

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend, December 7 & 8**

4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek & Son Joseph - Ron & Irene Nawracaj  
 8:00 AM + Mame Kaleto - Daughter & Family  
 9:45 AM + Daniel Gomez - Family  
 11:30 AM + Sila Ortiz - Alicia Davila

**Monday, December 9**

7:30 AM + Harriet Brodzik - Rosary Ladies

**Tuesday, December 10**

7:30 AM + Ken Baker - Family  
 7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation

**Wednesday, December 11**

7:30 AM + Tony & Mary Blaszak - Pat Golden

**Thursday, December 12**

7:30 AM + Sharon Norlin - V. Yager  
 6:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday, December 13**

8:00 AM + JoAnn & Lou Wontor - V Yager

**Saturday, December 14**

7:30 AM + Evelyn Twardosz - Family  
 4:00 PM + Frank Nasca - Wife & Son

**Sunday, December 15**

8:00 AM + Bosner Family - Ken & Donna Kozlowski & Family  
 9:45 AM + Matthew Raczak - Family  
 11:30 AM + Jesús Reyes - Family

**Week of December 8 - December 14**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Gerry Czarobski - Nancy Moll

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Gerry Czarobski - Nancy Moll

**READERS****December 2013**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek  
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski  
 9:45 AM J. Andrade  
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, December 14**

4:00 PM S. Meyer, T. Meyer, D. Ranos

**SUNDAY, December 15**

8:00 AM A. Bellan, R. Dejanovich, J. Kelly  
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, N. Meduga  
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, P. Gomez

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****December 2013**

4:00 PM

M. Cowperthwaite  
 R. Haney  
 D. Karczewski  
 L. Morse

8:00 AM

D. Ciciora  
 J. Gibbons  
 K. Gibson  
 N. Moll

9:45 AM

P. Haro  
 P. Maccagnano  
 C. Malone  
 P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

A. Davila  
 R. Oseguera

**USHERS****December 2013**

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

# Year of Strong Catholic Parents

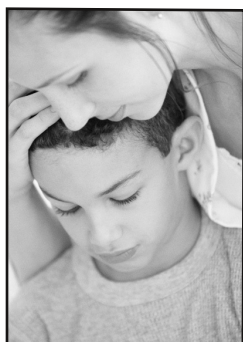
July 2013 - June 2014



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

### Yearn

My friend Father Paul Campbell, S.J., says we are all born with a God-shaped hole in our hearts. Our deepest longing is for God to fill that emptiness. This yearning for God is also in our children. As parents, it is our task and blessing to help our families find healthy ways to fill that emptiness.



Advent is the season when the Church listens to that inner longing. It's also when we prepare to welcome Jesus, the end of all our yearning. The world will try to excite us about gifts and material possessions as ways to fill that longing. But they don't satisfy. Jesus is the one who satisfies. Remember that when your family sings the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

—Tom McGrath

## Criando hijos creyentes - una palabra a la vez

### Anhelar

Mi amigo, el padre Paul Campbell, S.J., dice que cuando nacemos, todos tenemos un agujero en el corazón con la forma de Dios. Nuestro deseo más profundo es que Dios llene ese vacío. Este anhelo de Dios también está en nuestros hijos. Como padres, es nuestro deber y bendición ayudar a nuestras familias a encontrar maneras sanas de llenar ese vacío.



El Adviento es la época en que la Iglesia escucha ese deseo interno. También es la época en que nos preparamos para dar la bienvenida a Jesús, el fin de nuestro anhelo. El mundo intentará llenar ese vacío con regalos y posesiones materiales. Pero eso no nos satisface. Jesús es el que nos llena. Recuerden eso cuando sus familias canten "Oh ven, oh ven, Emmanuel" durante el Adviento.

—Tom McGrath

## YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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[www.CatholicParentsChicago.org](http://www.CatholicParentsChicago.org)

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

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## 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 Trzupek, 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.*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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### Monday - December 9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Reading Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
 Reading II Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Gospel Luke 1:26-38

### Tuesday - December 10

Reading Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Gospel Matthew 18:12-14

### Wednesday - December 11 - St. Damasus I

Reading Isaiah 40:25-31  
 Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

### Thursday - December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reading Zechariah 2:14-17  
 Gospel Luke 1:26-38

### Friday - December 13 - St. Lucy

Reading Isaiah 48:17-19  
 Gospel Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday - December 14 - St. John of the Cross

Reading Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
 Gospel Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday - December 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
 Reading II James 5:7-10  
 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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## From the Pastor's desk...

### Catholic Obligations VS. other christian denominations

Being a Catholic is a great privilege! This privilege, belonging to Christ and His Church, comes with several important obligations.

Some of the obligations can be fulfilled only while we are participating (being physically present) in the church with other Catholics and in the presence of a Catholic priest.

For instance, our Sunday obligation of coming to Sunday Mass is fulfilled only when we attend a Sunday Mass in a Catholic Church (preferably our parish church). The Catholic Church believes Holy Communion is the real body and blood of Christ. Other churches believe it is only a symbol.

