

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, November 30 & December 1**

4:00 PM + Thomas Frain - Family

8:00 AM + Walter & Veronica Wojcik - Chester Ogorek

9:45 AM + Deceased Ushers

11:30 AM + Jesus Calderon - Family

Monday, December 2

7:30 AM + Andrew & Emily Sabol - Family

Tuesday, December 3

7:30 AM + Leona Krawczyk - Family

Wednesday, December 4

7:30 AM + Joseph & Anna Murzyn - Pat Golden

Thursday, December 28

7:30 AM + Ben Piotrowski Sr. - Son & Family

Friday, December 5

8:00 AM + Gilbert Yager - Wife

Saturday, December 6

7:30 AM + John Kendra - Mary Artese

4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek & Son Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM + Mame Kaletto - Daughter & Family

9:45 AM + Daniel Gomez - Family

11:30 AM + Sila Ortiz - Alicia Davila

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**December 2013**

4:00 PM

M. Cowperthwaite

R. Haney

D. Karczewski

L. Morse

8:00 AM

D. Ciciora

J. Gibbons

K. Gibson

N. Moll

9:45 AM

P. Haro

P. Maccagnano

C. Malone

P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

A. Davila

R. Oseguera

Week of December 1 - December 7**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**

Louise Maciejciek & Son Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Louise Maciejciek & Son Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

READERS**December 2013**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek

8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski

9:45 AM J. Andrade

11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, December 7**

4:00 PM A. Bellan, J. Kelly, J. Laskowiecki

SUNDAY, December 8

8:00 AM A. Komosa, N. Meduga, A. Villanueva

9:45 AM R. Dejanovich, P. Gomez

11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, D. Ranos

USHERS**November 2013**4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Adduci,
E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
J. Shanahan, J. Young9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
K. Podgorny, T. Baker,
M. Gasior11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez,
M. Suarez, R. Ortiz

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July 2013 - June 2014



Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

Prepare

I experienced a kind of enlightenment one Saturday while cleaning the bathroom. We were preparing for company. In a flash, I came to see that our chores —the cooking, cleaning, dragging chairs up from the basement—were sacred actions. Preparing for guests is certainly mundane, but that was the point. I imagined Jesus standing next to me, telling me, “You say you want to get close to me. Don’t you realize how close I am to you already? Spending hours on your knees reciting prayers as if in an endurance contest is not what I’m asking of you. When you’re down on your knees scrubbing the floor for your family, just know that I am there.” This Advent, follow Blessed Teresa’s example and “Do small things with great love.”

—Tom McGrath



Criando hijos creyentes - una palabra a la vez

Prepararse

Un sábado, mientras limpiaba el baño, tuve una especie de iluminación. Nos estábamos preparando para recibir visitas. En un instante, me di cuenta de que nuestras tareas —cocinar, limpiar, traer sillas del sótano— eran acciones sagradas. Prepararse para los invitados es algo mundano pero justamente ese era el punto. Me imaginé a Jesús de pie junto a mí, diciéndome: “Dices que quieres acercarte a mí. ¿No te das cuenta de lo cerca que estoy de ti? Pasar horas de rodillas recitando oraciones como si fuera un concurso de resistencia no es lo que espero de ti. Cuando estás de rodillas limpiando el piso por tu familia, debes saber que estoy junto a ti”. Este Adviento, sigamos el ejemplo de la Madre Teresa y “hagamos pequeñas cosas con gran amor”.

—Tom McGrath



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We pray for...



Carl Abram, Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Adrienne Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Harriet Brodzik, Irma Bulatovich, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelijch, Bob Frjelijch, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Otilia Haro, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, 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, Ray Mosser, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Maria Tokarz, Chestine Trzupsek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, 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 2

Reading Isaiah 4:2-6
Gospel Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday - December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday - December 4 - St. John Damascene

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

Thursday - December 5

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

Friday - December 6 - St. Nicholas

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

Saturday - December 7 - St. Ambrose

Reading Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Gospel Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - December 8 - 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 11:1-10
Reading II Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

ANYONE INTERESTED IN RENTING
KONSOWSKI HALL, PLEASE CALL THE
RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Don't forget to put your e-mail
address on your envelope.**

We are in need of a volunteer to dust and vacuum the Sanctuary of the Church once a week. It takes approximately an hour. If you are interested, please call Peg at (773) 646-4877 after 2:00pm Monday through Thursday.

