

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 19 & 20**

4:00 PM + **Tree Lighting:** Helen & Thomas Zurawski - Family
 8:00 AM + Olga Wilk - Michalak & Vodak Families
 9:45 AM + Ken Baker - Family
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Martha Silva

Monday, December 21

7:30 AM For the Parishioners - Parishioner

Tuesday, December 22

7:30 AM + Fr. Joe Pachorek - Drosos Family
 19th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 AM + Larry Moll - Wife

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM + Lorraine Zalewski - Family
 9:30 PM + For the Parishioners - Parishioner

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:00 AM + Ann Cummings - Barb Anderson
 9:45 AM + Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

Saturday, December 26

7:30 AM + Eugene Piekarczyk
 4:00 PM + Walter Rolek - Sharon Rolek

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Sandy Scztek
 9:45 AM + Anthony Segvich - Family
 11:30 AM + Jesus Calderon

**Week of December 6 - December 12**

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

Week of December 20 - December 26

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Larry Moll - Wife

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Larry Moll - Wife

READERS**December 2015**

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

CANTORS**THURSDAY, December 24**

4:00 PM Judy
 9:30 PM Michelle

FRIDAY, December 25

8:00 AM Andrea
 9:45 AM Judy

SATURDAY, December 26

4:00 PM Vince

SUNDAY, December 27

8:00 AM Ken
 9:45 AM Lorie

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

ALTAR SERVERS**THURSDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM A. Shea, D. Ranos
 9:30 PM J. Laskowiecki, P. Gomez, J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe

SATURDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:00 AM J. Kelly, J. Salamanca
 9:45 AM D. Elizalde, N. Arreguin

SATURDAY, December 26

4:00 PM D. Elizalde, J. Salamanca

SUNDAY, December 27

8:00 AM P. Gomez
 9:45 AM A. Shea
 11:30 AM J. Kelly

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



For unto us a child is born,
to us a son is given ...
Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas!

Wesolych Swiat!

Feliz Navidad!

Christmas blessings to all!

We wish you and your families a most joyous Christmas! May you create warm memories to cherish for a lifetime. Let us welcome in the Christ-child with open arms and pray for the glory of heaven to come into the hearts of humanity.

Fr. Robert, Priests & Staff of St. Florian Parish

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

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

Tuesday - December 22

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

Wednesday - December 23 - St. John of Kanty

Reading Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
 Gospel Luke 1:57-66

Thursday - December 24

Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Gospel Luke 1:67-79

Vigil of the Nativity

Reading I Is 62:1-5
 Reading II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
 Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Mass at Night

Reading I Is 9:1-6
 Reading II Titus 2:11-14
 Gospel Luke 2:1-14

Friday - December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

Reading I Is 52:7-10
 Reading II Hebrews 1:1-6
 Gospel John 1:1-18

Saturday - December 26 - St. Stephen

Reading Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Gospel Matthew 10:17-22

Sunday - December 27 - Feast of The Holy Family

Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Reading II Colossians 3:12-21
 Gospel Luke 2:41-52

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 Lasseter, 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.

**May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
 the gladness of Christmas give you hope,
 the warmth of Christmas grant you love.**

~Author Unknown

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.

Holy Name \$100 Raffle Winners

December 11, 2015

278 - John & Donna Young
013 - Bill Frederisy

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.

2016 Calendars

We will distribute calendars the weekend of December 26/27. There will be a special blessing as we welcome the new calendar year. Our special thanks to Elmwood Chapel for their generosity in sponsoring our 2016 calendars.



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.

**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.

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.

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.

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.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us this Christmas season. We hope that it is a time for all to renew friend-ships, to celebrate with family and to give thanks to our God who has blessed us so richly.

If you are visiting our parish with friends or family or perhaps reacquainting yourself with our parish family after some time has passed, please know that we are honored by your presence.

May the new year bless you abundantly with the richness of friends, good health to sustain you, and an open heart to feel the presence of God.

HOW TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our modern observance of the Christmas season seems to begin in the fall, as stores are filled with holiday displays, and end on December 26th, when Christmas trees start peeking out from the trash. However, celebrating Christmas as a Catholic means that, as much as we can, we follow a radically different calendar—one given to us through the ancient wisdom and tradition of the Church—before, during, and even after December 25th.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

December 12 & 13, 2015

Sunday Collections	Amount
4:00pm Mass	\$ 923.00
5:30pm Mass (Our Lady of Guadeloupe)	\$ 523.29
8:00am Mass	\$ 665.34
9:45am Mass	\$ 590.00
11:30am Mass	\$ 307.35
Mailed Donations	\$ 200.00
Votives	\$ 177.01
Actual Received	\$3,385.99
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00
Deficit	-\$1,114.01
Energy	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 743.00
Thanksgiving (SVDP)	\$ 10.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 739.36
Building Improvement	\$ 161.00
Maintenance	\$ 85.00

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 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 21	Young at Heart (KH)	1:00pm
Jan 7	RCIA (KH)	5:00pm
Jan 8	Choir Rehearsal (Church)	10:00am
Jan 9	Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg	7:00pm
	- Gen Mtg	8:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$210.00

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our membership, their families and friends. We wish to thank the people of the parish for making it possible to meet some of the needs of our neighbors during 2014. We would also like to thank all those who donated money with the Thanksgiving SVDP envelopes.

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.

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