

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of December 6/7

- 4:00 PM + Roman Majewski (20th Anniv.) - Wife, Virginia
 8:00 AM + Marie Kaleta (1st Anniv.) - Family
 + Bruno Milewski - Daughter
 9:45 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Judy Kosiba
 11:30 AM + Dionicio Garcia & Imelda Ramirez - Family

Monday, December 8

- 8:15 AM + Barney Zielinski - Family
 7:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek & Son, Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Tuesday, December 9

- 7:15 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Dr. Novak & Family

Wednesday, December 10

- 7:15 AM + Angeline Debski - Family

Thursday, December 11

- 7:15 AM + Theresa & Bruno Milewski - Daughter

Friday, December 12

- 8:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Nancy Chen
 6:30 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Liturgy

Saturday, December 13

- 7:30 AM + Sylvia Krupa - Ladies Rosary Sodality
 3:30 PM - Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction
 4:00 PM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - SVDP

Sunday, December 14

- 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Liturgy Committee
 + Josephine Iwan - Lee Morse
 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. John Goniorowski
 11:30 AM + Jesus Reyes - Family

Week of December 7 - December 13

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

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Joseph Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

LECTORS December, 2008

- 4:00 PM B. Frederisy
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM L. Morse
 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 13

- 4:00 PM J. Lelo, M. Elizalde, J. Gottardo

SUNDAY, December 14

- 8:00 AM D. Ranos, N. Mooney, J. Carlassare
 9:45 AM B. Echevarria, C. Haro, E. Echevarria
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, G. Bonczek, K. Mallee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS December, 2008

4:00 PM

- L. Szeffc
 B. Frjelich
 M. Piaskowy
 J. Gibbons
 M. Cowperthwaite
 A. Bonczek

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
 E. Podsiadlik
 B. Peak
 P. Gadus
 N. Moll
 E. Boganski

9:45 AM

- C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 K. Gibson
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

- R. Oseguera
 A. Davila

USHERS December, 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



**Reflection for the
Second Sunday
of
Advent**

By Rev. Daren J. Zehnle

The voice of John the Baptist filled the hearts of the people of Judah with great joy because in his powerful words they heard the thundering voice of truth. The forerunner of the Lord called the people to repentance so that they might be inwardly prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Let us listen intently to John's words and heed the humble sound of his voice so that our hearts will exult when we hear at the last the majestic voice of Christ Jesus.

Let Us Pray

*All-powerful and ever-loving Father,
you gave us you Son
to save us from sin and death.
Open our ears to hear his call to
repentance.*

Amen

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.

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 a special blessing. 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. They will meet each evening in the Parish Meeting Room (2nd floor above 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 Friday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception**

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8th

Masses at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Advent Confessions

All Saturdays in Advent	3:00 - 3:30 PM
Wed., Dec. 17	7 PM Reconciliation Service
Sat., Dec. 20	2:30 - 3:30 & after 4PM Mass
Tues., Dec. 23	7:00—8:00 PM

Parish Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 20th

3:30 PM	Taizé Prayer Service
4:00 PM	Liturgy

This year we have chosen your "Favorite 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.

Oplatki

(Christmas Wafers)

Available at the Rectory and School Office and also sold after weekend Masses in Church \$2.00 per package or 3 for \$5.00

We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, John Noworyta, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelich, 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 Trzupiek, 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, 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, Katelyn Grabowski, Irma Cardenas, Virginia Majewski, Anthony Gromek, Edward Walczak, Agnes Walczak, 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.



In remembrance . . .

Adolph Gargas

November 24, 2008

November Baptisms:

Emma Isabelle

Daughter of Kevin Kunka and Leslie Dubiel

Ethan John

Son of Kevin Kunka and Leslie Dubiel

Aidan James

Son of Kevin Kunka and Leslie Dubiel

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal Dec. 13-14, 2008

Share in the Care

The 2008 Retirement Fun for Religious collection, conducted by the National Religious Retirement Office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be taken up in parishes across the U.S. the weekend of December 13-14. This collection has been the most successful appeal in U.S. Catholic Church history, helping the more than 37,000 religious now past the age of 70 to meet the costs of elder care.

