

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of December 1/2

4:00 PM + Mary Zralka - Sisters  
 8:00 AM + Jean Lenart - Family  
 9:45 AM + Gilbert Yager - Wife  
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

### Monday, December 3

7:15 AM + Agatha Draus - Ladies Rosary Sodality

### Tuesday, December 4

7:15 AM + Mary & Sigmund Rajewski - Family

### Wednesday, December 5

7:15 AM + Ben Piotrowski (10th Anniv.) - Valerie & Tom Piotrowski

### Thursday, December 6

7:15 AM + Marie Kateta (5th Anniv.) - Valerie & Tom Piotrowski

### Friday, December 7

8:15 AM + John Pilewski - Granddaughters

### Saturday, December 8

8:15 AM + Mary, Walter, and Bill Opiola - Family  
 3:30 PM - Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction  
 4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek & Son, Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

### Sunday, December 9

8:00 AM + John & Esther Romanek - Family  
 9:45 AM + Angeline Debski - Daughter  
 11:30 AM + Maria Soledad Carabez—Angelina

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### Week of December 2 - December 8

#### The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week for

Louise Maciejciek & Son, Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

#### The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week for the

Louise Maciejciek & Son, Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

### READERS

December 2012

4:00 PM B. Frederisy  
 8:00 AM A. Bonczek  
 9:45 AM D. Karczewski  
 11:30 AM L. Jimenez

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### SATURDAY, December 8

4:00 PM J.O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, P.Gomez

#### SUNDAY, December 9

8:00 AM N. Meduga, N.Mooney, D.Ranos  
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, M. Gomez  
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, J.Quentero

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 2012

4:00 PM

L. Morse  
 B. Peak  
 C. Motkowicz  
 M. Cowperthwaite  
 R. Haney  
 P. Gadus

8:00 AM

K. Gibson  
 J. Gibbons  
 D. Ciciora  
 C. Bozovic

9:45 AM

C. Malone  
 P. Maccagnano  
 P. Haro  
 P. O'Rourke  
 O. Haro  
 M. Czarobski

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera  
 O. Cruz

### USHERS

December 2012

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci  
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,  
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski

8:00 AM

A. Wopinski, T. Nester,  
 A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,  
 J. Shanahan, J. Young

9:45 AM

E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,  
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,  
 T. Baker, M. Gasior,

11:30 AM

R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez  
 M. Suarez



# Year of Sunday Mass

July 2012 - June 2013



## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Eat

We don't usually connect praying with eating. But that is exactly what we do, as we pray at Mass and eat the bread of life in Holy Communion. Prayer in all its different forms moves us towards God. Eating the bread of life in Holy Communion moves the Lord towards us, actually, bringing his presence within us.

This praying and eating at Mass seems, at first, simply to be very personal. It is an intimate action that touches us in the core of our being. Indeed, it is. At the same time, notice something else. At Mass, we pray and eat together. So, when we eat the bread of life, we are in deep communion with our saving Lord. And in him, we are also in deep communion with each other. .

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## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Comer

Normalmente no conectamos la oración con la comida. Pero eso es exactamente lo que hacemos cuando oramos en misa y comemos el pan de vida en la Sagrada Comunión. La oración, en todas sus formas, nos lleva a Dios. Comer el pan de vida en la Sagrada Comunión nos trae al Señor hasta nosotros, en realidad, y trae su presencia muy dentro de nosotros.

Orar y comer en la misa parecen actos muy individuales, a primera vista. Se trata de acciones que tocan el centro de nuestro ser, nuestro interior. Esto es lo que sucede, en realidad. Y, sin embargo, sucede algo más. Durante la Misa, oramos y comemos juntos. Cuando comemos el pan de vida, establecemos una profunda comunión con nuestro Redentor. Y en él, entramos en profunda comunión de unos con otros.

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### Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 2, 2012

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

**The Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is urgently "NOW!" – What one thing have I put off doing which would help make me whole with others and the Son of Man**



### Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 2, 2012

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

**La presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía es urgente "¡AHORA!" - ¿Qué cosa he puesto fuera haciendo que me ayudaría a hacer todo con los demás y el Hijo del Hombre?-36**

## We pray for . . .



Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna,, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupsek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia,, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Alysya Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Bob Frjelic, Charlene Jones, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, Chester Zakrzewski, Ron Jezior, Katharina Makara, Emily Prytherch, Stanley Kucia, 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 - Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Gospel Matthew 8: 5-11

### Tuesday - Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene

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

### Wednesday - Dec. 5 -

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

### Thurs.- Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas

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

### Friday - Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose

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

### Saturday - Dec, 8 - Feast of the

#### Immaculate Conception

Reading I Genesis 3: 9-15, 20  
Reading II Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12  
Gospel Luke 1: 26-38

### Sunday - Dec, 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

## In Remembrance

Bernard La Monto

November 16, 2012

### First Sunday of Advent

*Although each Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, this Advent marks the beginning of a renewed moment in the church's liturgical life. In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and at the end of time. So should we intensify our participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts in the Holy Eucharist.*

**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.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Spanish community will begin their Novena (nine days) to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:00 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. A Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Mass All are invited to a reception in the Gym after Mass.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation  
**Saturday, December 8th**  
Mass at 8:15 AM

### Advent Confessions

All Saturdays in Advent 3:00 - 3:30 PM  
Thursday, Dec. 13th 7PM Reconciliation Service

## St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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[www.stflorianschool.org](http://www.stflorianschool.org)



**Market Day** - Orders due Fri., Dec. 7th and pick up on Fri., Dec. 14th in the school gym from 2-3PM. Profit earned last month: \$131.85

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., Dec. 5th by 8 AM.

