

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 26 & 27**

4:00 PM + Walter Rolek - Sharon Rolek
 8:00 AM + Lorraine Zalewski - Sandy Scztek
 9:45 AM + Anthony Segvich - Family
 11:30 AM + Jesus Calderon

Monday, December 28

7:30 AM + Richard Serafin - Wife

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 AM Fr. Robert - Parishioner

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 AM + Walter Burczak - Delores & Ted Kubal

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

7:30 AM + Leo Cap - Bernice Scallon
 4:00 PM + Ken Baker - Family

Friday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM + Frank & Katherine O'Brien - Daughter

Saturday, January 2

7:30 AM + Catherine Paszczyk - Margaret Anderson
 4:00 PM + Carl Abram - Family
 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM + Loretta Wopinski - Family
 9:45 AM + Frank Mosser - Marline Mosser
 11:30 AM + Jesús Lopez

**Week of December 27 - January 2**

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

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Helen & Thomas Zurawski

READERS**January 2015**

4:00 PM J. Struzik
 8:00 AM B. Frederisy
 9:45 AM J. Andrade
 11:30 AM I. Jimenez

CANTORS**THURSDAY, December 31**

4:00 PM Judy

FRIDAY, January 1

9:00 AM Lorie

SATURDAY, January 2

4:00 PM Ken

SUNDAY, January 3

8:00 AM Michelle
 9:45 AM Judy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**January 2015**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 M. Cowperthwaite
 L. Morse

 8:00 AM P. Gadus
 K. Gibson
 N. Moll

 9:45 AM P. Maccagnano
 C. Malone
 C. Ranos

 11:30 AM A. Davila
 R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS**THURSDAY, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

4:00 PM D. Elizalde, N. Arreguin

FRIDAY, January 1 - New Year's Day

9:00 AM J. Salamanca, A. Shea

SATURDAY, January 2

4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, January 3

8:00 AM N. Arreguin, J. Kelly
 9:45 AM J. Salamanca, A. Shea
 11:30 AM D. Ranos, D. Elizalde

USHERS**January 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

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 Frjelic, Bob Frjelic, 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 Trzupke, 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.



Mass Schedule for Christmas

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31	4:00 PM
Friday, January 1	9:00 AM



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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - December 28 - The Holy Innocents

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

Tuesday - December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

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

Wednesday - December 30

Reading 1 John 2:12-17
Gospel Luke 2:36-40

Thursday - December 31 - St. Sylvester I

Reading John 2:18-21
Gospel John 1:1-18

Friday - January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

Reading I Numbers 6:22-27
Reading II Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Luke 2:16-21

Saturday - January 2 - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

Reading 1 John 2:22-28
Gospel John 1:19-28

Sunday - January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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



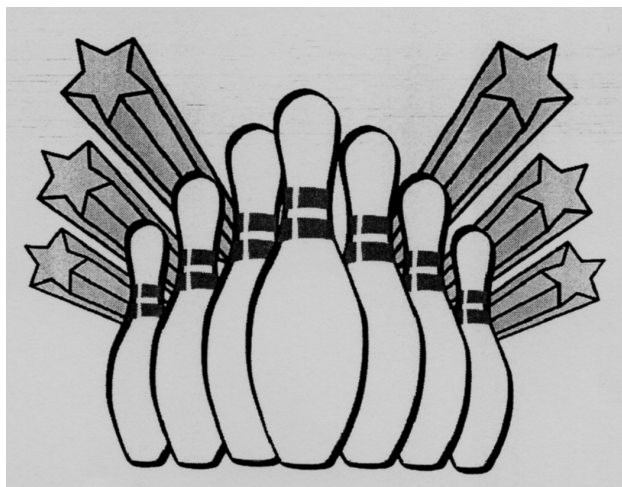
Mark your calendars! On *January 24th*, St. Florian Church will host a fund raiser buffet at Steve's. The menu is being finalized and there is now a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church.

Bowling Fundraiser for St. Florian School

Where: Olympia Lanes in Hammond Indiana
 4150 Calumet Avenue

Date: January 16, 2016
 Time: 9:00 pm check-in and buffet
 10:00 pm Bowling Starts

Cost: \$50.00 in advance
 \$60.00 at the door



*Tickets available in the school office after Christmas

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.

Christmas Offerings

Thank you to those who have responded so generously with your Christmas envelopes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete your Christmas offering to the parish, you may continue to do so throughout the month of January. We will then make a final report of all Christmas offerings received.

A Blessed New Year

Numbers 6:22-27

“The LORD bless you and keep you!”

We begin the new year with hope. It is filled with possibility. Our calendars may look empty, but they will soon be filled with activity and events. We already have plans for some of them. Other events will surprise us. We realize this year will bring a measure of sorrow, but we trust it to also bring a measure of joy.

Let this day and this year be a blessing. Today we hear the words of blessing spoken by God to Moses. “The Lord bless you and keep you.” They are words of favor. “The Lord give you peace!” They are words that wish the finest blessing, the gift of peace.

This new year, with all its promise, gives us the possibility of blessing. Perhaps you have withheld blessing from someone you know. Perhaps you especially need God’s gift of peace. Perhaps you fear the absence of God’s protection. Let this blessing calm your heart. Let it inspire you to breath God’s gift of peace to all you meet this day and this new year.

In early January we’re still enjoying the season of Christmas. We have many more days to sing carols, to invite guests over, to share the peace of the season. In this bright new year let the blessing of God, first spoken to Moses, echoing throughout the ages, enter your home and warm your heart.

*Written by Paul Turner
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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.



Initial Offering Envelopes

Please remember to use your Initial Offering Envelope in the January packet. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will help defray the cost of printing and mailing contribution envelopes.

What Is a Jubilee Year?

Celebrating a jubilee every 50 years was an ancient Hebrew custom (see Leviticus 25:8-13). It was a year of rest and restoration, when captives were set free, debts were paid, and land was not sown or harvested.

In the 1300s, the Catholic Church adopted the tradition of proclaiming a jubilee every 50 years to encourage people to return to a life of holiness. By the 1400s, a jubilee was proclaimed every 25 years so each generation could participate in the celebration. Our last “ordinary” jubilee took place during the year 2000, marking the second millennial anniversary of Christ’s birth.

But there is also a Catholic tradition of proclaiming an “extraordinary jubilee” outside the 25-year cycle. Our last “extraordinary jubilees” were held in 1933 and 1983, marking the 1900th and the 1950th anniversaries of Christ’s death and resurrection.



*This is the year to become more merciful
in our own lives and bring God’s mercy
to others.*



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to the holiday, our offering collection totals are not available. We will publish the totals next week.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$51.00

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 2015. Our plans for the New Year include continuing the outreach to parishioners who need spiritual and material assistance.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 5	RCIA (KH)	5:00pm
Jan 7	Choir Rehearsal (Church)	10:00am
Jan 8	Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg	7:00pm
	- Gen Mtg	8:00pm
Jan 11	Young at Heart (KH)	1:00pm
Jan 12	Bible Study (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 14	Choir Rehearsal (Church)	10:00am

"THAT'S NOT MY JOB"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

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, U.S. Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, U.S. 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.

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*

Your Gift, Your Parish
www.parishgift.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