

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 13 & 14**

4:00 PM + Carl Abram - Wife
 8:00 AM + Genevieve Banas - Family
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Mary Powgan - Family & Friends

Monday, December 15

7:30 AM + Dolores Dzialakiewicz - Rosary Sodality

Tuesday, December 16

7:30 AM + William F. Hayes - Ron, Sue, Norah & Mickey

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 AM + Joseph Kozial - Mr. & Mrs. L. Zalecze

Thursday, December 18

7:30 AM + Nora & Patrick Scahill - Family

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM + Stephanie Paber - Mr. & Mrs. R. Sobczynski

Saturday, December 20

7:30 AM + Tony Smierciak - Wife Lillian
 4:00 PM + **Tree Lighting:** Helen Zurawski - Kowalczyk Family

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + Carol Zajac - Ceil Motkowicz
 9:45 AM + Lisek Trzupke - Trzupke Family
 11:30 AM + Jesús Reyes - Family

**Week of December 14 - December 20**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of

Helen Zurawski - Chester & Marge Wojcikiewicz

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Helen Zurawski - Chester & Marge Wojcikiewicz

READERS**December 2014**

4:00 PM N. Mooney
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM J. Andrade
 11:30 AM I. Jiminez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, December 20**

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

SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 AM A. Villanueva, D. Ranos
 9:45 AM R. Dejanovich, A. Shea
 11:30 AM T. Meyer S. Meyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**December 2014**

4:00 PM
 A. Bonczek
 M. Cowperthwaite
 D. Karczewski
 8:00 AM
 C. Bozovic
 J. Gibbons
 N. Moll
 9:45 AM
 P. Maccagnano
 C. Malone
 P. O'Rourke
 11:30 AM
 A. Davila
 R. Oseguera

USHERS**December 2014**

4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Adduci,
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
 8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek, 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, Edward Borek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Mary Lou Cowperthwaite, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, 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 Lasseter, Thomas J. Lohr, Katharina Makara, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Larry Potter, John Rosmanitz, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Anthony & Lillian Smierciak, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Chestine Trzupsek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, Chris Wopinski, Loretta 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 15

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

Tuesday - December 16

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

Wednesday - December 17

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

Thursday - December 18

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

Friday - December 19

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

Saturday - December 20

Reading Isaiah 7:10-14
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Sunday - December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Reading I 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Reading II Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

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.

You only need to do this once. If you have already submitted your e-mail address, you do not need to do it again.

If you are new to the parish, stop in the rectory to register.



During our Advent season, please be sure to join together as a parish family on the following days:

Reconciliation

All Saturdays of Advent 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tree Lighting Service

Saturday, December 20th 4:00 PM

This year we have chosen "Bells" ornaments 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

Wednesday, December 24
Prelude 3:45 PM
Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 24
Mass at Night 10:00PM

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25
Mass at Dawn 8:00 AM
Mass During the Day 9:45 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 4:00 PM
Thursday, January 1 9:00 AM

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

2014 - 2015 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.

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.

Assisted Living

Are you looking for a warm, caring place for a loved one? The Albertine Home, 1501 Hoffman Street, Hammond, is open to new residents who need assisted living. It is operated by the Albertine Sisters who provide room and board at a reasonable rate. Mass is celebrated daily and rosary is prayed every evening. Call (219) 937-0575 for a tour.

How Can You Help Our Troops?

St. Florian School is seeking the following items to send to troops overseas. Please arrange for a possible drop off or pick up time by calling the school at (773) 646-2868.

- ❖ Flavored drink mixes (Like Crystal Light packets)
- ❖ Chapstick
- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Protein powder and bars
- ❖ Beef jerky
- ❖ Foil or paper packaged snacks (left over Halloween candy)
- ❖ Brand name toiletries (not hotel samples)
- ❖ Flash drives, memory cards, iTunes gift cards
- ❖ DVDs, cards, games, etc.

Florian Fest Raffle Winners:

Ruth Haney	\$5,000	Lucky Me	\$100
Natalia Arceo	\$1,000	Larry Kietlyka	\$100
Gibson Family	\$ 500	Rob Foster	\$100
Marie Pindok	\$ 500	Chilo Senteno	\$100
Kim Foryetek	\$ 250	Flo Majda	\$100
Lottie Piekarczyk	\$ 250		

Florian Fest Totals:

	Income	Expenses	Profit
2013:	\$26,251	\$15,493	\$10,759
2014:	\$24,013	\$14,452	\$ 9,561

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!

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Year of the Sacraments

Pope Francis' Vision of Healing and Communion

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Year of Sacraments • One Word at a Time

Look Ahead

The fundamental prayer of Advent is a steady beat of "Come, Lord Jesus." Together, we **look ahead** to that day when the Lord Jesus will return in glory to bring us together in the kingdom that he will present to his Father. We look ahead to the end of our pilgrimage. We anticipate our destiny in the holy season of Advent.



In so many ways, each time we celebrate the sacraments, we also look ahead. The sacraments are signs that point to the presence of the living Christ in our midst right now. The sacraments also point ahead to our destiny. Baptism, for example, makes us sons and daughters in the Son, Jesus Christ. It gives us a glimpse of the glorious inheritance and destiny that will fully and completely be ours one day, when we see God face-to-face. Our Holy Communion now looks ahead to the heavenly banquet in our Father's house.

Año De Los Sacramentos • De Palabra En Palabra

Mirar hacia adelante

La oración fundamental del Adviento consiste en la repetición constante de: "Ven, Señor Jesús". Juntos, miramos hacia adelante, hacia el día en el que el Señor Jesús volverá en gloria para unirnos en el Reino que presentará a su Padre. **Miramos hacia adelante**, hacia el final de nuestra peregrinación. Anticipamos nuestro destino en el tiempo sagrado de Adviento.



De diversas maneras, cada vez que celebramos los sacramentos, también miramos hacia adelante. Los sacramentos son signos que señalan la presencia del Cristo vivo entre nosotros en este momento. Los sacramentos también orientan nuestro destino. El Bautismo, por ejemplo, nos convierte en hijos e hijas en el Hijo, Jesucristo. También, nos permite ver la herencia y el destino gloriosos que serán total y plenamente nuestros algún día, cuando veamos a Dios cara a cara. Nuestra Sagrada Comunión ahora mira hacia el banquete celestial en la casa de nuestro Padre.

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS**December 6 & 7, 2014**

Sunday Collections	Amount
4:00pm Mass	\$ 997.00
8:00am Mass	\$ 540.00
9:45am Mass	\$ 773.00
11:30am Mass	\$ 300.25
Mailed Donations	\$ 224.00
Votives	\$ 89.80
Actual Received	\$2,924.05
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00
Deficit	-\$1,575.95
Energy	\$ 215.00
Building Improvement	\$ 113.00
Maintenance	\$ 254.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$112.00

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."

**December 2014
Book Rack
Selection**

**Word and Worship
Pocket Calendar
2015** edited by Roberta
LaVorne

**Contemplation and
Midlife Crisis** by Rosemarie Carfagna

101 Questions & Answers on Prayer by
Joseph T. Kelly

Bible Diary 2015

Daily Gospel 2015

God and Bible by Anthony F. Campbell

A Guide to the Our Father Today by Leo
Gafney

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 15	Young At Heart (KH)	1:00pm
Dec 16	Pantry Set Up (KH)	9:00am
Dec 17	Big Pantry (KH)	3:30pm
Jan 6	Faith Sharing (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 8	Parent Club (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 10	Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg	7:00pm
	- Gen Mtg	8:00pm

**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 - 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.

Food for Thought ...

A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing your eyesight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

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