

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of August 30/31

- 4:00 PM + Elizabeth Czajkowski - June Greene
 8:00 AM + John Krupa - Wife & Family
 + John Gabrys - Felicia Lembas
 9:45 AM + Bob Karczewski - Family
 11:30 AM - Health of Martin Covarrubias - Sister

Monday, September 1

- 7:15 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Dr. Novak & Family

Tuesday, September 2

- 7:15 AM + Eugene Mezydlo - Family

Wednesday, September 3

- 7:15 AM + Josephine Kuc - Rita & Carl Abram

Thursday, September 4

- 7:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Family

Friday, September 5

- 8:15 AM + Josephine Iwan - St. Florian Faculty

Saturday, September 6

- 7:30 AM - Dr. Joseph & Adela Novak - 50th Wedding Anniversary
 4:00 PM + August, Mary, Eugene Sr. & Eugene Jr. - Helen & Evelyn

Sunday, September 7

- 8:00 AM + John & Steve Makara - Parent & Family
 + Walter Krawczyk - Ms. Frona Kassens
 9:45 AM + Barney & Irene Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + John O'Conner - Gene & Leona Jendra

Week of August 31 - September 6

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Lorraine Obrakta - Husband

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Lorraine Obrakta - Husband

LECTORS September, 2008

- 4:00 PM A. Simmons
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM P. Gadus
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, September 13

4:00 PM D. Ranos, B. Meyer, G. Bonczek

SUNDAY, September 7

8:00 AM J. Gottardo, T. DeCook, N. Mooney
 9:45 AM J. Carlassare, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
 11:30 AM M. Oritz, M. Elizalde, J. Lelo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS September, 2008

4:00 PM

R. Abram
 A. Bonczek
 D. Karczewski
 M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 B. Frjelijch

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 E. Boganski
 B. Peak
 P. Gadus
 N. Moll
 M. Paskowy

9:45 AM

C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 L. Morse
 M. Czarobski
 P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera
 A. Davila

USHERS September, 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

Sign of the Cross

Paul Turner

Each Mass begins with the sign of the cross. The priest says, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," and the people answer, "Amen." Meanwhile, all make the traditional gesture in accompaniment. Usually they use their right hand to touch their forehead, breast, and left and right shoulders while the names of the Trinity are pronounced. In some cultures, people kiss their thumb afterward or fold their hands. Some lower their head or close their eyes, but others look straight ahead to draw inspiration from the faith of the entire community.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the priest gestured the sign of the cross alone while saying the words silently. Pope Paul VI personally requested that a communal sign of the cross be introduced at the start of the Mass, where it has been since 1969.

The sign of the cross is a popular way to begin and conclude prayer. For example, a mealtime blessing often opens and closes with it. It verbally proclaims our faith in the Holy Trinity as it announces our intentions to do and say all things in the name of God.

At times during Mass, the priest traces a cross in the air with his right hand raised up, fingers extended, and palm facing his left. He positions his hands in the direction of people or things he blesses. He does this, for example, after putting incense on burning coals, while blessing the deacon before he reads the Gospel, while calling down the Spirit over the bread and wine during the eucharistic prayer, and while blessing the people just before dismissal. His first and last words at Mass are the sign of the cross.

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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.

FLORIAN FEST

**Sunday - October 5, 2008
12 Noon - 9:00 PM**

\$5,000 Grand Prize Raffle!

- 2 - \$1,000 Prizes
- 3 - \$ 500 Prizes
- 2 - \$ 250 Prizes
- 5 - \$ 100 Prizes

Donation \$5.00 each/ Book of 12 tickets for \$50.00
(Sell an entire book and be entered into a special cash prize raffle — be sure to return the gold stub!)
(Don't forget to pick up your tickets in back of church)

Entertainment includes . . .

"A Touch of Class"

12:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Enjoy a polka or dance to many of your favorite tunes throughout the years!!!

