

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 14 & 15**

- 4:00 PM + Frank Nasca - Wife & Son
 8:00 AM + Bosner Family - Ken & Donna Kozlowski & Family
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Jesús Reyes - Family

Monday, December 16

- 7:30 AM + Adeline Specyal - Morse Family

Tuesday, December 17

- 7:30 AM + Nora & Patrick Scahill - Jim & Pat O'Rourke

Wednesday, December 18

- 7:30 AM + Nora & Patrick Scahill - Family

Thursday, December 19

- 7:30 AM Cecilia Motkowicz - Family

Friday, December 20

- 8:00 AM + Joseph & Rose Podgorney - Pat Golden

Saturday, December 21 - Tree Lighting

- 7:30 AM + Harriet Brodzik - Polish Legion Ladies Auxiliary #44
 4:00 PM + Helen Zurawski - Anna & Michael Begora

Sunday, December 22

- 8:00 AM + Fr. Joe Pachorek - Droses Family
 9:45 AM + Michael Katalinic - Jim & Pat O'Rourke
 11:30 AM + José Jesús Reyes - Family

Week of December 15 - December 21

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

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 John Prinz - Wife & Children

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 21**

- 4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, A. Komosa

SUNDAY, December 22

- 8:00 AM S. Meyer, T. Meyer, D. Ranos
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, N. Meduga
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez

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

USHERS**December 2013**

- 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. Shanahan, J. Young
 9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorney, T. Baker,
 M. Gasior
 11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez,
 M. Suarez, R. Ortiz

We pray for...



Carl Abram, Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Adrienne Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, 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 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 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 Trzupke, 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 16

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

Tuesday - December 17

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

Wednesday - December 18

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

Thursday - December 19

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

Friday - December 20

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

Saturday - December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius

Reading Song of Songs 2:8-14
Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Sunday - December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent

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

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 really in need of someone to vacuum and dust the Sanctuary. If you have an hour a week, please consider helping. For more information, call Peg at (773) 646-4877 after 2:00pm Monday through Thursday.

Vocation Thoughts: December 15, 2013

3rd Sunday of Advent

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” (Matthew 11:2-11) Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, sister or brother? If you have ever considered avocation to priesthood, contact Fr. Francis Bitterman, fbitterman@archchicago.org or at 312-534-8298, or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. Or for information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4564 or bpuhala@usml.edu

December 2013 Book Rack Selection

Daily Gospel 2014 by
Carol Duffy, FCJ,
Bienvido Baisas,
OFM and Angel
Ochagavia



**St. Joseph Sunday
Missal 2014**

**W & W Pocket
Calendar 2014** by Don Brophy

Bible Diary 2014

The Strength Within by Barbara Hansen

Belonging by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn
and Matthew Linn

To Reconcile God's People *Writings of Cardinal
Mahony*, Selected and Edited with an
Introduction by Michael Downey

With an Everlasting Love by William J. Barry

St. Florian School Happenings...



visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

Christmas Concert

The St. Florian School Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium.

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.

Oplatki

Christmas Wafers

Oplatki are available in Church after all Masses and at the Rectory and School Office for \$2.00 per package.

The Seton Academy

The Seton Academy will be hosting an Open House on Thursday January 9, 2014 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Shadow Days will be held on January 7, 2014 and an entrance exam will be available on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 8:00am. A testing fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

For more information please contact Mr. Omar Harrod at (708) 333-6300 or email him at oharrod@seton-academy.org

Parish Tree Lighting

Our Tree Lighting Service is December 21st at 4:00pm Mass. Ornament for this year is Silver.

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 check outline, 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."

Advent Symbols

One of the most enduring symbols of the season, the Advent Wreath brings together several powerful images:

The circular wreath reminds us that's God's love for us has no beginning and no end.

The evergreen sprigs often added to the wreath call to mind the eternal life God offers us in Jesus.

The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple, the color of repentance, reminding us why we need a Savior in the first place. The one pink candle is a sign of joy, even in the midst of waiting. As we light another candle each week, light increasing dispels darkness, just as the Light of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death in our lives.

