

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of December 15/16

4:00 PM + Andrew F. & Stacy Motkowicz - Daughter-in-law, Ceil

8:00 AM + Stephanie Gabrys - Rosary Ladies Sodality

9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak (50th Anniv.) - Family

11:30 AM + José Jesús Reyes - Family

Monday, December 17

7:15 AM + Leonard & Marie Turkowski - Family

Tuesday, December 18

7:15 AM + Nora & Patrick Scahill - Family

Wednesday, December 19

7:15 AM + Walter & Sophie; Vincent & Robert Brandys --
Barbara & Christine

Thursday, December 20

7:15 AM + Rita Gresk - Young at Heart

Friday, December 21

8:15 AM + Ken Baker - Brother, Don & Family

Saturday, December 22

7:30 AM + George Shideler - Jennie Stevens

3:30 PM - Taizé Prayer Service and Benediction

4:00 PM + Frank & Mary Hurysz - Daughter, Ceil

Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM + Larry Moll (2nd Anniv.) - Wife & Family

9:45 AM + Fr. Joe Pachorek - Drosos Family

11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Family

Week of December 16 - December 22

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week for

Helen Zurawski - Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week for the

John Prinz - Wife & Family

READERS

December 2012

4:00 PM	B. Frederisy
8:00 AM	A. Bonczek
9:45 AM	D. Karczewski
11:30 AM	L. Jimenez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 22

4:00 PM R. Robles, N. Meduga, P. Gomez

SUNDAY, December 23

8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, D. Ranos

9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, M. Gomez

11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, J. Quintero

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 2012

4:00 PM

L. Morse
B. Peak
C. Motkowicz
M. Cowperthwaite
R. Haney
P. Gadus

8:00 AM

K. Gibson
J. Gibbons
D. Ciciora
C. Bozovic

9:45 AM

C. Malone
P. Maccagnano
P. Haro
P. O'Rourke
O. Haro
M. Czarobski

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera
O. Cruz

USHERS

December 2012

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci
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. Podgorny, R. Furman,
T. Baker, M. Gasior,

11:30 AM

R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
M. Suarez



Year of Sunday Mass

July 2012 - June 2013



KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Share

Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd and says unforgettably, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10 NRSV). In sharing himself, he shares the fullness of life with us. Every Mass expresses this divine generosity in the sharing and self-giving of Jesus to us, his people. We can only stand before this gift in utter amazement and gratitude.

As Jesus shares with us in the Mass, we share with one another. His generosity is contagious. We bring our voices, our hopes, and our uplifted hands to share with others in the Mass. We each fulfill and share a ministry at Mass from celebrant, to servers, to readers, to ministers of Communion, to musicians, to ushers, and to the singing and praying assembly. Our sharing continues after the Mass and into the world, when we are told, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

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Compartir

Jesús habla de sí mismo como el Buen Pastor y asegura: "Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia" (Juan 10:10). Al dárseles, él comparte con nosotros. Ante semejante don, nos quedamos admirados y agradecidos.

Como Jesús comparte en la misa con nosotros, también nosotros compartimos unos con otros. Su generosidad es contagiosa. Aportamos nuestras voces, LOUIS J. CAMELI ©2012 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. Visit our website at www.LTP.org compartimos con los demás. Cada cual realiza y comparte un ministerio en misa, desde el celebrante, acólitos, lectores, ministros de la comunión, cantores y ujieres hasta la asamblea que canta y ora. Después de misa, nuestro compartir prosigue al realizar la encomienda de ir y "anunciar a todos la alegría del Señor resucitado".

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Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 16, 2012

LK 3:10-18

How does Eucharist feed me in my job every day so that I give myself to my work and co-workers with integrity?



Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 16, 2012

LK 3:10-18

¿Cómo la Eucaristía me alimenta en mi trabajo cada día para que me entrego a mi trabajo y compañeros de trabajo con integridad?

We pray for . . .



Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna,, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia,, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Alysya Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Bob Frjelic, Charlene Jones, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, Chester Zakrzewski, Ron Jezior, Katharina Makara, Emily Prytherch, 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 - Dec. 17

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

Tuesday - Dec. 18

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

Wednesday - Dec. 19

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

Thurs.- Dec. 20

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

Friday - Dec. 21 - St. Peter Canisius

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

Saturday - Dec, 22

Reading 1 Samuel 1: 24-28
Gospel Luke 1: 46-56

Sunday - Dec, 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

In Remembrance

Janet Setlak December 3, 2012

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

Taizé Prayer with Benediction

All Saturdays of Advent from 3:00 to 3:30

Advent Confession

Sat., Dec 15 & 22 2:30 - 3:30
Tuesday, Dec. 18 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Vigil Mass

Monday, December 24 - 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 - 10:00 PM
Christmas Carols 9:20 PM and Mass at Night

Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25

8:00 AM - Mass at Dawn with traditional Polish Christmas Carols
9:45 AM - Mass during the day (English)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Dec. 31 4:00 PM.
Tuesday, Jan. 1 8:00 & 9:45 AM
(English)

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 5 4:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 6 8:00 & 9:45 AM
(English) 11:30 AM
(Spanish)

Oplatki

(Christmas Wafers)
Available in Church after all masses
and at the Rectory and School Office
\$2.00 per package

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at -
www.stflorianschool.org



St. Florian is in need of some technical support. If you are an alumni, parishioner or technology savvy, our school could use your time and skills to trouble shoot problems with student computer programs. Our wonderful and exceptional IT teach had a full plate and could use some assistance.

If you are looking for a worthy cause this Christmas season, look no further. Please consider donating your time and talent to a worthy cause. For more information contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

Market Day - Orders due Fri., Jan 18th. Pick up on Fri., Jan. 25th in the school gym from 2-3 PM. Profit earned last month: \$131.85

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.

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.

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.

Since you acknowledge with joy that Christ has come, now is the time to hear his word, so that you might possess eternal life.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
December 8/9, 2012	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,029.00
Loose	\$ 659.83
Energy	\$ 125.00
Children's Offering	\$ 35.00
Maintenance	\$ 188.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 311.00
Votives	\$ 4,678.18
Total	\$ 9,026.01

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
Dec. 16	KofC - Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 17	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Dec. 19	SVDP Pantry (KH) 330
Dec. 20	Choir Practice (Church) 6:00
Dec. 24 & 25	Rectory Office Closed
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	Rectory Office Closed


St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$122.00
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




Pancake Breakfast with Santa - The General Pulaski Council #3323 Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 16th at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay. Free gift and photo with Santa Claus for all the kids. The Breakfast is an "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, Eggs cooked to order, French Toast, Sausage, Milk, Coffee and Orange Juice. Breakfast will be served from 8AM until 12 Noon. Adults \$7.00 Children 10 and under \$3.00. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible. Need more information? Call John Rydzewski at 708-841-

Florian Fest 2012 Results		
	2011	2012
Total	\$36,041	\$32,885
Profit	\$16,681	\$16,783

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.




Please pray for our Service Members:



Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force - SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - SSgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - 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. Islas, 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, - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force - Sgt. Ernest Silva, U.S. Marine Corps, Bill Anderson - U.S. Army
 If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.

Advent Wreath Year C
 Paul Turner



If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here is a prayer for the first week of Advent you could say while you light its candle. 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 filled people with expectation, hear our prayer as we light the (pink) candle. Help us know what we should do as we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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