

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, August 24/25**

4:00 PM + Edward Wojcik - Mary Blonski
 8:00 AM + Chester Zakrzewski - Mr. & Mrs. Wopinski
 9:45 AM + Richard Furman - James & Patricia O'Rourke
 11:30 AM + Favaon Guajardo - Olivia Guajardo

Monday, August 26

7:30 AM + Joseph Kasper - Family

Tuesday, August 27

7:30 AM + Ken Baker - Family

Wednesday, August 28

7:30 AM + Dorothy Owens - Phyllis Serafin

Thursday, August 29

7:30 AM + Helen Kasper - Family

Friday, August 30

7:30 AM + Regina Przybyla - Friends

Saturday, August 31

7:30 AM + Richard O'Sullivan - Marlene Mosser
 4:00 PM + Bob Karczewski - Family

Sunday, September 1

8:00 AM + Dorothy Owens - Phyllis Serafin
 9:45 AM + Richard Furman - Family
 11:30 AM + Carmen Luna - Alicia Davila

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**August 2013**

4:00 PM
 A. Bonczek
 J. Gibbons
 D. Karczewski
 S. Jezior

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

9:45 AM
 P. Maccagnano
 P. Haro
 O. Haro
 M. Czarobski

11:30 AM
 I. Jimenez
 R. Oseguera

Week of August 25 - August 31

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Alex Stavrakakes & Son Micheal - Irene & Ron Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Bill Pope - Dolores Pope

READERS**August 2013**

4:00 PM L. Morse
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM N. Mooney
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, August 31**

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

SUNDAY, September 1

8:00 AM J. Kelly, N. Meduga
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez

USHERS**August 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

Empathy

Maternity-ward nurses know that when one infant cries, the other infants soon join in. This is life's earliest example of empathy—identifying with the feelings of others.

Empathy is the foundational building block of all morality. It enables us to “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Parents can nurture empathy in their children by asking, “How do you think Robby felt when you called him that name?” or involving them in acts of charity toward others. The most powerful tool parents have in teaching empathy is modeling empathic behavior with people they meet or talk about. Jesus says that we will be judged according to how we responded to those who are hungry, hurting, and in need. Empathy enables us to respond to the needs of others.

—Tom McGrath



Criando hijos creyentes - una palabra a la vez

Empatía

Las enfermeras de la sala de maternidad saben que cuando un bebé llora, otros se le unirán rápidamente. Ese es el primer ejemplo de empatía en la vida: identificarse

con los sentimientos del otro. La empatía es la piedra angular de toda moralidad. Nos permite “obrar hacia los demás como deseamos que obren hacia nosotros”. Por ejemplo, los padres pueden fomentar la empatía en sus hijos preguntando: “¿Cómo crees que se sintió Roberto cuando lo llamaste así?”, y motivándolos a que realicen actos de caridad hacia los demás. La herramienta más poderosa que tenemos los padres para enseñar a tener empatía es teniendo empatía con las personas con quienes nos encontramos o de quienes hablamos. Jesús dice que seremos juzgados de acuerdo a cómo respondimos ante los hambrientos, los heridos y los necesitados. La empatía nos permite responder a las necesidades de los demás.

—Tom McGrath



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We pray for...



Carl Abram, Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Stanley Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Harriet Brodzik, 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, Charolte Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, Charlene Jones, Edward Kawa, Larry Kawa, Karen Kil, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Helen Larson, John Larson, Beth Lasseter, 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 Trzuppek, 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 - August 26

Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Gospel Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday - August 27 - Saint Monica

Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday - August 28 - Saint Augustine

Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday - August 29 - Passion of John the Baptist

Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Gospel Mark 6:17-29

Friday - August 30 - St. Stephen

Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday - August 31

Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday - September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Reading II Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Pastor's desk...

Why should I come to church every Sunday?

Why is attending the Mass so important?

Aren't we just fine while praying at home or while walking in a park?

Isn't God just about anywhere?

The questions above have been very popular and used by the modern day Catholics. Sometimes those just come and go but some Catholics tend to create their own theological answers to those very valid questions. Unfortunately if we answer those questions too quickly it may lead us to some seriously misguided reactions and habits.

And unfortunately too many Catholics when the question about the church attendance comes up choose the easy choice and they don't come to the Mass celebration anymore or that are only there a few times a year; for Christmas or Easter to keep the tradition bound in the family, so the Christmas tree and later the colored eggs have some meaning at all.

Some times of course they are visible during Baptisms, Weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, Quinceañeras and of course funerals.

Isn't that all enough?

