

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Weekend of December 29/30**

- 4:00 PM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends
- 8:00 AM + Anthony Gromek - Wife & Children
- 9:45 AM + Anthony J. Segvich Jr. - Family
- 11:30 AM + Maria Alonzo - Angelina

**Monday, December 31**

- 7:15 AM - Special Intention for Jakob & Barb
- 4:00 PM + Barney & Helen Smierciak - Children

**Tuesday, January 1**

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

**Wednesday, January 2**

- 7:15 AM + Vincent Brandys - Loving Sisters: Barbara & Christine

**Thursday, January 3**

- 7:15 AM + John Kendra - Sisters: Shirley & Sandy

**Friday, January 4**

- 8:15 AM + Stanley Kucia - Family

**Saturday, January 5**

- 7:30 AM + Stanley Ciciora - Family
- 4:00 PM + Barney Zielinski - Family

**Sunday, January 6**

- 8:00 AM + Ken Baker - Rose Witczak
- 9:45 AM + Charles Anderson - Wife
- 11:30 AM + Estevan Juarez - Angelina

**Week of December 30 - January 5**

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

Robert Peak - Family

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

Zakrzewski Family - Frances & Chester Zakrzewski

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**January 2013**

4:00 PM

- A. Bonczek
- B. Peak
- C. Motkowicz
- M. Cowperthwaite
- D. Karczewski
- J. Gibbons

8:00 AM

- E. Podsiadlik
- P. Gadus
- N. Moll
- C. Bozovic

9:45 AM

- C. Malone
- P. Maccagnano
- P. Haro
- P. O'Rourke
- O. Haro
- M. Czarobski

11:30 AM

- L. Jimenez
- A. Davila

**READERS**  
**January 2013**

- 4:00 PM L. Morse
- 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
- 9:45 AM J. Andrade
- 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, January 5**

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

**SUNDAY, January 6**

- 8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, N. Meduga
- 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, M. Gomez
- 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, J. Quintero

**USHERS**  
**January 2013**

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

# Believe

Each Sunday at Mass, we make our profession of faith that begins, "I believe in one God. . . ." We re-affirm what we believe. The Creed holds all the great mysteries of our faith: Creation, the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation, the Redemption, the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and finally "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." To all this, we say, "Amen. I believe."

What is this Creed about? Why every Sunday? To whom are we speaking? There is repetition. We need that to cling more surely to what we believe. We do talk both to God and to ourselves, so that we can stand more firmly in faith. And there is something else at work in this profession of faith. To believe means both to accept the revealed mysteries and to attach ourselves in ever more confident trust to God who has revealed the mysteries to us. Finally, we seal our profession with a resounding great Amen—at the end of the Creed, but also at other special moments of faith, as at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and before the Body of Christ presented to us. "Amen. I do believe."

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## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Creer

En la misa dominical confesamos nuestra fe. Comenzamos nuestra profesión diciendo: "Creo en un solo Dios . . ." Confirmamos lo que creemos. El Credo contiene todos los grandes misterios de nuestra fe: La Creación, la Santísima Trinidad, la Encarnación, la Redención, la obra del Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia, y, por último, "la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro". Y al final de todo esto, decimos "Amén".

¿Para qué el Credo? ¿Por qué lo repetimos cada domingo? ¿A quién nos dirigimos? Necesitamos repetirlo para irnos afianzando en lo que decimos. Le hablamos a Dios y a nosotros mismos, para permanecer firmes en la fe. Pero hay más elementos al profesar nuestra fe. Creer significa tanto aceptar los misterios revelados como adherirnos con mayor confianza a Dios que nos los ha revelado. Por último, sellamos nuestra profesión con un poderoso "Amén"—al final del Credo, pero igualmente en otros momentos especiales de fe, como al final de la Oración Eucarística, y cuando se nos presenta el Cuerpo de Cristo. "Amén", yo creo.

