

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of December 11/12

- 4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Ronald & Irene Nawracaj
- 8:00 AM + Theresa & Bruno Milewski - Daughter
- 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
- 11:30 AM + Anita Cruz - Family

Monday, December 13

- 7:15 AM - Sandra Balszak - Eugene & Lottie Piekarczyk

Tuesday, December 14

- 7:15 AM + Mary Jane Draus - Chester Pala

Wednesday, December 15

- 7:15 AM + Ed. Ronczy - Morse Family
- 7:00 PM - Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 16

- 7:15 AM + Stephanie Duszynski - Mr. & Mrs. C. Frank

Friday, December 17

- 8:15 AM + Stella Bulanda - Mary Kot

Saturday, December 18

- 7:30 AM + Casimir Lapinski - Young at Heart
- 3:30 PM + Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction
- 4:00 PM + Olga Pekala - Joan Dutka

Sunday, December 19

- 8:00 AM + Chester Debski - Violet Yager
- 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Family
- 11:30 AM + Jose Jesus Reyes - Family

Week of December 12 - December 18

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

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

LECTORS

December, 2010

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 18

- 4:00 PM N. Mooney, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, December 19

- 8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, N. Meduga, R. Robles
- 9:45 AM N. Cervera, 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 third 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 3: O God, who promised that the least one born into the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist, fill us with joy as we light the pink candle. Make us happy when we serve you, and let us see the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

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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 or 3 for \$5.00

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

Rejoice in the Lord!

Advent Reconciliation Service

In the growing prayer of Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent, we asked God to "remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy..." There is nothing more that deadens our joy than sin and its effects in our lives. Every year we celebrate Christmas to remember why God sent His only Son to us: to save us from our sins. Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service as we spend some quiet time to examine our conscience so we can confess our sins and receive personal absolution. Join us this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in church. Then all of us will have a reason to rejoice in the Lord.

– Fr. Jim

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

Parish Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 18th

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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Vigil Mass **Friday, Dec. 24** 4:00 PM Mass
Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24
Christmas Carols and Mass at Night 10:00PM
Christmas Day - Saturday, 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

Friday, Dec. 31 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 1 9:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 1 4:00 PM (English)
Sunday, Jan. 2 8:00 & 9:45 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Spanish)

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, Maryann Henney, 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

Lorette C. Corbel

December 7, 2010

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal Dec. 11-12 2010

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. “As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,” notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week’s second collection.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING ADS ON TV

During Advent and Christmas the Archdiocese of Chicago has partnered with the Dioceses of Joliet and Rockford on an evangelization initiative called Catholics Come Home. This effort will use TV commercials that will air through January 2011 on most networks in English, Spanish and Polish. We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us at St. Florian. Parishioners can pick up a brochure to be used as an invitation for those who have drifted from the practice of the faith.

If you are at St. Florian for the first time, we lovingly welcome you home. We have been praying for you. Please contact the rectory if you need to find healing, answers or support.



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Dec. 13 - St. Lucy

Reading Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Gospel Matthew 21:23-27

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

Reading Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday - Dec. 15

Reading I Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25
Gospel Luke 7:18b-23

Thurs.- Dec. 16

Reading Isaiah 54:1-10
Gospel Luke 7:24-30

Friday - Dec. 17

Reading Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Gospel Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday - Dec. 18

Reading Jeremiah 23:5-8
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday Dec. 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14
Reading II Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Christmas Offerings:



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

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 - Orders due Friday, Jan. 14, 2011.
Pick up on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011 from 2-3PM.
Profits earned last month: \$160.82. Thank you
for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Wednesday,
Jan. 12th, 2011 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.

O Antiphons

Each evening in the Church's Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, we sing the Magnificat, the canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). In this great song of praise, Mary sings of God's blessings and his great, saving presence and action in her life.

An antiphon is sung before the canticle. This is a short verse which, unique to each day, is meant to provide focus for this sung prayer. During the last week of Advent, these verses are taken from a collection of prayers that date back to the seventh century. They are known as the O Antiphons because each one begins with that most simple of exclamations, "O!"

Most of us know these antiphons because they comprise the verses of the well-known song, "O Come O Come Emmanuel." Each verse—or antiphon—is a prayer unto itself. Each one first addresses Christ, using an ancient title from scripture. The prayer continues with the request that Christ will come and save us. In each of these prayers, the Church expresses the very heart of our Advent prayer; Lord Jesus, come! Save us! Redeem us, again!

The O Antiphons begin on December 16. Perhaps families might pray them together as they gather for their evening supper. Parish groups can use them as a gathering prayer if they have reason to meet this week. Anyone can use them throughout the week to help prepare themselves in this final week before celebrating Christmas. Find a copy of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and each night pray a different verse. In these last days of Advent, call upon the one for whom we wait and pray in faith and in hope, to come!

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Book Rack Selections

(Our book rack is located in the back of church. Please take a moment and browse. Prices are indicated on each book.)

Word and Worship Calendar 2011

St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2011

Daily Gospel 2011

A Life of Jesus by Shusaku Endo

Pope John Paul II

by Walter J. Ziemba

Let Yourself Be Loved

by Phillip Bennett

Imaging Life After Death

by Kathleen Fischer



WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
December 4/5, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,148.10
Loose	\$ 363.54
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 353.50</u>
Actual Received vs.	\$3,865.14
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 83.00
Maintenance	\$ 234.50
Children's Offering	\$ 56.00
Votives	\$ 128.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$225.00

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."

Vocation Thoughts

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - St. John the Baptist served the Lord whole heartedly as a prophet of truth and repentance. How are you called to serve the Lord? 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.

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. Is-las, 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. 11/12 Religious Retirement Collection
 - Dec. 13 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
 - Dec. 14 Scouts (PMR) 2:45
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
 - Dec. 15 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
Daisies (PMR) 4:30
Reconciliation Service (Church) 7:00
 - Dec. 16 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
School Concert (Gym) 7:00
 - Dec. 18 Tree Lighting - 4PM Mass and reception in Konsowski Hall
 - Dec. 19 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
 - Dec. 20 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
 - Dec. 21 School Dismissal at Noon
 - Dec. 24 Rectory Closed

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.

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"...they left everything and followed Him."
(Luke 5:11)

The 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal is coming to a close. Please complete your pledge payments as soon as possible.

On behalf of Cardinal George, our pastor, Fr. Jim, our parish Appeal Committee and parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in Cook and Lake Counties, as well as around the world. Every gift is important and appreciated.

"Being 'grown up' means loving Jesus, listening to him and speaking with him in prayer. ...It means being with one's friends, even the poor and sick, so as to grow together."

Pope Benedict XVI replying to an Italian youth, who was among a crowd of nearly 10,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square Oct. 30, about what it means to grow up.