joseph Cap - Pat Iwan

### 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 29

- 4:00 PM J. Carlassare, G. Bonczek, J. Lelo

#### SUNDAY, November 30

- 8:00 AM B. Meyer, M. Elizalde, T. DeCook  
 9:45 AM D. Ranos, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria  
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, N. Mooney

### Wedding Bann:

Michael Cassello & Tian Brock

### 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,  
 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

- G. Villalobos, E. Lihota,  
 G. Slusarczyk, K. Podgorny,  
 R. Furman, J. Turman,  
 T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Though the theme of Christ's kingship is ancient, this solemnity dates back only to the nineteenth century. Before the calendar reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the solemnity provided a Catholic answer to the Protestants' late October celebration of Reformation Sunday. Now the day marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Developing themes of the kingship of Christ, the triumph of the Cross and God's judgment on our sin, this liturgy celebrates Jesus as Lord of love, revealing God's love for all people and calling his followers to live in that love.

### For what are we praying?

*Almighty and merciful God  
you break the power of evil  
and make all things new  
in you Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.  
May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory  
and never cease to praise you.*

Where do we see the power of evil broken? Where, in our lives, can we say that things are being made new? In those places, God is glorified. In our daily prayer, are we taking time to notice the Lord at work? Can we keep building that disciplines as we examine our consciousness, day by day?

## 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.



## Thanksgiving Celebrations!

**Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
The Hegewisch Christian Community  
Gathered at Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Wednesday, Nov. 26 - 7:30 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. All are welcome and encouraged to join together.

**St. Florian Parish  
Thanksgiving Day Mass  
Thursday, Nov. 27th - 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.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
St. Columba Social Center  
Thursday, Nov. 27th  
12:00 PM—2:00 PM**

St. Columba Parish will host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. The dinner will be open to all in the community who are financially disadvantaged along with those who would be alone on the holiday or for those physically unable to prepare a traditional meal for their families. This community dinner is meant to be shared by friends and neighbors, as was the first Thanksgiving dinner. It really is a fun and heartfelt event.

A traditional dinner (catered by Steve's) will be served from noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Social Center. The menu includes turkey and stuffing, ham, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, rolls and butter, pumpkin pie, and coffee, milk and pop.

For more information please contact St. Columba at 646-2660.

## We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, John Noworyta, 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, Eugene Kupiec, Dorita De Cardona, Ed Kosmala, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Dolores & Gilbert Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, 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, Ace Gargas, 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, Norbert Klekowski, Elizabeth Klekowski, Katelyn Grabowski, Irma Cardenas, Virginia Majewski, Anthony Gromek, 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.*



## 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.

## Thanksgiving Day

PAUL TURNER

Thanksgiving Day may be observed with a special Mass at Catholic churches throughout the United States of America. The day is a secular holiday with strong religious roots. This day implies that there is a God, that God is provident, that we recognize what blessings, and that the best thing we can say is "Thanks."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops includes this day on the liturgical calendar for the country as an optional memorial. Parishes are therefore not obliged to observe it. They may celebrate whatever weekday Mass would otherwise fall on that day this year. But most parishes choose to make this a special Mass of thanksgiving. If anyone knows how to give thanks to God, the church should know how to do it best. The very word *eucharist* means "thanksgiving." There is no more fitting way to celebrate this feast than to join in prayer at the table of the Lord.

The sacramentary offers a set of prayers that the priest may use for a Thanksgiving Day Mass, including a special preface to open the eucharistic prayer. Readings may be taken from the lectionary's Mass "In Thanksgiving to God." There are several choices here, so the readings you hear may change from year to year.

Some churches observe other customs. There may be a food collection at Mass so that those who have trouble paying for groceries will benefit from the generosity of the faithful. Or parishes might invite you to bring some of the food you will eat at your own table this day. In that case, you may hear the Blessings of Food on Thanksgiving Day from the *Book of Blessings*.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday - Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions

Reading Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5  
 Gospel Luke 21:1-4

### Tuesday - Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Reading Revelation 14:14-19  
 Gospel Luke 21:5-11

### Wed. - Nov. 26

Reading Revelation 4:1-11  
 Gospel Luke 19:11-28

### Thursday - Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day

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

### Friday - Nov. 28

Reading Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2  
 Gospel Luke 21:29-33

### Sat. - Nov. 29

Reading Revelation 22:1-7  
 Gospel Luke 21:34-36

### Sunday Nov. 30- 1st Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
 Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Gospel Mark 13:33-37

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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<http://florian.hegewisch.net>

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no BINGO on Sunday, Nov. 30th. BINGO will resume on Sunday, Dec. 7th.

