

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 5 & 6**

4:00 PM + Bernard Piotrowski Sr. - Son Tom & Family
13th Anniversary
8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Nancy Moll
9:45 AM + Eugene Piekarczyk - Family
11:30 AM + Antonio Davila - Alicia Davila

Monday, December 7

7:30 AM + Marie Kaleta - Daughter & Family
8th Anniversary

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM + Ken Baker - Family
7:00 PM For the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 AM + Walter Burczak - Lee Morse

Thursday, December 10

7:30 AM Fr. Robert - Parishioner
6:30 PM Parish Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 11

7:30 AM + Gilbert Yager - Wife

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 AM For the Parishioners - Parishioner
3:30 PM Litany and Benediction
4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Irene & Ron Nawracaj
5:30 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Rita Abram
9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
11:30 AM + Jaime Cristobal

**Week of December 6 - December 12**

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

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe
5:30 PM D. Ranos (Spanish Mass)

SUNDAY, December 13

8:00 AM A. Villanueva, A. Villanueva
9:45 AM J. Salamanca, A. Shea
11:30 AM N. Arreguin

READERS**December 2015**

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

CANTORS**SATURDAY, December 12**

4:00 PM Ken

SUNDAY, December 13

8:00 AM Laurie
9:45 AM Michelle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**December 2015**

4:00 PM M. Cowperthwaite
J. Gibbons
C. Ranos
8:00 AM C. Bozovic
D. Ciora
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 Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, Ray Holloway, Charlene Jones, Edward Kawa, Larry Kawa, Ron Keene, Karen Kil, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Helen Larson, John Larson, Beth Lassetter, 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 - December 7 - St. Ambrose

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

Tuesday - December 8 - Immaculate Conception of Mary

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

Wednesday - December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

Reading Isaiah 40:25-31
Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday - December 10

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

Friday - December 11 - St. Damasus I

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

Saturday - December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reading Zechariah 2:14-17
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Sunday - December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading I Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Reading II Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel Luke 3:10-18



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.



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.**

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

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 in-vised 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

Ladies Rosary Sodality Meeting

Ladies Rosary Sodality meeting on Sunday, December 6th at 1:30pm in Konsowski Hall. We will have a Christmas luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange.

FOUR MOUNT CARMEL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

(Chicago, IL) - Four Mount Carmel students reached the pinnacle of their Boys Scout careers by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

From constructing forest preserve paths to restoring local parks, seniors David "D.J." Demy (Chicago, Beverly), Kenny Koval, Matthew McKay (Chicago, West Lawn), and Jake Polewaczyk (Steger, IL), initiated and completed individual service projects in achieving the seventh and most prestigious rank in the Boys Scout community.

"Ranks are based on merit," Koval explained. "The first couple are all skill based, such as camping trips, cooking, and setting up camps. The latter three are more based on merit badges and service hours and projects. The Eagle rank encompasses everything you've learned through your stages."

Each student crafted service projects that were personally relevant and encapsulated all of the skills they've acquired throughout their Boy Scout career.

Demy, who spent a lot of time as a child in the Dan Ryan Woods near his parish, Christ The King, collaborated with Friends of the Forest Preserves and constructed new paths in the familiar Southside preservation. "It was challenging," said Demy, a Mount Carmel choir member and football player. "All of the leadership that was involved during it is what the whole process of scouting gets you prepared for."

Polewaczyk similarly catered his Boy Scout skills to aid forest preserves, deconstructing 75 tree enclosures in Homer Glen's Messenger Marsh. "We've done a lot to help out the nature preserves," Polewaczyk said.

West Lawn natives Kenny Koval and Matthew McKay identified opportunities to improve neighborhood features that have been noticeably in need. Koval, a Mount Carmel baseball player and bass fisherman, restored deteriorating walls of a Little League baseball field and created a memorial for former Mount Carmel student and second basemen Steven Bajenski.

"I grew up playing there, I used to help get the fields ready," Koval said. "I thought it was something to give back to the community and get the fields ready for the little guys."

Matthew McKay, a National Honors Society student and member of Mount Carmel's student newspaper, The Caravan, built picnic tables and assisted in assembling a new park at his alma mater, St. Mary's Star of the Sea School. He believes the mutual support system at Mount Carmel encouraged him throughout his Boys Scout service.

