

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of December 4/5

- 4:00 PM + Sally Cegielski - Family
 8:00 AM + Zakrzewski Family - Family
 9:45 AM + Gilbert Yager - Wife
 11:30 AM + Ben Piotrowski (8th Anniv.) - Son & Family

Monday, December 6

- 7:15 AM - Nell Pugh - Alicia Davila

Tuesday, December 7

- 7:15 AM + Marie Kaleta (3rd Anniv.) - Son & Family

Wednesday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 8:15 AM + Charles Miceli - Family
 7:00 PM + Peter Orzelski - Friends & Family

Thursday, December 9

- 7:15 AM + Albina Wollack - Family

Friday, December 10

- 8:15 AM + Stanley Lis - Karen & Sigmund Kil

Saturday, December 11

- 7:30 AM + Stephanie Duszynski - Mr. & Mrs. R. Emerson
 3:30 PM + Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction
 4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Ronald & Irene Nawracaj

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 AM + Theresa & Bruno Milewski - Daughter
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Anita Cruz - Family

Week of December 5 - December 11

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Louise Maciejciek - Ronald & Irene Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Charles Miceli - Josephine Cap

LECTORS

December, 2010

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM L. Morse
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 4

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

SUNDAY, December 5

- 8:00 AM R. Robles, D. Ranos, N. Mooney
 9:45 AM V. Velasco, C. Haro, A. Shea
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December, 2010

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

USHERS

December, 2010

- 4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite,
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
- 8:00 AM 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 F. Favela, J. Gonzalez



Advent Wreath Year A

Paul Turner

Here is a prayer for the second week of Advent you could say while you light your Advent wreath candles. 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 2: O God, who sent John the Baptist to tell us to prepare the way of the Lord, let these two candles light the way for us. Help us to walk now and always in a straight path to you. May love of God and love of neighbor light our way. Through Christ our Lord.

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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 continue their Novena (nine days) to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 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 Sunday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m. Mass All are invited to a reception in the Gym after Mass.

“NOVENA A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE”

Cordialmente le invitamos a que nos acompañe
Novena: Viernes, 3 de Diciembre a
Sábado 11 de Diciembre, Hors: 6:30 p.m.
Lugar: Konsowski Hall; Primer piso
Misa: Dominga 12 de Diciembre; Hora 11:30 a.m.
Convivio: después de la misa en el gimasio
de la escuela San Florian, (Houston & 131st St.)

Feast of the

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 8th

Masses at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Advent Confessions

All Saturdays in Advent 3:00 - 3:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 15th 7PM Reconciliation Service
Saturday, Dec. 18th 2:30 - 3:30 & after 4PM Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 21st 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Oplatki

(Christmas Wafers)

Available in Church after all masses
and at the Rectory and School Office
\$2.00 per package or 3 for \$5.00

Parish Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 19th

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

This year we have chosen a “**silver**” 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.



The Christmas Custom of Oplatki



Oplatki “The Bread of Love”

Before sitting down at the table, everyone receives a piece of wafer, called oplatki (Oh-pwa-ki). It is similar to the communion wafer but rectangular with religious nativity scenes stamped into it. Each person breaks off a small piece of the other person’s wafer and eats it, while hugging and exchanging good wishes for the coming year. All transgressions are forgiven and family members start over with a clean slate in their relationships with one another. It is still strongly believed that whatever happens on Christmas Eve will impact the upcoming year. Oplatki, called the “bread of love” is mailed to family members who can’t attend Christmas in person.

We pray for . . .

Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frijelich, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupsek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, 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 Arndt, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Sophie Kapera, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Eleanor Wiencek, Michelle Kendra, Loretta Wopinski, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, 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. 6 - St. Nicholas

Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
Gospel Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday - Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose

Reading Isaiah 40:1-11
Gospel Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday - 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

Thurs.- Dec. 9 - St. Juan Diego

Reading Isaiah 41:13-20
Gospel Matthew 11:11-15

Friday - Dec. 10

Reading Isaiah 48:17-19
Gospel Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday - Dec. 11 - St. Damasus I

Reading Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Gospel Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Dec. 12 Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Reading II James 5: 7-10
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

In Remembrance

Mary Juszcak

November 29, 2010

November Baptisms:

Joel

Son of Luis Chavez & Rosa Maria Padilla

Abigail Jocelyn

Daughter of Ezequiel & Migdalia Gonzalez

EVANGELIZATION THROUGH TV ADS

Evangelization has always been the mission of the Catholic Church. The call to evangelize first given to us by Christ requires that we proclaim the word of God using every means of communication. In the Church today using the media has become indispensable in bringing the Gospel message into the world through the internet, radio and television.