### 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 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.



**Holiday  
Craft/Vendor Show**  
Sponsored by St. Florian  
Parent Teacher Club

**Saturday—December 8, 2012  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

In the gymnasium  
(131st & Houston)

Vendors can purchase tables for \$20. Contact Saira Bensett at 773/382-0090 [saira.perea-bensett@czs.org](mailto:saira.perea-bensett@czs.org) or Ernestina E. Avila at 773/405-3373 at [ernie.echevarria@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ernie.echevarria@sbcglobal.net)

Pampered Chef, Irma's Closet, Premier Design, Tupperware, Lia Sofia, Partylite, Thirty-one, Avon and many more....

*Homemade Tamales and Tostadas will be available at the concession stand.*

### Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal Dec. 8-9 2012

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 8th & 9th the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, an opportunity to honor and thank retired Catholic sisters, brothers and religious-order priests for their generous service to our Church and our world will be presented.

Whether we realize it or not, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions made by women and men religious to the Church and to the world. Through their lives of prayer, good works and complete sacrifice of self, they served the schools that not only taught many of us to read and write but to know and love the Lord. They began the hospitals where many of us were born and where we were treated when we were ill and the nursing homes where our elderly family members were cared for with dignity and respect. They fostered the social programs that fed the hungry and were often a voice for those who could not speak for themselves. I remain grateful for all these and the many other ways in which they have been of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I realize there are numerous worthy causes in need of assistance and that many individuals and families continue to struggle financially. I ask you simply to offer what you can for the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church.

Thank you for your support of this appeal. During the upcoming Advent season, you and those you love will be in my prayers in a special way; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
	11/18/2012	11/25/2012
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,030.70	\$2,647.66
Loose	\$ 306.47	\$ 306.64
Energy	\$ 101.05	\$ 78.00
Children's Offering	\$ 67.67	\$ 55.36
Maintenance	\$ 97.00	\$ 32.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 173.00	\$ 100.00
CCHD	\$ 770.24	\$
Votives	\$ 88.53	\$ 108.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,634.66</b>	<b>\$3,327.67</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$332.00**  
**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."


**Ladies Rosary Sodality** - The Ladies Rosary Sodality will meet on Sunday, December 2nd at 1:30 p.m. in Konsowski Hall. A Christmas luncheon will be served and there will be White Elephant gift exchange.


**Advent Wreath Year C**  
Paul Turner

If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here is a prayer for the first week of Advent you could say while you light its candle. You may set these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

**Week 1:** O God, whose Son promised to come back in a cloud with power and great glory, help us prepare for his return. When we are afraid, give us hope. As we light this first candle, give us strength to endure our trials. Through Christ our Lord.

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**Parish Tree Lighting**

**Saturday, December 15th**

3:30 PM Taizé Prayer Service  
4:00 PM Liturgy followed by Tree Lighting

This year we have chosen a "Angel" ornament as our theme. All families are asked to help decorate the tree with ornaments (either purchased or homemade). Refreshments will be available in Konsowski Hall following the tree lighting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
Dec. 2	Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) 1:30
Dec. 3	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Dec. 6	Men's Choir Practice (Church) 5:00 St. Cecilia Choir (Church) 6:00
Dec. 8/9	Religious Retirement Collection
Dec. 10	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Dec. 11	VFW (KH) 5:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

**Pancake Breakfast with Santa** - The General Pulaski Council #3323 Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 16th at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay. Free gift and photo with Santa Claus for all the kids. 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 until 12 Noon. Adults \$7.00 Children 10 and under \$3.00. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible. Need more information? Call John Rydzewski at 708-841-1904.

**St. Columba Advent Parish Mission** - All are invited to an Advent Mission, *Growing in the Gift of Faith*, at St. Columba Church on Sunday, December 2nd - December 4th. The sessions will begin at 7PM each night and will last about one hour and 15 minutes, followed by time for fellowship and refreshments. The mission will be led by Fr. Tom Donaldson, a Redemptorist priest and a popular guest speaker, who will deliver thought-provoking presentations that will help deepen your awareness of God's love for us and enliven and renew your faith. For more information, contact St. Columba at 773-646-2660.

Please pray for our  
**Service Members:**

Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force - SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - SSgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - 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 - Cpl Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps - Capt. 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, - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force - Sgt. Ernest Silva, U.S. Marine Corps, Bill Anderson - U.S. Army

*If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.*

