

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Weekend of September 27/28**

- 4:00 PM + Stephan Grabowski - Catherine Evans
- 8:00 AM + Paul Orchowski - Bill & Janice Murawski  
+ Josephine Iwan - Betty Zbinden
- 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Veronica Wojcik
- 11:30 AM + Lino Chavez - Wife & Children

**Monday, September 29**

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Mosser Family

**Tuesday, September 30**

- 7:15 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife

**Wednesday, October 1**

- 7:15 AM + Anthony Opiola - Wife & Family

**Thursday, October 2**

- 7:15 AM + Lorraine Obrakta - Cora & Blase Wozniak

**Friday, October 3**

- 8:15 AM + Judith Misora - Mother

**Saturday, October 4**

- 7:30 AM + Catherine Maccagnano - Vince, Pat & Jennifer Maccagnano
- 4:00 PM - St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Sunday, October 5**

- 8:00 AM + John Krupa - Wife & Family  
+ John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Carl Abram
- 9:45 AM + Mary & Ted Mroz - Family
- 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

**Week of September 21 - September 27**

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

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
John Gabrys - Ken Baker Family

**LECTORS**  
**October, 2008**

- 4:00 PM D. Karczewski
- 8:00 AM V. Maccagnano
- 9:45 AM J. Struzik
- 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, October 4**

- 4:00 PM D. Ranos, G. Bonczek, J. Carlassare

**SUNDAY, October 5**

- 8:00 AM T. DeCook, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
- 9:45 AM E. Dejanovich, B. Meyer, N. Mooney
- 11:30 AM M. Elizalde, M. Ortiz, J. Lelo

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**October, 2008**

- 4:00 PM
  - R. Abram
  - A. Bonczek
  - E. Boganski
  - M. Cowperthwaite
  - B. Peak
  - B. Frjelich
- 8:00 AM
  - S. Jezior
  - C. Motkowicz
  - E. Podsiadlik
  - P. Gadus
  - N. Moll
  - M. Piaskowy
- 9:45 AM
  - C. Malone
  - C. Michalik
  - P. Maccagnano
  - L. Morse
  - K. Gibson
  - P. O'Rourke
- 11:30 AM
  - R. Oseguera
  - A. Davila

**USHERS**  
**October 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

# FLORIAN FEST

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

*Music & Dancing — something for all . . .*  
**"A Touch of Class" 12:30 - 6 PM Live Band**  
**DJ Joe Nauracy 6 PM - 9PM**

**\$5,000 Grand Prize Raffle! - Plus . . .**  
 2 - \$1,000 Prizes      3 - \$ 500 Prizes  
 2 - \$ 250 Prizes      5 - \$ 100 Prizes  
 Donation \$5.00 each/ Book of 12 tickets for \$50.00

Fantastic Raffle Prizes all Day !!  
**Weekend Getaway Package:**  
**"Spring House Inn" in Porter, Indiana**  
 Plus — gift baskets, tools, household items, gift certificates, mystery prizes & so much more!!!


**Fun & Games for Kids!!**  
 Inside 12:00 - 4:00 PM      Outside 4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Power Shower!**      **Raffles!**      **Bounce Houses**

**Free Throw Contest!**      **Bean Bag Toss**      **Games & Prizes**  
 Grades 4-8      Grades 3-9

**Guitar Hero!**      6:00 - 8:00 PM  
 in the school lobby!

**Bake Sale!** Don't forget to bake!! Drop off your labeled baked goods at the rectory for us to freeze or bring it with you to the Fest by 2:00 on Sunday.



**Menu**      *Catered by: Ace Catering*

Stuffed Cabbage, Garlic Mashed Potato  
 Rye Bread, w/ Coffee or Soda      \$5.00

Roast Pork, Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potato,  
 Roll, w/ Coffee or Soda      \$5.00

Polish Sausage, Kraut, Garlic Mashed Potato  
 Rye Bread, w/ Coffee or Soda      \$5.00

Dumplings & Cabbage (bowl)      \$1.00  
 Side order of Kraut (bowl)      \$1.00  
 Pierogi (Cheese, Potato or Kraut)      4 / \$3.00

**PUDGY'S** Sausage, Cheese  
*Pizza* or Pepperoni      \$1.50/slice

Tamales or Tacos w/ salsa      \$1.00 ea.  
 Italian Sausage Sandwich & Chips      \$5.00  
 Beef Sandwich & Chips      \$5.00  
 Nachos      \$1.50

**Plus BBQ in the Courtyard!!!**  
 "Drago-Bobs"      \$3.00 ea. or 2 for \$5.00  
 Bratwurst      \$2.00  
 Hot Dogs      \$1.00

**VOLUNTEERS Needed!!** Please complete your orange volunteer sheet and return ASAP. We need you!!  
 Be sure to attend the **WORKERS MEETING** Tues., Sept. 30, at 7PM in Konsowski Hall.