6:00 - 9:00 PM

DJ Music

**Bean Bag Tournament, Games for Kids,
Music, Dancing, Zingo, Raffles, Prizes,
Ethnic Foods, Pizza, Brats,
Beef Sandwiches, Bake Sale & more!!**

Bake Sale!



Start baking!!! You may bring your home baked goods for storage in the rectory freezer (during business hours). Also, be sure to label all items. We appreciate all **homemade** bakery items

First 40 Teams only!! Sign up now — don't delay!

Early Registration: \$20/Team

Game Day Registration: \$30/Team

Bean Bag Tournament

At the Fest!

— Double Elimination Competition —
(for adults & high school students)
or parent/child team)

Pairings & Open Courts at 11 a.m.

Games at 11:30 a.m.

Games held at the south lawn of 131st & Houston



- 1st Place \$200**
- 2nd Place \$100**
- 3rd Place \$ 50**
- 4th Place \$ 20**

Entry forms in church, at the school & rectory offices.

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 & Gilbert Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Pauline Pedersen, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, Mark Biel, 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, 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, Rose Szczepanik, Helen Krupinski, Christen White, Norbert Klekowski, Elizabeth Klekowski, 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 - Sept. 1 - Labor Day

Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday - Sept. 2

Reading 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Gospel Luke 4:31-37

Wed. - Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great

Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel Luke 4:38-44

Thursday - Sept. 4

Reading 1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Friday - Sept. 5

Reading 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel Luke 5:33-39

Sat. - Sept. 6

Reading 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Gospel Luke 6:1-5

Sunday - Sept. 7- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Ezekiel 33:7-9
Reading II Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

Religious Education Registration Information

St. Florian offers a Religious Education Program to all students in grades K to 8 who are not attending a Catholic school. Grades K, 1 & 2 meet on Sunday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Grades 3 to 8 meet on Sunday morning from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. They attend the 9:45 AM Mass. The **FIRST CLASS** of the new year will be **SEPTEMBER 7, 2008.**

Registration: You can register your child on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Rectory, 13145 S. Houston Ave., or call at 773/646-4877 during those hours if you have questions. Tuition is \$90.00 per family.

It is recommended that children begin religious education in kindergarten, as they are required to have two (2) years of religious education before receiving instruction for the sacraments. It is the child's religious education that determines their readiness for sacraments, NOT their age or grade in school.

Sacramental Preparation Registration

All parish children who are in grades 2, 3 or 8 need to register for Sacramental Preparation whether attending St. Florian School or in our Religious Education program (CCD).

Registration: You can register your child on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 PM to 6 PM at the Rectory office. You will need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (no one may receive a sacrament w/o proof of baptism) and sacramental fee. Reconciliation—\$50.00, Communion—\$50.00 and Confirmation—\$75.00. Any student in grades 4 through High School who is in need of any of the sacraments may also register during this time.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA is a program by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its communal life. The RCIA program is a living experience of the church, and NOT just a series of classes to teach you about Christianity. There are discussions about the facts of the faith. These sessions are only one part of the experience of living the faith. The program allows you to learn and share with others who are on the same journey—living the faith with members of the church. For more information about the program or if you are already baptized but have not received Communion or Confirmation, please contact the Rectory at 773/646-4877.

* When I fail and am afraid to try again, *
* God has three words for me: "Take my hand." *


St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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2008 - 2009 School Year
 We are looking for substitute teachers. Bachelor's Degree is preferred and Teaching Certificate is not necessary. Please contact the School for more information.



All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner and Family Portraits!
Saturday - September 6, 2008
(Sponsored by St. Florian Parents Club)

Please help us raise funds for our Music & Art program. Immediately after the 4:00 Mass, please join us in the School Gym for a spaghetti dinner — \$7 adults, \$3.50 for ages 4-12, kids 3 & under are free. Bring your friends & family!

During the day, you will also have the opportunity to have your family portraits taken. The cost for a 10x13 portrait is \$19.95. Certificates must be purchased in advance - sittings are from 10AM-7PM on Sept. 6. By appointment. You will get to take home your color portraits that evening!

