

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of December 8/9

4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek & Son, Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj
 8:00 AM + John & Esther Romanek - Family
 9:45 AM + Angeline Debski - Daughter
 11:30 AM + Maria Soledad Carabez—Angelina

Monday, December 10

7:15 AM + John Kendra - Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Michalski

Tuesday, December 11

7:15 AM + Ken Baker - Lisa & Dominic Pell

Wednesday, December 12

7:15 AM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends
 6:30 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Liturgy

Thursday, December 13

7:15 AM + Elaine Boganski - Friends
 7:00 PM - Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 14

8:15 AM + Genevieve Banas - Family

Saturday, December 15

7:30 AM + Rosner Family - Ken & Donna Kozlowski & Family
 3:30 PM - Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction
 4:00 PM + Andrew F. & Stacy Motkowicz - Daughter-in-law, Ceil

Sunday, December 16

8:00 AM + Stephanie Gabrys - Rosary Ladies Sodality
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak (50th Anniv.) - Family
 11:30 AM + José Jesús Reyes - Family

Week of December 9 - December 15

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week for

Helen Zurawski - Chester & Marge Wojcikiewicz

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week for the

Helen Zurawski - Chester & Marge Wojcikiewicz

READERS December 2012

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 15

4:00 PM R. Robles, M. Gomez, P. Gomez

SUNDAY, December 16

8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, N. Meduga
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, A. Villanueva
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, J. Quintero

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

Drink

It makes perfect sense. Before we drink, we must pour what we are to drink. At Holy Communion, when we drink from the chalice, we know there has been a prior ritual action of preparation, the pouring of wine that includes a drop of water symbolizing the union of the humanity and divinity of Jesus. We also know from Jesus' words of institution that what we drink has been poured in another sense.

In Jesus's name, the priest says, "Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Take and drink what has been poured into this chalice. Take and drink what has been poured out on the cross for your salvation. When we drink from this chalice, we know we can only do so, because the suffering and self-sacrificing love of Jesus has first been poured out for us.

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Beber

Obviamente, antes de beber, hay que servir lo que vamos a beber. En la Sagrada Comunión, cuando bebemos del cáliz, debemos saber que ha habido un ritual previo de preparación: el verter el vino que incluye una gota de agua simbolizando la unión de la humanidad y la divinidad de Jesús. También sabemos, por las palabras de Jesús durante la institución eucarística, que lo que bebemos ha sido vertido o derramado de modo muy diferente.

En el nombre de Jesús, el sacerdote dice, "Tomad y bebed todos de él, porque éste es el cáliz de mi Sangre. Sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna, que será derramada por vosotros y por todos los hombres para el perdón de los pecados." Toma y bebe lo que ha sido vertido en ese cáliz. Toma y bebe lo que ha sido derramado sobre la cruz y por nuestra salvación. Cuando bebemos de ese cáliz, sabemos bien que sólo lo podemos hacer a causa de que el sufrimiento y el amor oblativo de Jesús han sido derramados primero por nosotros.

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Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 9, 2012

LK 3:1-6

How is Eucharist my bread for the journey, nourishment for the "desert" times of my life?



Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 9, 2012

LK 3:1-6

¿Cómo es que la Eucaristía será mi pan para el camino, alimento para el "desierto" en momentos de mi vida?

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 Trzupek, 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, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Bob Frjelic, Charlene Jones, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, Chester Zakrzewski, Ron Jezior, Katharina Makara, Emily Prytherch, 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. 10

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

Tuesday - Dec. 11 - St. Damasus I

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

Wednesday - Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Thurs.- Dec. 13 - St. Lucy

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

Friday - Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross

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

Saturday - Dec, 15

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

Sunday - Dec, 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

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 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.

Advent Confessions

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

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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Vigil Mass Monday, Dec. 24 4:00 PM Mass

Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24

Christmas Carols and Mass at Night 10:00PM

Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25

Mass at Dawn with traditional Polish Christmas Carols 8:00 AM
Mass during the Day 9:45 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Dec. 31 4:00 PM.
Tuesday, Jan. 1 9:00 AM

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at -
www.stflorianschool.org



Market Day - 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.

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 checkout line, 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 stouthearted and wait."

Oplatki

(Christmas Wafers)
Available in Church after all masses
and at the Rectory and School Office
\$2.00 per package

Adoring Angels

By Paul Turner

Some tabernacles in Catholic churches are decorated with images of two angels. Some churches position two statues of angels turned toward the tabernacle in attitude of prayer.

These images indicate a connection between the tabernacle in church and the Old Testament accounts of the Ark of the Covenant. The ark contained the presence of God represented by three important manifestations: the stone tablets on which were written the commandments, the rod of Aaron, and some of the presence of God would remain in their midst. According to Exodus 25:22 images of two angels adorned at the ark.

In Catholic Churches the tabernacle is the place to store the leftover consecrated bread after Mass. This reserved Eucharist is for communion to the sick, for adoration, or for sharing in communion at Mass when an insufficient amount of bread is consecrated.

Jesus called himself the true bread that came down from heaven (Jn 6:58), alluding to the story of the manna. Just as the manna provided sustenance for the Israelites on their wanderings, so Christ, our bread of life, sustains up on our pilgrimage toward heaven. The Israelites kept some manna in a box, and Catholics keep some of the Blessed Sacrament in a box. To draw the connection between the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant, many churches adorn the tabernacle or its area with images of adoring angels. They show that God's plan from long ago is realized today. These angels remind believers that Jesus Christ is the presence of God, who takes up a dwelling in our midst.

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS**December 1/2, 2012**

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 3,066.22 |
| Loose | \$ 250.86 |
| Energy | \$ 261.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 30.50 |
| Maintenance | \$ 364.00 |
| Bldg. Improvement | \$ 268.00 |
| Votives | \$ 101.50 |
| Total | \$ 4,342.08 |

Florian Fest results will be in next week's bulletin**St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$191.00**

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."

Annunciata Bereavement Ministry - The Annunciata Bereavement Ministry Support Group will hold a special session on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10AM in the rectory meeting room (11128 S. Avenue G, Chicago). We invite you to join us in a discussion about "Facing the Christmas Holidays." It is our hope that in listening to and sharing with others, who are also grieving, that we can support one another. In order to prepare for refreshments, please call Annunciata's parish office at 773-221-1040, if you plan to attend.

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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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| Dec. 8/9 | Religious Retirement Collection |
| Dec. 10 | Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00 |
| Dec. 11 | VFW (KH) 5:00 |
| | Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00 |
| Dec. 13 | Faith Sharing (KH) 5:00 |
| | Reconciliation Service (Church) 7:00 |
| Dec. 14 | Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00 |
| | Members 8:00 |
| Dec. 15 | Tree Lighting - 4PM Mass and reception in Konsowski Hall |



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.

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.

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 2: O God, who sent your word to John in the desert, open our ears to hear his message. By the glow of these two candles, make straight our winding roads. Brighten our path that we may run to meet Christ at his coming. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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