

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of September 6/7**

4:00 PM + August, Mary, Eugene Sr. & Eugene Jr. Zralka
- Helen & Evelyn

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

Monday, September 8

7:15 AM + Esther Rak - Dan & Jennie Stevens

Tuesday, September 9

7:15 AM + Olga Gromala - Stella Szewczyk

Wednesday, September 10

7:15 AM + Sister Mary Raselne - Family

Thursday, September 11

7:15 AM + Betty Powidzki - Shirley Lewandowski

Friday, September 12

8:15 AM + Belle & Henry Karczewski - Family

Saturday, September 13

7:30 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Family & Friends

4:00 PM + Helen Hujda - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kownacki

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM + Helen Gasiiecki - Mike & Loretta Wopinski
+ John M. Gargas - Family

9:45 AM + Bernice Pachura (11th Anniv.) - Diane & Dan

11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of September 7 - September 13

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
John Gabrys - Ken Baker Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Bob Karczewski - Family

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 14

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. Frjelic

8:00 AM

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

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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

- Entrance Antiphon, Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Roman Missal

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This day actually commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

The focus of the feast might best be seen through the lens of the antiphon, quoted above. Interestingly, this is also the antiphon with which the Church begins the great celebration of the Triduum, the three-day commemoration of Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This can give us a clue as to how we should regard the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: Through the cross of Jesus Christ we have been saved! For those of us who believe, the cross is much more than a sign of the means by which Christ died. It is a profound symbol of our Christian faith, one that encompasses and presents the heart of our faith: Christ's Paschal Mystery. Through the instrument of torture and execution, we proclaim that God has brought life and salvation to the world.

*Written by Todd Williamson
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Our Lady Of Sorrows

Paul Turner

On the day after the church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we commemorate Mary under the title of "Our Lady of Sorrows" (Sept. 15). Those who suffer emotional pain find inspiration from the strength of the Blessed Virgin, whose grief for her son never disturbed her faith. The devotion became so popular in the Middle Ages that the church reserved a day on the calendar to foster its spread.

The Gospel for the Mass is either of two stories about Mary. As a young mother, she and Joseph dutifully brought Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem. Once they arrived there, Simeon rejoiced to see the Messiah. But he also prophesied that a sword would pierce Mary (Lk 2:33-35). This is understood as a metaphor for the sorrows that awaited her. The other Gospel option tells of Mary standing at the foot of the cross with the Beloved Disciple while Jesus entrusted each to the care of the other (Jn 19:25-27).

A tradition evolved that Mary's life was marked by seven sorrows, sometimes called "dolors," an other-wise little-used synonym in English. Three come from the stories of Jesus' childhood: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, and the loss of Jesus in the Temple. The others relate to his passion: meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, standing at the foot of the cross, observing his descent from the cross, and attending his burial.

A popular hymn to the sorrowful mother, "Stabat Mater," may be sung as the sequence following the first reading on Sept. 15. It is a popular choice for praying the Stations of the Cross, and it may be sung during the veneration of the cross on Good Friday.

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Bring Your Cross to Church

On Sunday, September 14th, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this day, we invite all of our parishioners to bring their crosses to church so that they may be blessed. All of us have several of them in our homes, whether they are hanging on the walls, our necks, or other places. They can be near family members who are seriously sick or just above our children's beds. If any are lacking crosses, this might be the time to purchase one. The cross is the most important Christian icon of our faith. A special blessing will take place at all Masses for these crosses.

— Fr. Jim and the Liturgy Committee

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 & Gilbert Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Pauline Pedersen, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupek, 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, Katelyn Grabowski, 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. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Reading Micah 5:1-4a
Gospel Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday - Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver

Reading 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Gospel Luke 6:12-19

Wed. - Sept. 10

Reading 1 Corinthians 6:20-26
Gospel Luke 6:20-26

Thursday - Sept. 11

Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Friday - Sept. 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary

Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Gospel Luke 6:39-42

Sat. - Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom

Reading 1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Gospel Luke 6:43-49

Sunday - Sept. 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading I Numbers 21:4b-9
Reading II Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel John 3:13-17

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. **Registration will be closed as of September 25th.**

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.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

BINGO

Begins Today
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.

Football Mania Win \$500!

Support St. Florian School. Get online music and book downloads for only \$20 and then have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on professional football! Call Allison Saberniak at 773/551-4626 or Janet McDonald at 773/646-4193 to get tickets and WIN.

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
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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
August 30/31, 2008	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,090.00
Loose	\$ 331.90
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 83.00</u>
Actual Received	\$3,504.90
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 76.00
Maintenance	\$ 46.00
Children's Offering	\$ 25.00
Votives	\$ 139.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$85.87

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.

*"Watch for more on **NEW BEGINNINGS** ... a new way of living as a Catholic."*

MANN PARK Outdoor Flea Market will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13th from 8AM to 2PM. Purchase your space for \$20.00. For more information stop at the park or call 773-646-0210.

MANN PARK, 13000 S. Exchange is now registering for the Fall Programs. All fall programs can be viewed at chicagoparkdistrict.com. Register online or at the park. Preschool, Fun & Games, Basketball, Volleyball, Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics classes and much more. Mann Park also has a Special Recreation program for persons with disabilities. For more information contact Mann Park at 773-646-0210.

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.

Lung Cancer Walk & Rally — Please join a walk in support of lung cancer research Saturday, Oct. 4, at the William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area. Registration at 8:30 AM and walk starts at 9:30 AM. All proceeds benefit the LUNGeivity Foundation. For more info go to www.LUNGeivity.org/chicagowalk.

GWHS 50th Anniversary — Come to the all-year reunion and open house on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10-2 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of George Washington High School. A fun fair, guided tours, displays and presentations about the school's history will take place. Call 773/535-5725 or visit www.gwashingtonhs.org for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept. 7 Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 8 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
- Sept. 9 E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rec) 7:00
- Sept. 10 Evangelization (KH) 6:00
Brownies/Daisies (PMR) 6:30
Holy Name Officers (Rec) 7:00
- Sept. 11 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 6:00
Scouts (PMR) 6:00
E.S.L. Classes (Gym 2nd Fl) 6:30
Florian Fest Mtg (KH) 7:00 PM
- Sept. 12 Holy Name (PMR) 7:30
- Sept. 14 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 15 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00

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.

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.