Contact Cathy Pizana (708/243-0398) for further information.

BINGO

Begins
Sunday, September 7th
Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Houston



Regular games will be played as well as raffle games such as a "U-Pick-'Em, a CoverAll Game, and returning this year is the "Second Chance Roll-over". If you're new to Bingo it doesn't matter, within minutes you'll know the difference between a 9-pack and a Crazy L!

The payouts are good and increase as more players join. As always, St. Florian Bingo features free coffee for our players in a safe non-smoking environment. Refreshments are available for a low fee. For more information, contact the School office at 773-646-2868 or email us at st.florian.school@gmail.com.

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.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal
"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Luke 14:1, 14

Today we wish to recognize those who not only support our parish, but also have made a gift or pledge to the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, our thanks goes out to all who have already completed their pledge payments, as well as to those who are making payments.

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, but still desire to be a part of the 2008 campaign, please contact Karen Whitehead at (312) 655-7461 or at kwhitehead@archchicago.org.

Whether your gift is large or small, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, every gift makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide ministries and services. Thank you again for your support.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
August 23/24, 2008	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,796.00
Loose	\$ 266.50
Energy Assistance	\$ <u>71.00</u>
Actual Received	\$3,133.50
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 42.00
Maintenance	\$ 63.00
Children's Offering	\$ 19.10
Votives	\$ 153.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$118.37

Members of our parish who wish to contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society may do so by calling the rectory and requesting that a member of the Society come visit them.

Baby Dylan - Please support a yard/tent sale on Sept. 4, 5 & 6 from 9:00—6:00 at 12852 S. Manistee to raise funds for Baby Dylan Jeskey who has an inoperable brain tumor and autism. Numerous items will be available with 30+ families participating in the yard sale — something for everyone. For further information, please contact Estelle at 646-5558

St. Florian Holy Name Society Garage Sale - will take place in the school gym on **Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Individual tables or equal sized spaces can be reserved for a donation of \$20.00 each. Payment must be made when making reservations. Reservations can be made by calling Bob at 773-646-2374 or Vince at 773-646-4029 no later than Mon., Sept. 15. Vendor set up will take place at 7:30 AM. Space is limited, and is on a first come, first served basis. No vendors or retail merchandise will be allowed.

Giving Thanks & Praise: The Eucharistic Prayer — Our Lady of Knock Parish, 497-163rd Street in Calumet City, welcomes guest speaker Todd Williamson, Director of the Archdiocese Office for Divine Worship on Thurs., Sept. 11, at 7:00 PM. The evening will conclude with refreshments.

The Barber Shop “Singing Hoosier Grandpas” at St. George Parish church hall, 9546 S. Ewing Ave., on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2:00-5:00 with special guest Bishop Joseph N. Perry. Dinner, raffles and door prizes. Donation \$20.


Intrigue, Suspense, Laughter & Murder — A wild and interactive murder mystery will be held at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 11207 S. Ewing, on Sat., Oct. 4. Doors open at 6:00 for dinner and show — \$40/ticket (cash bar). Call 773/330-4459 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug. 31 Holy Name Golf Outing - 9:00AM
Minnie Monnesse, Grant Park, IL
- Sept. 1 Labor Day (Rectory Closed)
- Sept. 2 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
- Sept. 3 School Open House (Gym) 7:00
- Sept. 4 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 7:00
Coaches Mtg. (PMR) 7:00
- Sept. 6 Spaghetti Dinner (Gym) 5:00
- Sept. 7 Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 8 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
- Sept. 9 Faith Sharing (Rec) 7:00
- Sept. 10 Evangelization (KH) 6:00
Brownies/Daisies (PMR) 6:30
Holy Name Officers (Rec) 7:00
- Sept. 11 Florian Fest Mtg (KH) 7:00 PM
Scouts (PMR) 6:00
- Sept. 12 Holy Name (PMR) 7:30
- Sept. 14 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 15 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Ministry of Care (Rec) 7:00

Coming soon . . .
New Beginnings

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 PeterAllen 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.