Advent Calendars mark the passage of time in a concrete way.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS**December 7 & 8, 2013**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,419.66
Loose	\$ 354.47
Children's Offering	\$ 6.00
Votives	\$ 66.50
Actual Received	\$2,846.63
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00
Deficit	-\$1,653.37
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$5,379.93
Christmas Flowers	\$ 456.00
Thanksgiving - SVDP	\$ 5.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 329.66
CCHD Collection	\$ 5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 814.23
Energy	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 65.66
Building Improvement	\$ 137.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$93.00

We Are Listening We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know someone in need of temporary assistance? Please call the rectory and leave a message.

For Catholics, December 25 is only the beginning of the Christmas season.

The Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is celebrated within Christmas "octave". It is a fitting day to thank God for our own families and pray for a deepening of mutual love, in imitation of the Holy Family.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28. On this day, we remember the children killed by Herod in his determination to end the life of the Messiah. This can be a day of prayer for the innocents of today who are exploited and abused — many people now pray on this day for the victims of abortion — and an opportunity to think about bringing the compassion of Christ to those in need.

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1. The octave day of Christmas is both a feast honoring Mary, the Mother of God, and a day of Prayer for World Peace. Our celebration of the New Year can be deepened by prayer that our world will be open to the peace Jesus offers.

God is our Creator and in him all living things have their existence. He enlightens our minds, so that we may come to know and worship him. He has sent his faithful witness, Jesus Christ, to announce to us what he has seen and heard, the mysteries of heaven and earth.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 15	Breakfast with Santa (St. Columba Social Center) 8:00am
Dec 16	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00pm
Dec 16	Faith Sharing (Rec) 1:00pm
Dec 17	Pantry Setup (KH) 9:00am
Dec 18	Big Pantry (KH) 2:30pm
Dec 19	Spanish Faith Sharing 5:30pm
Dec 19	Choir Rehearsal: St. Cecilia 10:00am Men's Choir 2:00pm
Dec 20	Holy Name (KH) Exec. Mtg. 7:00pm Gen. Mtg. 8:00pm
Dec 21	Tree Lighting 4:00pm

Notice of Schedule Change

The **Saint Florian Holy Name Society** will meet on Friday, December 20, 2013 instead of December 13, 2013. Officers will meet at 7:00pm. The general meeting is at 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 - 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.*

Year of Strong Catholic Parents

July 2013 - June 2014



Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

Cooperate

I brought my four-year-old daughter Judy to a Holy Name Society meeting featuring a visit from Santa. It was what my friend Joellyn calls "a dad-run event." In other words: chaos. As my daughter waited patiently to approach Santa, boisterous boys cut in line in front of her. Judy said, "They won't cooperate. They just want to be first."

Family life goes better when we all cooperate, and so does the world. Here is a recipe for what to teach your children about cooperating and the desire to be first: 1. Be the first to be aware of others. 2. Be the first to be understanding. 3. Be the first to be kind. 4. Be the first to be encouraging. 5. Be the first to forgive. 6. Be the first to be joyful.

—Tom McGrath



Criando hijos creyentes - una palabra a la vez

Cooperar

Llevé a mi hija de cuatro años, Judy, aun a reunión de la Sociedad del Santo Nombre para que viera a Papá Noel. Fue lo que mi amiga Joellyn llama "un evento organizado por papá". En otras palabras: un caos. Mientras mi hija esperaba paciente para acercarse a Papá Noel, unos chicos revoltosos se colaron delante de ella. Judy dijo: "No están cooperando. Nada más quieren llegar primero".

La vida familiar funciona mejor si todos cooperamos y lo mismo pasa con el mundo. Aquí tienen una receta de lo que hay que enseñar a nuestros hijos sobre cooperar y querer ser el primero:

1. Sean los primeros en ser conscientes del otro.
2. Sean los primeros en ser comprensivos.
3. Sean los primeros en ser amables.
4. Sean los primeros en alentar a los demás.
5. Sean los primeros en perdonar.
6. Sean los primeros en estar alegres.

—Tom McGrath



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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