**Market Day -**

Orders due Friday, Dec. 7 and pick up is on Friday, Dec. 12 from 2PM to 3PM in the gym. Special of the month - COOKIE CREATIONS! Thank you for your support!

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot before 8AM on Wednesday, December 3rd.

**Save General Mills, Tyson, & Campbell Soup Labels !**

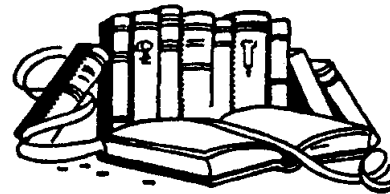
The school continues to save: **General Mills** "Box Tops for Education" coupons **Tyson Project A+** "Support Your School" labels **Campbell's soup labels** - Submit the UPC code with the Campbell Kid LogO next to the UPC located on back of label. Other Campbell products include Franco American, V8, Swanson, Prego, Nestle Pure Water labels and Pepperidge Farm.

**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.*

**November 2008 - Book Rack Selections**

*(Our book rack is located in the back of church. Please take a moment and browse.)*



**Word and Worship Desk Calendar 2009**

**St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2009**

**Christ the Golden Blossom** by Douglas Dales.

**Mary: Four Weeks with the Mother of Jesus** by Wolfgang Bader & Stephen Liesenfeld .

**St. Paul the Apostle for Every Day** by Michael P. Kerrigan, CSP.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Manual** by Rev. Thomas J. Donaghy.

**The Greatest Gift of All** by Mark G. Boyer.

**A Caregivers Companion** by J. Daniel Dymski.

**Parish Tree Lighting** - Our parish tree Lighting Services will take place on Saturday, December 20th at the 4PM Liturgy. All families are asked to help decorate the tree with ornaments. The ornament theme for this year is your "Favorite Ornament". This gives you plenty of time to either buy or make a favorite family ornament.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
**November 15/16, 2008**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,959.00
Loose	\$ 388.14
Energy Assistance	\$ 100.00
Actual Received	\$3,447.14
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 93.00
Maintenance	\$ 101.00
Votives	\$ 136.00
Children's Offering	\$ 49.10

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$123.32**

**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."

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: What are you thankful for?** This Thanksgiving, remember what you are truly thankful for. Husbands and wives, attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend provides a golden opportunity to show how much you love each other. The next dates are December 5-7 in 2008, and February 27 - March 1 in 2009. For information or reservations, please consult our website at [www.wmmechicago-gary.org](http://www.wmmechicago-gary.org) or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554.

**Vocation Thoughts** - "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan, Vocation Director, at (312) 751-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life the Office for Religious at 312-751-5245.

**St. Casmir's Cookie & Novelty Sale** - St. Casmir's Fatima Sodality invites everyone to their annual Cookie and Novelty Sale on the weekend of December 6th and 7th in the Blue Room of the school, located at 4329 Cameron Ave. in Hammond. Saturday hours are from 2PM to 6PM and Sunday hours are from 8:30AM to 3PM. Come and support us!

**Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.** is hosting a FREE foreclosure prevention workshop every Monday from 6PM to 8PM at Villa Guadalupe Senior Center, 3201 E. 91st St. Call 773-329-4185 to register.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Nov. 22/23	Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 23	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Nov. 24	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Nov. 27/28	Thanksgiving Holidays School/ Rectory office closed
Dec. 1	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Dec. 2	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Dec. 3	Brownies/Daises (KH) 2:30 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Dec. 7	Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30

**Note of Thanks** - The Marist Brothers are most grateful to St. Florian parishioners for a generous donation of \$915.00. Your spirit of generosity is overwhelming. Your continued support for the foreign missions and missionaries is very much appreciated.

**Daughters of Isabella** - The Daughters of Isabella, Circle 859 will host their Christmas Party on Dec. 2nd at 1PM at St. Columba Social Center, on 133rd & Green Bay Ave. Reservations are required and may be made by November 28th by calling Shirlee at 646-4690 or Bernice at 646-6444 no later than Please remember to bring a gift for the raffle!

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.*