If a Catholic attends a protestant or a non-Catholic Church/congregation on Sunday and he/she doesn't attend Mass in a Catholic Church the same Sunday, his/her Sunday obligation is not fulfilled!

There are some Christian denominations that do not distinguish themselves from the others too clearly. And they may look like the Catholic Church but they are not. Sometimes they may announce that they are the "same" as we are, but they are not. They are similar but not the same as our faith and Tradition.

I have noticed that some Catholics get confused about their faith and the differences about other denominations. Especially in a multicultural city like Chicago it is possible misunderstand things. It is not wrong at all to visit other churches or have friends who are Non-Catholics.

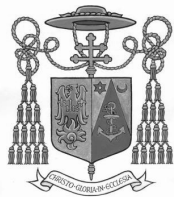
In the Gospel readings, Jesus is often interacting with "other denominations", he spreads the Good News to them also. He never confuses the faith and he never apologizes for it!

Christ today wants us to be friendly with "the others" but also He wants us to know our Identity and keep our Catholic faith clear.

(If you have questions, I encourage you to ask your parish Catholic priest about this matter. )

Yours in Christ,  
 Fr. Robert

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 11, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your parish will soon present the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity to honor and thank retired Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests for their generous service to our Church and our world.

Whether we realize it or not, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made. Through hard work, prayer and sacrifice, they established schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. I remain grateful for the ways they have given outstanding service to our archdiocese.

I realize there are numerous worthy causes in need of assistance and that many individuals and families continue to struggle financially. I ask you simply to offer what you can for the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church.

Thank you for your support of this appeal. During the upcoming Advent season, you and those you love will be in my prayers in a special way; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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.**

We are really in need of someone to vacuum and dust the Sanctuary. If you have an hour a week, please consider helping. For more information, call Peg at (773) 646-4877 after 2:00pm Monday through Thursday.

## St. Florian School Happenings...



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

### Market Day

Orders can be picked up on Friday, December 13 in the school gymnasium from 2-3pm. Profits earned from last month's Market Day were \$97.43.

### Christmas Concert

The St. Florian School Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium.

### 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 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.



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

	<b>Nov 23 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Nov &amp; Dec 30      1</b>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,035.11	\$2,474.50
Loose	\$ 298.53	\$ 432.40
Children's Offering	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.50
Votives	\$ 99.50	\$ 90.67
Actual Received	\$2,439.14	\$ 3,003.07
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$4,500.00	-\$4,500.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$2,060.86</b>	<b>-\$ 1,496.93</b>
Military Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
All Saints	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00
World Mission	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Seminary Collection	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.00
CCHD Collection	\$ 561.16	\$ 97.00
Energy	\$ 60.00	\$ 238.66
Maintenance	\$ 28.00	\$ 347.00
Building Improvement	\$ 64.00	\$ 209.00

**St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$244.00**

*St. Vincent de Paul* - Thanks! Because you are concerned... This is a note of appreciation. Our thank you is a simple but sincere statement. You are being thanked by the poor and the needy for food, clothing, medicine and other needs you are supplying. "The Poor Boxes are the Bread Boxes of the Needy."

**Parish Tree Lighting**

Our Tree Lighting Service is December 21st at 4:00pm Mass. Ornament for this year is Silver.

The **Saint Florian Holy Name Society** will meet on Friday, December 20, 2013 instead of December 13, 2013. Officers will meet at 7:00pm. The general meeting is at 8:00pm.

**Parish Mission**

Fr. Tom Donaldson will speak at all the weekend Masses on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday December 8th, and will have an evening of reflection on Monday December 9th at 7:00pm.

Fr. Tom is a member of the Redemptorist congregation. He has been a priest for 30 years. The first four years of his priesthood were spent in being a parish associate in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The next 12 years, he spent giving parish missions, as well as retreats for priests, deacons, and religious. He has been a popular speaker for various conventions and seminars around the country.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Dec 3-11	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe (KH) 6:00pm
Dec 9	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00pm
Dec 9	Parish Mission 7:00pm
Dec 10	Parish Reconciliation 7:00pm
Dec 11	Parent Club (School) 6:30pm
Dec 12	Choir Rehearsal: St. Cecilia 10:00am Men's Choir 2:00pm
Dec 13	Parent Club Movie Night (Gym) 6:00pm
Dec 15	Breakfast with Santa (St. Columba Social Center) 8:00am
Dec 16	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00pm
Dec 17	Pantry Setup (KH) 9:00am
Dec 18	Big Pantry (KH) 2:30pm
Dec 19	Spanish Faith Sharing 5:30pm
Dec 19	Choir Rehearsal: St. Cecilia 10:00am Men's Choir 2:00pm
Dec 20	Holy Name (KH) Exec. Mtg. 7:00pm Gen. Mtg. 8:00pm
Dec 21	Tree Lighting 7:00pm

*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 - 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.*

**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