

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 12 & 13**

4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Irene & Ron Nawracaj
 5:30 PM Spanish Mass
 8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Rita Abram
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Jaime Cristobal

Monday, December 14

7:30 AM + Genevieve Banas - Family

Tuesday, December 15

7:30 AM Fr. Robert - Parishioner

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 AM + Dr. Theo Weber - Phyllis Serafin

Thursday, December 17

7:30 AM + For the Parishioners - Parishioner

Friday, December 18

7:30 AM + Nora & Patrick Scahill - Family

Saturday, December 19

7:30 AM + Walter Burczak - Delores & Ted Kubal
 3:30 PM Litany and Benediction
 4:00 PM + **Tree Lighting:** Helen & Thomas Zurawski - Family

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM + Olga Wilk - Michalak & Vodak Families
 9:45 AM + Ken Baker - Family
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Martha Silva

**Week of December 13 - December 19**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Anastasia Kowalski - Granddaughter

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Ann Cummings - Barb Anderson

READERS**December 2015**

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

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, December 19 - Tree Lighting**

4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, December 20

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

CANTORS**SATURDAY, December 19**

4:00 PM Michelle

SUNDAY, December 20

8:00 AM Ken
 9:45 AM Judy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**December 2015**

4:00 PM M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 C. Ranos
 8:00 AM C. Bozovic
 D. Ciciora
 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 Trzupek, 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.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - December 14 - St. John of the Cross

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

Tuesday - December 15

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

Wednesday - December 16

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

Thursday - December 17

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

Friday - December 18

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

Saturday - December 19

Reading Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Gospel Luke 1:5-25

Sunday - December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Reading I Micah 5:1-4a
Reading II Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Luke 1:39-45

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.

Steve's Presents

**St. Florian Church
Fundraiser
Buffet**

*Sunday, January 24, 2016
From 11:00am to 3:00pm*

*At Steve's
13200 S. Baltimore Avenue, Chicago*



Mark your calendars! On *January 24th*, St. Florian Church will host a fund raiser buffet at Steve's. Look for menu soon.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

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.

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

Florian Fest Raffle Winners:

Socorro Elizalde	\$ 5,000
Carla A. Mendoza	\$ 1,000
Jason Highland	\$ 500
Jim Andrade	\$ 500
Joseph Gillespie	\$ 250
Elsa Trejo	\$ 250
Mirian Rodriguez	\$ 100
Nick Meduga	\$ 100
Isella Perea	\$ 100
Whitney Saberniak	\$ 100

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.

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 17. 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!

*Written by Todd Williamson
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Paper Bag Request

The St. Florian St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is once again in need of paper grocery bags to use for food distribution. If you would like to donate some bags, please drop them off at St. Florian Church. There is a box near the Houston entrance for bag donations.

Reminder

Don't forget to pick up your pierogi orders next weekend, December 19th and 20th in Konsowski Hall.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

December 5 & 6, 2015

Sunday Collections	Amount
4:00pm Mass	\$ 864.00
8:00am Mass	\$ 628.63
9:45am Mass	\$ 629.47
11:30am Mass	\$ 395.15
Mailed Donations	\$ 185.00
Votives	\$ 95.30
Actual Received	\$2,797.55
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00
Deficit	-\$1,702.45
Energy	\$ 238.00
Energy Second Collection	\$ 313.52
Thanksgiving (SVDP)	\$ 5.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2.00
Building Improvement	\$ 76.00
Maintenance	\$ 206.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 15	Pantry Setup (KH)	9:00am
Dec 15	RCIA (PMR)	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 138.00

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."

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 parroquiano REGISTRADO? NO.

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. Comdr. 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.

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	
<u>The Tabernacle Candle</u>		
will be lit in memory of . . .	\$ 10	
<u>The Gifts of Bread and Wine</u>		
are donated in memory of . . .	\$ 15	

*Please remember St. Florian Parish
 in your estate planning*

Your Gift, Your Parish
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