

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend, December 20 & 21**

4:00 PM + **Tree Lighting:** Helen Zurawski - Kowalczyk Family  
 8:00 AM + Carol Zajac - Ceil Motkowicz  
 9:45 AM + Lisek & Trzupek Families - Trzupek Family  
 11:30 AM + Jesús Reyes - Family

**Monday, December 22**

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

**Tuesday, December 23**

7:30 AM + Larry Moll - Wife Nancy

**Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

7:30 AM + Special Intentions for Larry Potter - Niece Barb  
 4:00 PM + Katherine O'Brien - Daughter  
 10:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

8:00 AM + Stanley Klimczak - Josephine & Richard  
 9:45 AM + Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

**Friday, December 26**

8:00 AM + Robert Potter - Barb & Jakob

**Saturday, December 27**

7:30 AM + Stanley Levart - Steve Kaminski  
 4:00 PM + Tony Smierciak - Children & Grandchildren

**Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family**

8:00 AM + Tony Segvich Jr. - Family  
 9:45 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife  
 11:30 AM + John P. Bonczek - Charles Rymarczyk

**Week of December 21 - December 27**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of  
 Ken Baker - Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of  
 Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

**READERS****December 2014**

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

**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

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

4:00 PM J. Kelly, A. Komosa, R. Dejanovich  
 10:00 PM J. Laskowiecki, D. Ranos,  
 Jo. O'Keefe, P Gomez

**THURSDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day**

8:00 AM T. Meyer S. Meyer  
 9:45 AM R. Dejanovich, A. Shea

**SATURDAY, December 27**

4:00 PM J. Kelly, A. Villanueva

**SUNDAY, December 28**

8:00 AM A. Komosa, R. Dejanovich  
 9:45 AM Jo. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe  
 11:30 AM D. Ranos, P. Gomez

**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



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

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday - December 22

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

### Tuesday - December 23 - St. John of Kanty

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

### Wednesday - December 24

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

### **Vigil of the Nativity**

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

### **Mass at Night**

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

### Thursday - December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

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

### Friday - December 26 - St. Stephen

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

### Saturday - December 27 - St. John

Reading 1 John 1:1-4  
Gospel John 20:1a and 2-8

### Sunday - December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Reading II Colossians 3:12-21  
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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 email address, you do not need to do it again.

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

**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 Frjelic, Bob Frjelic, 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 Trzupek, 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.*

## St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - [www.stflorianschool.org](http://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.

### Congratulations Alumni!

#### *Honor Roll*

Mount Carmel High School:

<b>Zachary Mirabelli</b>	<b>Matthew Gonzalez</b>
<b>Agustin Herrera Jr.</b>	<b>Gabriel Lopez</b>
<b>Alfonso Vilanueva III</b>	<b>Aidan Varela</b>

### 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.

### 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.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



11 December 2014

There are parishes in Vicariate VI that struggle to meet their utility bills from year to year and the Archdiocese has paid these bills. For those who have a past due bill from Constellation Energy this last fiscal year, the Archdiocese is asking parishes to take special collections for heat throughout the winter, in a good-faith effort, as parishioners tend to respond to specific requests like these.

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry  
Vicar - Vicariate VI

*In light of this directive, we will be taking up a second collection each week for the winter months. This will begin the weekend of December 27 & 28.*

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

- ✱ *The Feast of the Holy Family* - December 28: this feast is celebrated within the 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 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God* - January 1: this 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.


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

~Author Unknown

# Year of the Sacraments

## Pope Francis' Vision of Healing and Communion

July 2014 - June 2015



### Year of Sacraments • One Word at a Time

## Nod

If we speak and our listener **nods** her head, we know that she has accepted what we say. We know that there is agreement. At the heart of the story of Advent and Christmas, we know that we are called to nod to God's Word. God would not enter this world unwelcomed. God looks for our nod. And so, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands for all humanity and nods to the Lord, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.



We believe that the sacraments bring us the presence of the living Christ. And we also believe that his presence is never imposed. As we receive the sacraments, the Lord looks for us to nod to him and to welcome his sacramental presence with hearts full of faith.

### Año De Los Sacramentos • De Palabra En Palabra

## Asentir

Si, mientras hablamos, nuestro interlocutor **asiente** con la cabeza, sabemos que acepta lo que decimos. Sabemos que hay acuerdo. En el centro de la historia de Adviento y de Navidad, sabemos que somos llamados a asentir a la Palabra de Dios. Dios no entraría a este mundo sin ser bienvenido. Dios busca nuestro acuerdo. Y es así que la Santísima Virgen María habla por toda la humanidad y asiente al Señor: "Que se haga en mí según tu palabra". Así, el Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros.



Creemos que los sacramentos nos brindan la presencia de Cristo vivo. Y también creemos que su presencia nunca nos es impuesta. A medida que recibimos los sacramentos, el Señor nos busca para asentir y recibir su presencia sacramental con un corazón lleno de fe.

### POPE FRANCIS' VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### December 13 & 14, 2014

Sunday Collections	Amount
4:00pm Mass	\$ 1,150.00
8:00am Mass	\$ 495.18
9:45am Mass	\$ 596.28
11:30am Mass	\$ 293.54
Mailed Donations	\$ 270.00
Votives	\$ 134.39
Actual Received	\$2,939.39
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$1,560.61</b>
Immaculate Conception	\$ 93.00
Assumption	\$ 15.00
Sare in the Care	\$ 715.00
Energy	\$ 104.00
Building Improvement	\$ 170.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00

### St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$93.00

*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.

### 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.

### 2015 Calendars

We will distribute calendars the weekend of December 27/28. 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 2015 calendars.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 6	Faith Sharing (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 7	RCIA (Rectory)	7:00pm
Jan 8	Parent Club (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 10	Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg	7:00pm
	- Gen Mtg	8:00pm
Jan 16	Confermation Sponsors (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 20	Young At Heart (KH)	1:00pm
Jan 21	Pantry Set Up (KH)	9:00am
Jan 22	Big Pantry (KH)	3:30pm

### Holy Name \$100 Raffle Winners

*December 12, 2014*

# 036 - Anthony C. Tomich

# 111 - R.D.J. Turman

### 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.*

