

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of December 22/23

4:00 PM + Frank & Mary Hurysz - Daughter, Ceil  
 8:00 AM + Larry Moll (2nd Anniv.) - Wife & Family  
 9:45 AM + Fr. Joe Pachorek - Drosos Family  
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Family

### Monday, December 24

7:30 AM + Stephanie Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gabrys

### Christmas Masses - December 24/25

4:00 PM + Joe Bukovich - Liuna Local 269  
 10:00 PM - For the Parishioners  
 8:00 AM + Helen Zurawski - Zofia Hnatuko  
 9:45 AM + Ed Borowski - Wife & Family

### Wednesday, December 26

7:15 AM - In Thanksgiving for favors received—Pereira Family

### Thursday, December 27

7:15 AM + Ann Ostrom - Young at Heart

### Friday, December 28

7:15 AM + Richard C. Serafin (11th Anniv.) - Wife

### Saturday, December 29

7:30 AM + Dorothy Olsen - Friend  
 4:00 PM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

### Sunday, December 30

8:00 AM + Anthony Gromek - Wife & Children  
 9:45 AM + Anthony J. Segvich Jr. - Family  
 11:30 AM + Maria Alonzo - Angelina

### Week of December 23 - December 29

#### The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week for

Larry Moll - Wife & Family

#### The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week for the

Larry Moll- 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 29

4:00 PM R. Robles, D. Ranos, M. Gomez

#### SUNDAY, December 30

8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, N. Meduga  
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, P. 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

### *Praise*

We praise God. We praise each other. Sometimes, we even praise ourselves. It is good to offer well deserved praise. To praise is to acknowledge the goodness of others and the greatness of their accomplishments. And there is no end to the goodness of God and the greatness of what God has accomplished for us through his Son Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. There is also much to praise for what God has accomplished in and through others and in our very selves.

The whole Mass praises God and sometimes explicitly so: "We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. . . ." Or, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also praise those whom God has made holy—the saints—and look forward to sharing their eternal life, which is life caught up in the full loving mystery of God and praise. We ask that "with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you. . . ."

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## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

### *Alabar*

Alabamos a Dios. Nos alabamos unos a otros. Y algunas veces, hasta nos alabamos a nosotros mismos. Es bueno alabar a alguien cuando se lo merece. Alabar es reconocer la bondad de otros y la grandeza de sus logros. Pero no tiene límites ni la bondad de Dios ni la grandeza de lo que ha hecho por nosotros mediante Cristo Jesús, su Hijo, con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. Hay tanto que alabar por lo que Dios ha realizado en y mediante los demás, y en nosotros mismos.

Toda la misa es alabar a Dios, y hasta lo dice: "Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos, te bendecimos, te adoramos, te glorificamos, te damos gracias . . ." Y también: "Te alabamos, Señor". Alabamos a las personas santificadas por Dios—los santos—y esperamos compartir la bienaventuranza eterna, que es la vida envuelta en el misterio del amor total de Dios y en su alabanza. Pedimos que, "con María, la Virgen Madre de Dios, los apóstoles y cuantos vivieron en tu amistad a través de los tiempos, merezcamos, por tu Hijo Jesucristo, compartir la vida eterna y cantar tus alabanzas".

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## Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 23, 2012

LK 1:29-45

***Each Eucharist is a wondrous daily Christmas: How does this happen that "my Lord should come to me" in such a real yet simple way?***



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LK 1:29-45

***Cada Eucaristía es una maravillosa Navidad todos los días: ¿Cómo sucede esto de que "mi Señor venga a mí", de tal manera real y sencilla?***

## 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 Trzupek, 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, Allysa 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. 24

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

### Tuesday - Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

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

### Wednesday - Dec. 26 - St. Stephen

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

### Thurs.- Dec. 27 - St. John

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

### Friday - Dec. 28 - Holy Innocents

Reading 1 John 1: 5, 2: 2  
Gospel Matthew 2: 13-18

### Saturday - Dec. 29

Reading 1 John 2: 3-11  
Gospel Luke 2: 22-35

### Sunday - Dec. 30 - Holy Family

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

## In Remembrance

Edward Obrakta

December 7, 2012

## 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 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

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)

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.  
~Author Unknown

## St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at -  
[www.stflorianschool.org](http://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 teacher 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 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 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 Dec. 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 Dec. 25th.

### Vocation Thoughts

#### DECEMBER 23 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Oh Come let us Adore Him!" How is God calling you to love, adore, and serve Him? If you have ever thought about priesthood, consider attending the next **Exploring Priesthood Weekend** retreat held on **January 11-13, 2013** at Mundelein Seminary to learn about, reflect and discuss the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. For more information contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at [bweter@archchicago.org](mailto:bweter@archchicago.org) or go to [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com).

### 2013 Calendars

We will distribute calendars the weekend of Dec. 29/30. 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 2013 calendars.



### *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 friendships, 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.*

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS December 15/16, 2012

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,070.02
Loose	\$ 289.11
Energy	\$ 114.00
Children's Offering	\$ 49.51
Maintenance	\$ 97.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 74.60
Votives (2 weeks)	\$ 202.01
Total	\$ 3,896.25

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 24 & 25	Rectory Office Closed
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	Rectory Office Closed
Jan 2	Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
Jan 7	School Resumes
Jan 8	VFW (KH) 5:00
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Jan 10	Confirmation/Sponsor Mtg. (KH) 7:00
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 5:30
Jan 11	Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
	Members 8:00

### St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$693.00

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 2012. Our plans for the New Year include continuing the outreach to parishioners who need spiritual and material assistance.

### 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.

### *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.

### 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 fourth week of Advent you could say while you light its candle. You may say 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 4:** O God, who fulfilled your promise to Mary, fill us also with your Spirit. Make us leap for joy as we light the fourth candle of this wreath. May its light purify our hearts for the coming of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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### 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. Comdr. 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.*