St. Florian School Happenings...



visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

Market Day

Orders can be picked up on Friday, December 13 in the school gymnasium from 2-3pm. Profits earned from last month's Market Day were \$97.43.

Aluminum Can Recycling

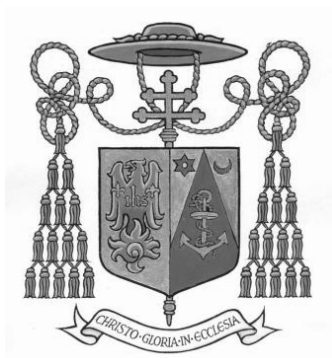
Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wednesday, December 4 at 8:00am.

2013-2014 REGISTRATION!

Registration is on going for 3 & 4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

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.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

November 11, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you all know, the State of Illinois has entered into law the recognition of same-sex unions as marriages. The Church was part of the public debate, as you also know. We tried to explain that this is not primarily a religious issue, since marriage comes to us from nature as the union of a man and a woman, long before Christ walked the earth or the state came into being.

Nevertheless, there will be consequences for the Church and society that will become clearer as the law is used to sue for discrimination. The law has made some gays and lesbians happy, and that is not a bad thing in itself. The law, however, is bad law because it will contribute over the long run to the further dissolution of marriage and family life, which are the bedrock of any society. The Church will therefore continue and strengthen her ministry to families. We have lived with bad laws before, and we will do our best to adjust to this one for the sake of social harmony.

One of the consequences for our religion is already evident in the misuse of Pope Francis' words, spoken last summer, about our attitude toward an individual gay person who has asked God for forgiveness. The Pope was not speaking about approving gay marriage. To use his words against his teaching, as they were used on the floor of the State House of Representatives on November 5, is less than intellectually honest.

We are called, by reason of our belief that every person is made in God's image and likeness, to love and respect all of our brothers and sisters, without exception. But we express this respect within the context of our belief in how God has made us and made the world. This belief and this love is the basis of our joy in living the Catholic faith with integrity of mind and heart. I thank you for your life of faith. God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to the holiday printing schedule, we will publish our offering collection totals next week.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$999.99

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."

Men's Mission

Fr. Tom Donaldson will speak at all the weekend Masses on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday December 8th, and will have an evening of reflection on Monday December 9th at 7:00pm.

Fr. Tom is a member of the Redemptorist congregation. He has been a priest for 30 years. The first four years of his priesthood were spent in being a parish associate in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The next 12 years, he spent giving parish missions, as well as retreats for priests, deacons, and religious. He has been a popular speaker for various conventions and seminars around the country.

The Ladies Rosary Sodality will host a Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 1 at 1:30pm in Konsowski Hall. A White Elephant gift exchange will be held during the meeting.

November 2013 Book Rack Selection

Word and Worship
Desk Calendar 2014
by Don Brophy

The Forgotten Desert
Mothers by Laura
Swan

Handbook for Chaplains
by Mary M. Toole

Walking with Kathleen Norris by Robert Waldron

St. Theresa of Avila for Every Day edited by
Kiernan Kavanaugh

The Experience of God by Dermot A. Lane

Journeying With Matthew, Cycle A by Jennifer
Christ



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Dec 1 | Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30pm |
| Dec 2 | Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00pm |
| Dec 2 | Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00pm |
| Dec 3-11 | Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
(KH) 6:00pm |
| Dec 5 | Choir Rehearsal: St. Cecilia 10:00am
Men's Choir 2:00pm |
| Dec 9 | Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00pm |
| Dec 9 | Men's Mission 7:00pm |
| Dec 11 | Parent Club (School) 6:30pm |
| Dec 12 | Choir Rehearsal: St. Cecilia 10:00am
Men's Choir 2:00pm |
| Dec 13 | Holy Name (KH) Exec. Mtg. 7:00pm
Gen. Mtg. 8:00pm |
| Dec 13 | Parent Club Movie Night (Gym) 6:00pm |

In memory of Evelyn Twardosz \$600.00
was donated from family and friends.

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

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:

	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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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