In 2009 Cardinal George collaborated with the Bishops in the Dioceses of Rockford and Joliet on an evangelization initiative using television advertisements.

Catholics Come Home Chicago gave us 5 ½ weeks of ads in 3 languages, broadcast on 10 networks that invited Catholics who had drifted from the practice of the faith to come home.

As the events of **Catholics Come Home Chicago** came to an end, we asked parishes to complete a survey on the initiative. We received 440 surveys from Pastors and Parish Contacts with over 70% stating that the evangelization initiative was a benefit to their parish in several ways. Our efforts resulted in an increase in Mass attendance, more people participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a renewed sense of Catholic identity in active parishioners and affirmation for Parish Staffs who have focused on evangelization in their individual parishes. While we have experienced a period of growth in number and strength, we know that the continuation of this movement is the responsibility of every person in every parish.

This year there will be NEW **Catholics Come Home** ads shown on TV from mid-December to Mid-January. Once again, the ads will become a catalyst for faith conversations and moments of evangelization in homes, schools, neighborhoods and places of business all around the Archdiocese.



You can find out more about this evangelization effort and how you can participate by going to our website at www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



BINGO

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



(Please Note: There will no bingo on Dec. 12th, Dec. 26th, and Jan. 2nd)

Market Day - Pick up on Friday, Dec. 10 from 2-3PM.
Profits earned last month: \$160.82. Thank you for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 8AM in the parking lot.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal Dec. 11-12 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 11th & 12th the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which provides for the care of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests will take place.

As I reflect on the role that religious have played in our Church, I am reminded of the many ways in which these dedicated women and men serve as bridges of faith. Through their service in Catholic schools and parishes, they offer a bridge to both academic knowledge and faith formation. Through their corporal works of mercy, they are bridges of hope, serving as models of God's love to the poor, the sick, the lonely and the oppressed. In a special way during their retirement years, they serve as bridges of grace, embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and our world.

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

Advent Symbols

One of the most enduring symbols of the season, the **Advent Wreath** brings together several powerful images:

- The circular wreath reminds us that's God's love for us has no beginning and no end.
- The **evergreen sprigs** often added to the wreath call to mind the eternal life God offers us in Jesus.
- The four **candles** mark the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are **purple**, the color of repentance, reminding us why we need a Savior in the first place. The one **pink** candle is a sign of joy, even in the midst of waiting. As we light another candle each week, **light** increasing dispels darkness, just as the Light of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death in our lives.


Advent Calendars mark the passage of time in a concrete way.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
November 27/28, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,539.27
Loose	\$ 316.21
Energy Assistance	\$ 96.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,951.48
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 73.00
Maintenance	\$ 17.00
Children's Offering	\$ 57.82
Votives	\$ 105.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$135.00
You Are Great - Yes, we mean you. You seem surprised. You are great because you are doing great things. They may appear to be little things, but your consistent concern, week after week, as you contribute your coins in the Poor Boxes is a great thing. Thank you.

Hegewisch Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Food and Coat Drive - Donations can be made from now until December 10th and can be dropped off at the chamber office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10AM and 2PM. All food and coats will be donated to our local charity. For more information, please contact the chamber office at 773-646-6880.

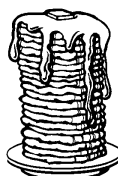
Please pray for our
Service Members:



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 - Cpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - 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, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force
If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec. 5 Ladies Rosary Sodality (1:30)
Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Dec. 6 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Dec. 9 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Dec. 10 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
Members 8:00
- Dec. 11/12 Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec. 13 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Dec. 14 Scouts (PMR) 2:45
SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
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 5th 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 12:30PM. 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.

Holy Name Society - The St. Florian Holy Name Society would to thank everyone for their support of the recent raffle fundraiser. All tickets have been sold out. REMEMBER, the first drawing of two tickets will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011.

Ladies Rosary Sodality - The Ladies Rosary Sodality will meet on Sunday, December 5th at 1:30 p.m. in Konsowski Hall. We will have a Christmas luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange (\$5 value). New ladies are welcome!

Vocation Thoughts
December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Are you being called to help "Prepare the way of the Lord?" for today's people as a priest or religious? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org. For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at eramirez@archchicago.org.