

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of July 19/20

- 4:00 PM + Stella Daszkowski - Olga Povse
 8:00 AM + Leonard Klimek - Arlene Huss
 + Theresa Milewski - Daughter
 9:45 AM + Nellie Rzonca - Loretta Wopinski
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, July 21

- 7:15 AM + Josephine Kuc - Stella Marcisz

Tuesday, July 22

- 7:15 AM + Angeline Debski - Lis & Zajac Families

Wednesday, July 23

- 7:15 AM + Olga Gromala - Mr. & Mrs. S. Kozyra

Thursday, July 24

- 7:15 AM + Matt Lenart & Andrew Pekala - Family

Friday, July 25

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Mistarz Family

Saturday, July 26

- 7:30 AM + Arlene Hoglund - Family
 4:00 PM + Ed Borowski - Wife

Sunday, July 27

- 8:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Zakrzewski Family
 - Birthday Blessings for Gene - Sister
 9:45 AM + Jim Morse - Family
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of July 20 - July 26

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Jerome & Frank Janesek - Rose

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Jerome & Frank Janesek - Rose

LECTORS July, 2008

- 4:00 PM L. Morse
 8:00 AM D. Karczewski
 9:45 AM K. Gibson
 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, July 26

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, T. DeCook, L. Chocholek

SUNDAY, July 27

8:00 AM B. Meyer, N. Mooney, M. Elizalde
 9:45 AM J. Gottardo, D. Ranos, J. Brajkovich
 11:30 AM E. Dejanovich, M. Ortiz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

July, 2008

4:00 PM

R. Abram
 A. Bonczek
 J. Gibbons
 M. Cowperthwaite
 M. Piaskowy
 B. Frjelic

8:00 AM

P. Gadus
 P. Maccagnano
 C. Motkowicz
 C. Michalik
 N. Moll
 C. Malone

9:45 AM

K. Gibson
 E. Boganski
 B. Peak
 S. Jezior
 M. Czarobski
 P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

O. Cruz
 A. Davila

USHERS July, 2008

- 4:00 PM P. Orzelski, C. Cowperthwaite,
 P. Krasinski, E. Pindara
 8:00 AM C. Zakrzewski, A. Wopinski,
 T. Nester, A. Jasek,
 M. Noworyta, J. Shanahan,
 A. Bruder,
 9:45 AM G. Villalobos, E. Lihota,
 G. Slusarczyk, K. Podgorny,
 R. Furman, J. Turman,
 T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci

A Jubilee Year for St. Paul

We will continue to take a meditative look at St. Paul's life in a variety of ways. Each reflection concludes with a prayer. We hope these reflections throughout the summer provide a good way to relax and enjoy one of Christianity's greatest convert: St. Paul

Paul, Communicator of Christ Crucified

As an apostle, Paul has no illusions. He does not trust in the eloquence of arguments to convince others of the truth, but on the power of God. Paul seeks to ground the hearers of his message not in the allure of human wisdom or a charming manner of speech. Rather, Paul seeks to establish them in the Paschal Mystery as he communicates the power of God, who accepted the vulnerability of the cross to save humanity.

LET US PRAY

Saint Paul, help us to be dazzled by the wisdom of this age, but to keep our eyes fixed on the power flowing from Christ's saving death and resurrection.

In Remembrance . . .

Eugene A. Mezydlo July 13, 2008

The Parish family of St. Florian expresses our deepest condolences to Fr. Jim and his family members for the loss of their father, husband & grandfather, Mr. Eugene Mezydlo.

We offer our prayers in remembrance of Mr. Mezydlo and ask for God's blessings upon Fr. Jim and his family.

Questions for Reflection on Today's Scriptures



Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Let everyone heed these words.

- How easy is it for you to agree that God is always fair, just, and impartial? Why would you take issue with this statement? In your family, in your town, in your nation, in the world, what evidence might lead you to question God's fairness, justice, or impartiality? What is a creative way in which you can use the questions you raise?
- How do you pray? How do you think you ought to pray? When does your prayer seem most genuine?
- What is the reign of God like? In addition to a sower, a mustard seed, and yeast, what other images could you use to describe God's reign? Why do these images work? What truths do they tell?

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Cathedral

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2:30 PM. Couples married in 1958 who are interested in attending this celebration may contact the rectory (646-4877). For further information call the Family Ministries at (312-751-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.



ST. FLORIAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 communities 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.

We pray for . . .



Helen Golden, John Noworyta, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelijch, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, Helen Kasper, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Eugene Kupiec, Dorita De Cardona, Ed Kosmala, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Dolores Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Frank Zak, Pauline Pedersen, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupiek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Adele Novak, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, Mark Biel, Olga Pekala, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, Raquelina Chavez, Ricardo Morales, Helen Slusarczyk, Irene Marszalek, Bob Konecek, Ace Gargas, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Virginia Bovino, Alice Sawadski, Alice Szajerski, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Florence Arendt, Lynette Kozlowski, Socorro Elizalde, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Ruben Montemayor, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Gerald Haney, Rose Szczepanik, Helen Krupinski, John Grzyb, 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 - July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Reading Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Gospel Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday - July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed. - July 23 - St. Bridget of Sweden

Reading Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10
Gospel Matthew 13-1-9

Thursday - July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

Reading Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Gospel Matthew 13:10-17

Friday - July 25 - St. James

Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

Sat.—July 26 - St. Joachim & St. Anne

Reading Jeremiah 7:1-11
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday - July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Reading II Romans 8:28-30
Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

A SENSE OF ORDINARY TIME

What do the words “Ordinary Time” mean? Dorothy Day observed, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me no time is ordinary.” She was right. The “Ordinary” in “Ordinary Time” refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to lack of something to celebrate. Here is what the Roman document, *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, has to say: “Apart from those seasons having their own and distinctive characters {Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Easter time}, 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all aspects.”