"When you go through this, you can't do it all by yourself. You need help to accomplish this goal. Everyone at Mount Carmel works together to accomplish their goals. That's what I've learned at Mount Carmel."

Advent *Showing Our True Colors*

You might think the colors of the season are the red and green we see everywhere this time of year. For Catholics, the colors of the liturgical season of Advent are purple and a bit of pink. These colors have special significance for this holy season. They evoke the themes of Advent.

The traditional Advent wreath will have three purple candles, one pink candle and perhaps a white one in the center. Purple connotes the theme of repentance and fasting in preparation for the celebration of Christmas when the white candle will be lit. During Advent, the priest at our Sunday Masses will wear purple vestments on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent. As in Lent, purple reminds us that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy and love, especially in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. We rejoice in the promise of redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus. On that day, the priest wears pink vestments, and we light the pink candle on our wreath as a sign of our joy. It's a good reminder that while joy fills our plans for Christmas gift-buying and gift-giving, the true joy of Christmas is welcoming God's only Son into our world.

The white of Christmas vestments might signify snow for those of us living in the colder climates, but it is a sign of purity of Christ, the sinless one. The priest will wear white vestments on Christmas Day and all the Masses through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS**November, 2015**

| | 21 & 22 | 28 & 29 |
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| Sunday Collections | | |
| 4:00pm Mass | \$ 515.00 | \$ 774.00 |
| 8:00am Mass | \$ 807.00 | \$ 701.11 |
| 9:45am Mass | \$ 638.48 | \$ 603.00 |
| 11:30am Mass | \$ 289.00 | \$ 513.81 |
| Mailed Donations | \$ 230.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| Votives | \$ 142.60 | \$ 150.25 |
| Actual Received | \$ 2,622.08 | \$ 2,967.17 |
| vs Budgeted Goal | -\$ 4,500.00 | -\$ 4,500.00 |
| Deficit | -\$ 1,877.92 | -\$ 1,532.83 |
| Energy | \$ 40.00 | \$ 126.00 |
| Second Energy Collection | \$ 0.00 | \$ 168.00 |
| All Saints | \$ 10.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| All Souls | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Thanksgiving (SVDP) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 758.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ 5.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Human Development | \$ 373.95 | \$ 31.00 |
| Building Improvement | \$ 48.00 | \$ 30.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 40.00 | \$ 21.00 |

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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

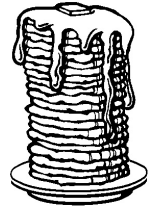
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| Dec 10 | Choir Rehearsal (Church) | 10:00am |
| Dec 11 | Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg - Gen Mtg | 7:00pm 8:00pm |
| Dec 15 | Pantry Setup (KH) | 9:00am |
| Dec 15 | RCIA (KH) | 5:00pm |
| Dec 16 | Big Pantry (KH) | 3:30pm |
| Dec 17 | Choir Rehearsal (Church) | 10:00am |
| Dec 21 | Young at Heart (KH) | 1:00pm |

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 121.00

St. Vincent de Paul - Thanks! Because you are concerned... This is a note of appreciation. Our thank you is a simple but sincere statement. You are being thanked by the poor and the needy for food, clothing, medicine and other needs you are supplying. "The Poor Boxes are the Bread Boxes of the Needy."

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

The General Pulaski Council #3323 Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 13th 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 \$10.00 Children 10 and under \$5.00. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible. Need more information? Call John Rydzewski at 708-841-1904.

**I Can't Wait for Christmas!**

We live in a culture that celebrates early and often. Waiting until Christmas before we celebrate is hard. Giving and receiving genuine gifts is hard. Yearning for the Lord instead of settling for less is hard. Here are some suggestions:

- ❖ Forego some of the celebration before Christmas and plan a special celebration for Christmas Day or the days afterward.
- ❖ Give a gift to someone who will not give you a gift. It can be a very ordinary gift, but offer it with special love or kindness.
- ❖ Notice how you wait—in a check outline, at a traffic light, for a phone call or a visit. Add a prayer for patience during your time of waiting.

Ponder the words of Psalm 27: "Wait for the Lord, be stout hearted and wait."

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