

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, November 28 & 29**

- 4:00 PM + Sophie & Michael Sury - Daughter Rita
 8:00 AM + Mary Smierciak - Gibson Family
 9:45 AM Sister Julita - Parishioner
 80th Jubilee
 11:30 AM + Manuel Ortega Rosario - Daughter

Monday, November 30

- 7:30 AM Fr. Robert - Parishioner

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:30 AM + Doris Ginalski - Family

Wednesday, December 2

- 8:00 AM + Andrew & Emily Sabol - Family

Thursday, December 3

- 7:30 AM + Walter Burczak - Lee Ann Kasper

Friday, December 4

- 7:30 AM + Mary & Sigmund Rajewski - Family

Saturday, December 5

- 7:30 AM + Mary Sasak - Lapinski Family
 3:30 PM Litany and Benediction
 4:00 PM + Bernard Piotrowski Sr. - Son Tom & Family
 13th Anniversary

Sunday, December 6

- 8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Nancy Moll
 9:45 AM + Eugene Piekarczyk - Family
 11:30 AM + Antonio Davila - Alicia Davila

**Week of November 29 - December 5**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Mary Sasak - Lapinski Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 John & Steve Makara - Friend

READERS**December 2015**

- 4:00 PM D. Karczewski
 8:00 AM A. Bonczek
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM M. Suarez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, December 5**

- 4:00 PM N. Arreguin, J. Laskowiecki

SUNDAY, December 6

- 8:00 AM P. Gomez, J. Kelly
 9:45 AM D. Elizalde, A. Shea
 11:30 AM J. Salamanca

CANTORS**SATURDAY, December 5**

- 4:00 PM Vince

SUNDAY, December 6

- 8:00 AM Andrea
 9:45 AM Judy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**December 2015**

- 4:00 PM M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 C. Ranos
 8:00 AM C. Bozovic
 D. Ciciora
 K. Gibson
 9:45 AM P. Maccagnano
 C. Malone
 P. O'Rourke
 11:30 AM I. Jimenez
 R. Oseguera

USHERS**December 2015**

- 4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, E. Pindara,
 A. Lubanowski, T. Zalewski,
 N. Zalewski
 8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 M. Noworyta, 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...



Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Loretta Borowski, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Mary Lou Cowperthwaite, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Catherine Drilling, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjulich, Bob Frjulich, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, 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, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, James Rago, John Rosmanitz, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Lillian Smierciak, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Chestine Trzupsek, Asunción Villalpondo, Rita Wilck, Dianne Williams, Jim Winter, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - November 30 - St. Andrew

Reading Romans 10:9-18
Gospel Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday - December 1

Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Gospel Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday - December 2

Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a
Gospel Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday - December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Reading Isaiah 26:1-6
Gospel Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday - December 4 - St. John Damascene

Reading Isaiah 29:17-24
Gospel Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday - December 5

Reading Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Gospel Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading I Baruch 5:1-9
Reading II Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel Luke 3:1-6



We have been blessed with the gift of longevity and that gift is challenging us to rethink and redesign the places we live in and the relationships that sustain us as we age up. Our own convent here at St. Florian is fast becoming an opportunity for innovative housing and supportive networks to navigate the road ahead. It is fun and exciting to be part of this new community and what it means for the parish as well as ourselves. Sign up to learn more about it, or go to the website at: www.reopeningdoors.com.

For information call (312) 415-3503.



If you are new to the parish, stop in the rectory to register.

ST. FLORIAN CHURCH is now on Facebook.

Information and events will be posted on the Florian Hegewisch user page.

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

You only need to do this once. If you have already submitted your email address, you do not need to do it again.

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

Christmas Offerings

We encourage everyone to use their special Christmas envelope for their family's Christmas gift to the Parish. As you have given so generously in the past, we hope you are able to continue to do so this Christmas.

Also, please remember to use your Christmas Flower envelope to help with the cost of our flowers and decorations used in Church throughout the Christmas season.

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

2015 - 2016 REGISTRATION!

Registration is on going for 3 & 4 year old Pre-school through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at: 773-646-2868.

St. Florian School News

St. Florian offers classes for grades PreK through 8th. Classes are small, so individualized attention can be given to students. We offer half day and full day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. Students receive instruction in computers, Physical Education and Music in addition to the regular curriculum. Extended day care before and after school is available for working families. We have a very successful athletic program for both boys and girls. They can be involved in basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. Tuition assistance is available. View our website at <http://stflorianschool.org>.