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Year of Sunday Mass  
Question of the Week

**December 30, 2012**

*LK 2:41-52*

*Today is the Feast of the Holy Family and the Gospel of Luke tells Mary and Joseph searching for Jesus, who was found in the temple with teachers, listening to him and asking questions.*

**Jesus is always ready to listen. What questions do I bring to Jesus at Mass this week?**



Year of Sunday Mass  
Question of the Week

**December 30, 2012**

*LK 2:41-52*

*Hoy es la Festividad de la Sagrada Familia y el Evangelio de Lucas habla de María y José, buscando a Jesús, a quien encontraron en el templo con los maestros, quienes lo escuchaban y le hacían preguntas.*

**Jesús siempre está dispuesto a escuchar. ¿Qué preguntas debo traer a Jesús esta semana a la**

## 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 Trzupsek, 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, Alysya 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. 31 - St. Sylvester

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

### Tuesday - Jan. 1 - Mary, Mother of God

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

### Wednesday - Jan. 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory

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

### Thurs.- Jan. 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

### Friday - Jan 4 - St. Elizabeth Seton

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

### Saturday - Jan 5 - St. John Neumann

Reading 1 John 3: 11-21  
Gospel John 1: 43-51

### Sunday - Jan 6 - Epiphany

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

## Welcome 2013!

*Peace and good health  
to all our parishioners  
as we begin a new year!*

— Fr. Robert and Priests  
and Parish Staff of St. Florian

### Mass Schedule for New Year

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, Dec. 31	4:00 PM.
Tuesday, Jan. 1	9:00 AM (English)

### Epiphany of the Lord

Sat., Jan. 5

4:00 PM (English)

Sun., Jan. 6

8:00 & 9:45 AM (English)

11:30 AM (Spanish)



The rush is over—the presents are unwrapped. Did you get everything at Christmas that you always wanted? If not—maybe we need to remember the virtue of gifts that are sent without even any pretty paper or bows:

### Christmas Gifts

Alberta Dredia

Of all the gifts that Christmas brings,  
The best are made of little things:  
Melody of carols all the year;  
Cheer to friends that you hold dear;  
Courage to someone else to start  
Some task for which he hasn't heart;  
Thoughts for those with less than you;  
Faith though the future's not in view;  
Fun and laughter to go everywhere;  
Kindness to show how much you care;  
Strength to begin all over again;  
And love to seek the best in every man.  
While other seasons come and go  
And another year hurries past,  
Let's give again the little things—  
They are the gifts the last.

## 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.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Christmas, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Filled with awe and wonder at the mystery of the Incarnation, how do we welcome God Incarnate? Filled with awe and wonder at the mystery of the Eucharist, how do we approach its celebration? During this Year of Sunday Mass, it is fitting to point out that the world is different because Mass is celebrated and we participate in that celebration. Not just we individually, not just the Church, but the world as a whole would be a very different place were the Holy Eucharist not celebrated.

Since the first Christians in Jerusalem discovered their identity around the altar of the Lord on his day, Catholics have known that without the Mass they cannot live fully in Christ. By inviting us to a new life and shaping our attitudes toward this life, the Eucharist does not merely express who we are and what we believe; it helps us discover who we are and what we can become in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Full and active participation in the liturgy leads us to embrace the truth, to take up the cross, and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus throughout every dimension of our lives in praying for life eternal.

Through the Eucharist, the power of the Holy Spirit transforms us into the living Body of Christ, set to transform the world. Moreover, it moves us to express in action what it is that unites us to God and therefore to one another. When we are faithful to the image of God stamped upon us through baptism so that we are like Jesus Christ and when, in the celebration of the liturgy, our actions are witnesses to God's own transcendence, our lives are holy. When we live in the world with Christ's love, spreading his peace and justice, we are God's instruments. This in its entirety is the spirit of the liturgy. Liturgy is not about us except to the extent that we are in Christ.

As Mary eloquently expresses in the *Magnificat*: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior," may you go forth from Mass "glorifying the Lord by your life." You will be remembered in my Christmas Masses and prayers. A blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$125.00**

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**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.

**2013 Mass Book**

The 2013 Mass Book is open. Have you come to the rectory to make arrangements for your Mass intentions yet? Remember, Mass intentions include our deceased, in thanksgiving, anniversaries of marriages and birthdays, for good health, special intentions, etc. You can personalize your Mass intentions in any way possible.

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.*