

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend, December 28 & 29**

- 4:00 PM + Regina Przybyla - Friends  
 8:00 AM + Walter & Veronica Wojcik - Chester Ogorek  
 9:45 AM + Tony Segvich Jr. - Family  
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva & Francisco Saldana - Family

**Monday, December 30**

- 7:30 AM + Deborah Watson - Phyllis Powers

**Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

- 7:30 AM + Leona Krawczyk - Phyllis Powers  
 4:00 PM + Ken Baker - Family

**Wednesday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God**

- 9:00 AM + Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

**Thursday, January 2**

- 7:30 AM + Leona Krawczyk - Phyllis Powers

**Friday, January 3**

- 8:00 AM + Stanley Piepruszka - John Gill

**Saturday, January 4**

- 7:30 AM + Harriet Brodzik - Ted Nester & Family  
 4:00 PM + Theodora Sowa - Family

**Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM + Helen Mack - Young At Heart  
 9:45 AM + Gerry Czarowski - Zbinden-Miller Family  
 11:30 AM + Sanjuana Soto - Family

**Week of December 29 - January 4**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

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

**ALTAR SERVERS****TUESDAY, December 31 - New Years Eve**

- 4:00 PM R. Dejanovich, J. Laskowiecki,  
 A. Komosa,

**WEDNESDAY, January 1 - New Years Day**

- 9:00 AM P. Gomez, D. Ranos

**SATURDAY, January 4**

- 4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, R. Dejanovich,  
 J. Laskowiecki

**SUNDAY, January 5 - Epiphany**

- 8:00 AM A. Komosa, N. Meduga, J. Kelly  
 9:45 AM A. Villanueva, A. Bellan, D. Ranos  
 11:30 AM P. Gomez, X. Gutierrez

**READERS****January 2014**

- 4:00 PM N. Mooney  
 8:00 AM P. Gadus  
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano  
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****January 2014**

- 4:00 PM  
 A. Bonczek  
 M. Cowperthwaite  
 D. Karczewski  
 L. Morse
- 8:00 AM  
 C. Bozovic  
 D. Ciciora  
 J. Gibbons  
 N. Moll
- 9:45 AM  
 O. Haro  
 P. Maccagnano  
 C. Malone  
 P. O'Rourke
- 11:30 AM  
 A. Davila  
 I. Jimenez

**USHERS****January 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. Shanahan, 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...



Carl Abram, Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Adrienne Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Irma Bulatovich, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, 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 Lassetter, Thomas J. Lohr, Katharina Makara, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ray Mosser, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Maria Tokarz, Chestine Trzupsek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, 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.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday - December 30

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

### Tuesday - December 31 - St. Sylvester

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

### Wednesday - January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

### Thursday - January 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory

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

### Friday - January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Reading 1 John 2:29—3:6  
Gospel John 1:29-34

### Saturday - January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Reading 1 John 3:7-10  
Gospel John 1:35-42

### Sunday - January 5 - Feast of the Epiphany

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

ANYONE INTERESTED IN RENTING  
KONSOWSKI HALL, PLEASE CALL THE  
RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

*Saturday, January 18, 2014 - 4:00pm to 7:00pm*  
St. Florian School Gymnasium

Tickets go on sale beginning January 5, 2014. We will need volunteers to help set up, help serve and help clean up after the dinner. We could also use people to do some baking. All the money generated from this fund raiser will be used to help defray the cost of the A/C in the back of the church.

**Don't forget to put your  
e-mail address on your envelope.**

## Mass Schedule for New Year

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 4:00 PM.  
Wednesday, January 1 9:00 AM (English)

### Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4 4:00 PM (English)  
Sunday, January 5 8:00 AM (English)  
9:45 AM (English)  
11:30 AM (Spanish)

## December 2013 Book Rack Selection

### Daily Gospel 2014 by

Carol Duffy, FCJ,  
Bienvido Baisas,  
OFM and Angel  
Ochagavia



### St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2014

### W & W Pocket

Calendar 2014 by Don Brophy

### Bible Diary 2014

### The Strength Within by Barbara Hansen

**Belonging** by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn  
and Matthew Linn

**To Reconcile God's People** *Writings of Cardinal Mahony*, Selected and Edited with an  
Introduction by Michael Downey

**With an Everlasting Love** by William J. Barry

## St. Florian School Happenings...



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

### Market Day

Orders are due by January 17, 2014 and can be picked up on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in the school gymnasium from 2-3pm. Profits earned from last month's Market Day were \$75.44.