St. Florian Paper Recycling

Don't forget to bring your old paper to St. Florian. You can recycle it in the big bins behind the school.

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.

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

Advent Reconciliation

All Saturdays of Advent 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 10th 6:30 PM

Litany with Benediction

All Saturdays of Advent 3:30 PM

Tree Lighting Service

Saturday, December 19th 4:00 PM

This year the ornaments for the tree lighting on December 19 at 4:00pm will be GOLD as this year we celebrate 110 years as a parish. Ornaments may be purchased or homemade. Refreshments will be served after Mass in Konsowski Hall.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Spanish community will begin their Novena (nine days) to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. They will meet each evening in 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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 24

Prelude 3:45 PM

Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24

Mass at Night 9:30PM

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Mass at Dawn 8:00 AM

Mass During the Day 9:45 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31 4:00 PM

Friday, January 1 9:00 AM

Pierogi Orders

If you did not get the chance to order your Christmas Pierogi during the recent Rosary Ladies Sodality bake sale, you can still place your orders for the remainder of the month of November. Simply put an order form and your payment in an envelope labeled "Pierogi Order" and drop the envelope in the collection basket during one of the Sunday Masses.

The Communion of Saints

At any given time, most of the world believes that death isn't final, that some form of immortality exists. Most people believe that those who have died still exist in some state, in some modality, in some place, in some heaven or hell, however that might be conceived. In some conceptions, immortality is seen as a state wherein a person is still conscious and relational; while in other concepts, existence after death is understood as real but impersonal, like a drop of water that has flowed back into the oceans.

As Christians, this is our belief: We believe that the dead are still alive, still themselves and, very importantly, still in a living, conscious, and loving relationship with us and with each other. That's our common concept of heaven and, however simplistic its popular expression at times, it is wonderfully correct. That's exactly what Christian faith and Christian dogma, not to mention deep intuitive experience, invite us to. After death we live on, conscious, self-conscious, in communication with others who have died before us, in communion with those we left behind on earth, and in communion with the divine itself. That's the Christian doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

But how is this to be understood? Not least, how do we connect to our loved ones after they have died? Two interpenetrating biblical images can help serve as an entry-point for our understanding of this. Both come from the Gospels.

The Gospels say that at the instant of Jesus' death, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (Matthew 27,50-52) The Gospels then go on to tell us that on the morning of the Resurrection several women came to Jesus' grave to anoint his dead body with embalming spices, but rather than finding his dead body, they meet instead an empty grave and two angels who challenge them with words to this effect: Why are you looking for a live person in a cemetery? He isn't here. He's alive and you can find him in Galilee. (Luke 24, 5) What's contained in these images?

As Christians, we believe that we are given eternal life through Jesus' death. Among other images, the Gospels express that in this metaphor: Jesus death, they tell us, "opened the tombs" and emptied graveyards. For this reason, Christians have never had a huge cult around cemeteries. As Christians, we don't do much in the way of spiritual practices around our cemeteries. Why? Because we believe all those graves are empty. Our loved ones aren't there and aren't to be found there. They're with Jesus, in "Galilee".

What's "Galilee", in terms of a biblical image? In the Gospels, Galilee is more than a place on a map; it's also a place inside the Spirit, God's Spirit and our own. In the Gospels, Galilee is the place where, for the most part, the good things happen. It's the place where the disciples first meet Jesus, where they fall in love with him, where they commit themselves to him, and where miracles happen. Galilee is the place where Jesus invites us to walk on water. Galilee is the place where the disciples' souls enlarge and thrive.

And that is also a place for each of our deceased loved ones. In each of their lives, there was a Galilee, a place where their persons and souls were most alive, where their lives radiated the energy and exuberance of the divine. When we look at the life of a loved one who has died we need to ask: Where was she most alive? What qualities did she, most-uniquely, embody and bring into a room? Where did she lift my spirit and make me want to be a better person?

Name those things, and you will have named your loved one's Galilee - and you will also have named the Galilee of the Gospels, namely, that place in the heart where Jesus invites you to meet him. And that is too where you will meet your loved ones in the communion of saints. Don't look for a live person in a cemetery. She's not there. She's in Galilee. Meet her there.