Please give generously to the second collection on December 13-14, which benefits the many deserving religious who served the Archdiocese of Chicago, past and present.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception

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

Tuesday—Dec. 9 - St. Juan Diego

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

Wed. - Dec. 10

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

Thursday - Dec. 11 - St. Damasus I

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

Friday - Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Sat. - Dec. 13 - St. Lucy

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

Sunday Dec. 14— 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Reading II 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Novenas

A novena is a nine-day prayer asking a saint for prayers and intercessions. Nine days passed between Christ's ascension and the Holy Spirit's descent on the apostles; nine days spent by the disciples in prayer and fasting in an upper room, higher and separate from the bustling and noisy city around them. Today, even in our own busy lives, we can take a few minutes a day to commune with God, to speak to our older brothers and sisters in the faith. May we remember that if the first novena brought about the birth of the Church then novenas today can work miracles as well.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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



**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, Prego, Nestle Pure Water labels and Pepperidge Farm.

Market Day -
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!

Christmas Cards for our Armed Forces Members



St. Florian School is collecting Christmas cards for members of our Armed Services. The cost to you for this simple act of ministry is that of a Christmas card. The benefit to the service member could be priceless!

To participate, drop off a signed Christmas card to the School office by December 9, 2008. Use the salutation: Dear Service Member. All cards must be signed, but should not include personal information. Do not include any letters, photos or other items with the Christmas card. Simply write a short message in the card and sign it. If you don't know what to write try these phrases:

I (we) just wanted to let you know that you are always in our prayers.
Thank you for your service to our country.
Thank you for keeping us free. Your sacrifice is not forgotten.
Our prayers are with you and your loved ones at this time of year.

All Christmas cards delivered by December 9 will be gathered together and mailed to the American Red Cross. Cards delivered to the school require no postage.

If you would like to mail your own card send it to the address below before December 10, 2008.


Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

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.

Christmas Offerings:

Please remember to use your Christmas Flower envelope to assist in defraying the cost of our Christmas decorations in Church



December 2008 Book Rack Selections

Word and Worship Pocket Calendar 2009
Sundays With Jesus Cycle B by James Di Giacomo, SJ.
Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit by Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.
Lost and Found Catholics by Christopher Bellitto, PHD .
Christ Our Hope by Pope Benedict XVI.
God Lust by Kerry Walters.
Finding a Grace Filled Life by Rick Mathis
Preparing for Worship Cycle B by Daniel Donovan.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
November 29/30, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,105.00
Loose	\$ 441.49
Energy Assistance	\$ 26.00
Actual Received	\$3,572.49
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 38.00
Votives	\$ 173.00
Children's Offering	\$ 61.75

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$70.50

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: THE BEST GIFTS ARE FREE! The best gift a mother and father can give their children is to love each other. Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend as a gift for your spouse this Christmas. The next weekend dates are February 27 - March 1 or May 1-3, or June 5-7 2009. For information or reservations, please consult our website at www.wmmechicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at

Gabriel's Corner Christmas Open House — Find the perfect Christmas gifts for those special family and friends on your list! Just come to Annunciata Church vestibule and gift shop, 3747 E. 111th St on Saturdays, Dec. 6 & 13, from 4-7PM or Sunday, Dec. 7 & 14, 8AM-2PM. Religious articles, gift baskets, candy, children's gifts and free gift wrapping. All are invited.

Vocation Thoughts - As we approach the coming of Christ's birth, we are told to ready ourselves for Him. How are you preparing yourself? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan, Vocation Director, at (312) 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org. For more information about the religious life the Office for Religious at 312-751-5245.

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

Dec. 7	Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Dec. 8	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Dec. 9	Golden Agers (KH) 1:00 School Advisory (Rectory) 6:30 Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00
Dec. 10	Athletic Mtg. (School) 9:00AM Holy Name Officers (PMR) 7:00 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
Dec. 11	Scouts (KH) 6:00 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Dec. 12	Market Day (Gym) 2:00 Holy Name (PMR) 7:30
Dec. 13/14	Religious Retirement Collection
Dec. 14	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Dec. 15	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00 Ministry of Care (Rectory) 7:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

Ladies Rosary Sodality - Ladies Rosary Sodality meeting will take place on Sunday, December 7th in Konsowski Hall at 1:30PM. New members are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, Dec. 14th, from 8-1 p.m. at the St. Columba Social Center. Adults \$7 and kids 12 and under \$3. Free gift and picture with Santa for the kids!

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,
1st 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.