### Aluminum Can Recycling

Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

### 2013-2014 REGISTRATION!

Registration is on going for 3 & 4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

### 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 multi-cultural 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.

### 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.

### 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 invites, 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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### Vocation Thoughts: December 29, 2013

*Feast of the Holy Family*

By Baptism, Catholic families are holy families and are the seed beds for the vocations of their children. Pray generously as a family for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among your children. Should God be calling one among you, contact Fr. Francis Bitterman, [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org) or at 312-534-8298, or go to [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com).

For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 [oreramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:oreramirez@archchicago.org), and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4564 or [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu)

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

*Due to the holiday printing schedule, we will publish our offering collection totals next week.*

### St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$133.00

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

## Pious Exercises

*by Paul Turner*

Pious exercises are ways that many Christians express their faith either in public or in private. These exercises are not part of the official liturgy of the church, but they harmonize with it. When prayed well, popular devotions stimulate people's faith and help them worship God even better in the liturgy.

These devotions cover a broad range of interests—the sacred heart of Jesus, the immaculate conception of Mary, the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the rosary, to name but a few. They became "popular" as they spread among people who find them helpful to develop their piety as individuals or in groups. Many pious exercises are shared by a large number of people, and their practice has been passed on from one generation to the next. These developments show the value of such devotions.

Before the Second Vatican Council, Pious exercises profoundly formed the spiritual lives of Catholics, partly because they could be prayed in vernacular languages. Although Catholics prayed at Mass when it was always in Latin, they have participated more fully, consciously, and actively ever since the Mass became available to them in their own tongue. The liturgical renewal appropriately drew Catholics more deeply into the liturgy, which is the most important form of common prayer. Some pious exercises have become less available and less practised because devotion to the Mass has increased. However, Catholics are still encouraged to develop pious exercises to balance healthy spiritual lives. The Vatican deals with this matter in its *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines*, which indicates that these devotions are at their best when they lead people back to the Mass and other forms of liturgical prayer.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 23-Jan 4	School Closed
Jan 6	Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00pm
Jan 7	PPC (KH) 7:00pm
Jan 8	Evangelization Meeting (KH) 6:00pm
Jan 8	Parent Club (KH) 7:00pm
Jan 9	Faith Sharing (KH) 5:30pm
Jan 10	Holy Name (KH) Exec. Mtg. 7:00pm Gen. Mtg. 8:00pm
Jan 14	Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00pm
Jan 15	School Board (KH) 6:30pm
Jan 16	Confirmation Sponsors Mtg. (KH) 7:00

*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. Comdr.  
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 - Sgt. Matthew R.  
McGivney, U.S. Army - 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 wish to have a family member added  
to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory  
at 646-4877.*

*"To get something you never had,  
you have to do something you never did."*

# Year of Strong Catholic Parents

July 2013 - June 2014



## Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

### Reflect

One year closes and another begins. It's time for New Year's resolutions. The media is filled with suggestions and tips to eat better, exercise more, and save more money. But here's something else to think about—*something that* could have a valuable and lasting impact for generations to come.

Set aside time to reflect prayerfully on your life as a parent. Ask yourself, "What one thing would I like to do to be a better parent?" What comes to mind? Don't force it; let the idea come. It might be "listen more," "enjoy my kids more," or "get more rest so I can be a kinder person." You'll know it when it comes. Then ask God for the grace to embrace this resolution and to remove the obstacles to achieve it, one day at a time.

—Tom McGrath



## Criando hijos creyentes - una palabra a la vez

### Meditar

Un año llega a su fin y otro empieza. Llegó el momento de las resoluciones de Año Nuevo. Los medios nos llenan de sugerencias y consejos para comer mejor, hacer más ejercicio y ahorrar más dinero. Pero hay algo más en lo que tenemos que pensar, *algo que* podría tener un efecto duradero y valioso en las generaciones futuras.

Dediquen un tiempo para meditar en oración sobre su vida como padres. Pregúntense: "¿Qué me gustaría hacer para ser un mejor padre?" ¿Qué se les ocurre? No lo fuercen; dejen que la idea llegue sola. Tal vez sea "escuchar más", "disfrutar más con mis hijos" o "descansar más para poder ser más amable". Se darán cuenta cuando llegue. Entonces, pidan a Dios la gracia para aceptar esa resolución y sortear los obstáculos, un día a la vez.

—Tom McGrath



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## AÑO DE LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA FORTALECIDOS EN LA FE

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**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  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check One:

New Parishioner       New Phone Number

New Address       Moving, Remove

from Register