When the people are so busy with their lives, shouldn't they get a break for once and enjoy their games with kids, TV shows, shopping in the malls, socials, sleep a bit longer that morning etc., when finally the weekend comes? Isn't the church too much already?

I believe that we all have a right to enjoy ourselves. Especially the young families should use their time well. Being with the children closely is very important. They learn from their parents also during the fun time. Also the adults need their free time away from work. Socialization is great for the neighborhoods, good TV shows open new avenues for us and they may relax us if they are good, but all we do in our lives should have its time and

place. We should never forget about our Lord. We need to work on our priorities if they have been misplaced and confused. God for sure should be our top priority! Could a game or party save our soul and accept us to heaven? No. But God can.

A Sunday Mass is one of the moments to know God better, so we can be called His here and when we change our place of living from Earthly into Eternal.

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church" says about celebrating the Holy Day (Sunday)

2168 The third commandment of the Decalogue recalls the holiness of the Sabbath "The seventh day is a Sabbath of a solemn rest, holy to the Lord."

2173 ...With compassion, Christ declares the Sabbath for doing good rather than harm... The Sabbath is the day of the Lord of mercies and a day to honor God.

2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or one the evening of the preceding day."

2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. **Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit grave sin.**

And in the other source "United States Catholic Catechism for Adults" we also read about the Sunday Mass attendance:

...Because the faithful (Catholics) are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a grave impediment; pastors have the corresponding duty to offer everyone a real possibility of fulfilling the precept...

Yet more than a precept, the observance should be seen as a need rising from the depths of Christian life. **It is crucially important that all the faithful**

should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in their life of Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly. (DD, nos. 49,81)

It seems that we can say a lot about the Sunday Mass and how important it is. However it will be up to the reader to respond positively to God's voice. God is waiting for your free response to HIM. I am hoping that those of us who have been recently "at sea" or away from the practice of the Sunday Mass will read this letter with understanding and an open heart. The late summer brings us a thought that the next school year will start very soon and that other activities will occur once again.

Let's put The Lord in first place!

Fr. Robert

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

2013-2014 REGISTRATION!

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

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education for the 2013 - 2014 school year is now open. You can register your children Monday through Thursday from 2:30pm until 6:30pm in the rectory at 13145 S. Houston Avenue. Classes begin on September 8, 2013 at 8:00am. This is for all children who are not enrolled in St. Florian School. Registration will be closed as of Thursday, September 19, 2013.

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
August 10/11 2013

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,051.06
Loose	\$ 444.43
Children's Offering	\$ 13.01
Votives	\$ 94.00
Actual Received	\$ 2,602.50
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$ 4,500.00
Deficit	-\$ 1,897.50
Energy	\$ 576.00
Maintenance	\$ 59.00
Building Improvement	\$ 72.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 25 Holy Name Golf Outing
Pheasant Valley, Crown Point IN, 8:30am

Anyone interested in renting Konsowski Hall,
please call the rectory for more information.

Please join the new principal of St. Florian School,
Krista Wilkinson, for an open house on Sunday,
August 25th - from 12 to 2pm. She will be speaking
about it this weekend at each of the Masses.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$62.00

Our main source of revenue comes from the Poor
Boxes in the church. Help us to help our own needy.
Drop a coin in one of the boxes.

2013 Mass Book



There are still Masses available in the 2013 Mass Book. Please

stop by the rectory to reserve your Masses.
The 2014 Mass Book is now open.

Florian Fest Bake Sale

The Florian Fest Committee is looking for bakers!
Please drop off your home made goodies at the Rectory.
Your yummy donations will be very much appreciated!
Florian Fest is October 13th.

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

*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 - Bill Anderson,
U.S. Army - 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; and
- 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	Ministry of Consolation
Choirs, Cantors	Ministry of Lectors
Musicians	Faith Sharing Groups
Ministers of Communion	Ushers
Liturgy Committee	Greeters
Ministry of Care	Bible Study

Education / Adult Formation

Elementary School (Pre-K through 8th)	Parish Pastoral Council
Baptismal Preparation	Religious Education
R.C.I.A.	Vacation Bible School
	Evangelization Committee

Service

Garden Club	St. Vincent de Paul
Finance Council	

Parish / School Organizations

Holy Name Society	Ladies Rosary Sodality
Knights of Columbus	Young at Heart
Parents' Club	Athletic Association

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

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St. Florian Parish in your estate planning*

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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.

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Watch your thoughts; they
become words.

Watch your words; they
become actions.

Watch your actions; they
become habits.

Watch your habits; they
become character.

Watch your character; it
becomes your destiny.

Fr. Richard Rohr