Elizabeth Johnson, leaning on Karl Rahner, adds this thought: "Hoping against hope, we affirm that they

[our loved ones who have died] have fallen not into nothingness but into the embrace of the living God. And that is where we can find them again; when we open our hearts to the silent calmness of God's own life in which we dwell, not by selfishly calling them back to where we are, but by descending into the depth of our own hearts where God also abides."

And the "Galilee" of our loved ones can also be found in side our own "Galilee". There's a deep place inside the heart, inside faith, hope, and charity, were everyone, living or deceased, is met.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to the holiday, our offering collection totals are not available. We will publish the totals next week.

Andrew by Paul Turner

Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist when his mentor pointed to Jesus and asked Andrew and another disciple to behold the Lamb of God (Jn 1:36). Andrew later invited his brother Peter to follow as well. Andrew is sometimes called the Protoclete, the first-called of the disciples. Also according to John's Gospel, Andrew spotted the boy with five loaves and two fish (6:8-9) and joined Philip to tell Jesus that some Greeks wanted to see him (12:22). Peter, Andrew, and Philip had all come from Bethsaida (1:44). Beyond this, little is known of Andrew.

Legend holds that all the apostles took the gospel to other lands. Accounts differ concerning Andrew's mission field, but one tradition has him founding the church at Constantinople. The collect for the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) thus calls him a "pastor." Tradition also says that Andrew died by crucifixion, having preached for two days from his cross: the same collect thus also calls him a "preacher." Another legend says that Andrew was bound by ropes - not nails - to an X-shaped cross.

Many churches claim to have housed Andrew's relics. One legend holds that St. Regulus from Russia carried the relics in a northwestern direction at the command of an angel and stopped in Scotland. Andrew is the patron of Scotland, and his X-shaped cross represents Scotland on Britain's Union Jack.

Andrew's presumed relics were once taken from Constantinople and hidden in Italy, his head kept inside one of the four great pillars surrounding the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Pope Paul VI returned that relic to the Orthodox Church in Greece in 1964.

Eucharistic Prayer I includes a listing of all the apostles, which the priest may abbreviate when he says the prayer. However, he always includes the name of Andrew.

What does it mean to be a Parishioner?

1. It means to be officially REGISTERED in the rectory! We need your family information in our business system.
2. What are some of the benefits of being a REGISTERED parishioner? You can get a list of your annual donations to use for tax purposes. As a REGISTERED parishioner, you can receive sacraments, be a sponsor/ witness for someone else receiving sacraments.
3. Are there any other ways to become a REGISTERED parishioner? NO.

Que significa ser un Parroquiano

1. Significa estar oficialmente REGISTRADO en la rectorial Necesitamos la información de su familia en nuestro sistema de negocio.
2. Cuales son algunos de los beneficios de estar REGISTRADO como parroquiano:
 - Pueden obtener una lista de sus donaciones anuales con propósito de reportar en sus impuestos.
 - Como un parroquiano REGISTRADO, puede recibir sacramentos, ser padrino/testigo para alguien que este recibiendo los sacramentos.
3. Hay otras maneras que pueda hacerse un parro-quiano REGISTRADO? NO.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Dec 1 | RCIA (KH) | 5:00pm |
| Dec 3 | Choir Rehearsal (Church) | 10:00am |
| Dec 6 | Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) | 1:30pm |
| Dec 10 | Choir Rehearsal (Church) | 10:00am |
| Dec 11 | Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg | 7:00pm |
| | - Gen Mtg | 8:00pm |
| Dec 15 | Pantry Setup (KH) | 9:00am |
| Dec 16 | Big Pantry (KH) | 3:30pm |
| Dec 17 | Choir Rehearsal (Church) | 10:00am |
| Dec 17 | RCIA (KH) | 5:00pm |

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 125.00

St. Vincent de Paul - During the 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:

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 Mark J. Dancer, 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 - 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 know of a family member who is no longer serving, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877 so they may be removed from this prayer list.

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:

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| | Donation | |
| <u>Daily Masses</u> | \$ 10 | |
| <u>Tree of Life</u> | | |
| Gold Leaf | \$ 100 | |
| Small Stone | \$ 500 | |
| Large Stone | \$1,000 | |

The Tabernacle Candle
 will be lit in memory of . . . \$ 10

The Gifts of Bread and Wine
 are donated in memory of . . . \$ 15

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

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www.paritygift.org



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: _____

Please Check One:

New Parishioner New Phone Number

New Address Moving, Remove

from Register