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects?” We gather every Sunday. Sunday is the original feast day in our tradition. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.

Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other stretching through summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The first readings, from the Hebrew Scriptures, were chosen for their relationship with the gospel passages—this summer and fall we will read 15 different books. For the second readings, we listen to Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians and his letter to the Ephesians; we also hear from the letter of James and the letter to Hebrews. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our Eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creations; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is no ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (*Saint Andrew Bible Missal*, {Brooklyn: William J. Hirten, Co., 1982})

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at our website!
<http://florian.hegewisch.net>

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2008 - 2009 Registration!

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is now underway for 3 & 4 year old Preschool and Grades K-8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773/646-2868.

Office Closed until August 10
Office Reopens on Monday, Aug. 11
 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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.

FLORIAN FEST

Sunday - October 5, 2008

*Food, Fun, Music & Dancing,
 Prizes, Games and more!!!*

Next
 planning meeting:

August 19th
 7:00 p.m.
 in Konsowski Hall.

Mark the date!
 Tell your family & friends!

PRIZES & SPONSORS NEEDED!!

We're asking parish and school organizations, societies and ministries, and everyone else to donate items for prizes OR consider being a sponsor!

Items for prize baskets are always appreciated but perhaps you may find it easier to make a donation instead. Please consider being a sponsor in order to assist with the Fest expenses such as for the band or DJ, catering, etc. Please contact the rectory for more information.

If you choose to donate a prize, please be sure all items are new and unused. Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory during business hours. Please be sure to indicate the value of the item if possible so that we may categorize the raffle prizes accordingly. We'll also have a mystery booth with miscellaneous items of varied value — so let your imagination soar!



Are your children ready for a Rainforest Adventure?
July 28 - August 1 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Summer is just around the corner and here at St. Florian we're planning an exciting Catholic Vacation Bible School for your kids! This fun filled Vacation Bible School is for everyone between the ages of 4 and 10. The adventure begins on Mon., July 28 and continues through Friday, Aug. 1. Sessions run from 9:00AM to 12:00PM each day. The cost is \$15.00 per child. This covers all materials and snacks.

Set in a canopy of a vibrant and exciting rainforest environment, this lively VBS program will engage your kids as they discover that everyone can do their part to care for God's creation. Through kid-friendly Bible stories that emphasize stewardship, combined with a jungle of hands-on, fun filled activities, at Rainforest Adventure kids will learn that it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus' love for everyone.

For more information or to register for VBS, come to the St. Florian Rectory office between the hours of 2:00PM and 8:00PM Monday through Thursday or call 773-646-4877 and leave a message.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

July 12/13, 2008

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,858.00 |
| Loose | \$ 544.60 |
| Energy Assistance | \$ 92.00 |
| Actual Received | \$4,494.60 |
| (vs. Budgeted Goal) | \$5,250.00) |
| Bldg. Improvement | \$ 179.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 137.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 9.11 |
| Votives | \$ 137.00 |

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$122.10

Before Dinner - I remember when the family gathered and prayed before mealtime and Mom would ask that we think of those less fortunate. We ask that you remember those friends less fortunate and perhaps share your extra coins by placing a few in the poor box.

Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to express our thanks for the support St. Florian gave us during our Hunger Walk. We collected donations after masses and gathered pledges. Your generosity was overwhelming! Proceeds from this stay right here in our own Pantry. This will enable us to keep providing a nutritious and satisfying amount of food to our ever increasing families each month. Once again, thank you to those who donated, canned and walked to fight hunger in our community.

Our food distribution for June 25th served 175 families totaling 640 people which included 342 adults and 298 children. It couldn't be done without you!

Catholic Programs to Promote Stronger Marriages

Christian Family Movement (www.cfm.org) is a national organization consisting of small groups of Catholic couples in parishes or neighborhoods. They meet in homes or at the parish for discussions and action programs that reinforce Christian values.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

(www.wwme.org) is a worldwide program that offers Catholic couples a weekend experience away from the hustle and bustle of daily life that is designed to help rekindle their love for each other and for God. During the weekend they focus on their relationship. They are taught loving communication techniques for sharing their deepest hopes, dreams and feelings with each other.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 21 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- July 22 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
- July 23 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:00
- July 24 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
- Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:30
- July 27 Holy Name Golf Outing - 9:00 AM
Oak Knoll - Crown Pt., IN
- July 28 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- July 28-Aug. 1 Vacation Bible School (KH) 9:00-12:00
- July 30 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Aug. 7 Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:30
- Aug. 10 Holy Name Golf Outing - 9:00 AM
Summertree - Crown Pt., IN
- Aug. 11 Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00

Give the Gift of Life. Give Blood.

St. Florian Blood Drive

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Konsowski Hall

Walk-ins Welcome!

Remember to drink lots of water and eat a hearty breakfast! Also, bring a picture ID with you on that day.

Please pray for our

Service Members:



- LCpl Ryan Keene, U.S. Marine Corps -
- Chief Dennis Zmija, U.S. Navy -
- Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force - SSgt
- David Burks, U.S. Army - SSgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force -
- LCpl. Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps -
- Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot -
- SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army -
- Chief Jim Pope, U.S. Navy -
- 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. Kathryn Diaz, U.S. Marine Corps -
- 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 -
- PFC Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Lt. 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, PVT David Cook - U.S. Army, PFC Kelly Shanahan -
- U.S. Air Force

If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.