**Florian Fest Bean Bag Tournament**  
**on Sunday, October 5, 2008**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Advance Regis: \$20.00/team      Game Day: \$30/team  
 Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to St. Florian Parish. Return with payment to 13145 S. Houston, Chicago, IL 60633  
 Call 773/646-4877 for further information.*

 **First 40 Teams only!!**  
 Early Registration:      \$20/Team  
 Game Day Registration: \$30/Team

**Bean Bag Tournament**  
 — Double Elimination Competition —  
 (for adults & high school students)

Pairings & Open Courts at 11 a.m.  
 Games at 11:30 a.m.  
 South lawn of 131st & Houston

**CASH PRIZES!**

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

*Serving Bob & Jack's Pizza and Drago-Bobs!*

Join the outdoor family fun!  
 (Rain Date - Oct. 11)

## 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, Helen Krupinski, Christen White, Norbert Klekowski, Elizabeth Klekowski, Katelyn Grabowski, Irma Cardenas, 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. 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael

Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Gospel John 1:47-51

### Tuesday - Sept. 30 - St. Jerome

Reading Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23  
Gospel Luke 9:51-56

### Wed. - Oct. 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Reading Job 9:1-12, 14-16  
Gospel Luke 9:57-62

### Thursday - Oct. 2 - The Guardian Angels

Reading Job 19:21-27  
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10

### Friday - Oct. 3

Reading Job 38:12-21, 40:3-5  
Gospel Luke 10:13-16

### Sat. - Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

Reading Galatians 6:14-18  
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

### Sunday Oct. 5- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 5:1-7  
Reading II Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

## New Beginnings

An alternative parish mission presented in 3 weekly sessions.

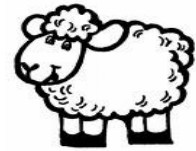
### October 18th & 19th - Session 101 (Our Parish—Our History to Our Future)

Following 4PM Mass on Saturday and 8AM & 9:45AM Masses on Sunday in Konsowski Hall.

**Oct. 18/19, Oct. 25/26, & Nov. 1/2**

Plan to come and bring a friend/neighbor! Beverages and *homemade* treats will be served during the session which is guaranteed to be only one hour long.

## How to welcome lost sheep back into the fold.



### Set a good example.

Tips on inviting friends and family back to the Church: **Focus** on you own faith experience. Do you constantly criticize the Church? Or do you project a sense of joy, peace, love and enthusiasm?

**Love** the other person unconditionally. When the rich young man walked away, Jesus looked at him with love.

**Invite** them not only to Mass but also to parish work-shops, lectures, concerts, social events, Scripture study and even service projects.

Don't **nag**. It never works.

**Stay Informed** to make sure you have correct information when talking to someone who is away from the Church.

**Help** people who are thinking about returning to the Church find a parish where they feel comfortable. Sometimes, people who have been involved with Pentecostals do best in a charismatic parish. People who have been in fundamentalist churches may want a parish with Scripture study. Some like the anonymity of a large suburban parish. Some seek the intimacy of a small parish. Some look for traditional liturgies or devotions. Others look for ways to work toward social justice.

**Pray** for the person.

Allow the **Holy Spirit** to work through you. Before long, you'll begin to see that people will be attracted to the Church because they want the faith, the love, and the peace you possess.

## St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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**BINGO**  
 Doors open at 1:30  
 Games begin at 2:30  
 in the gym at  
 131st & Houston



**Market Day** - Orders due Friday, October 10th and pick up is on Friday, October 17th from 2PM to 3PM in the gym. Profits earned last month were \$166.08. Thank you for your support!

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot before 8AM on Wednesday, October 1st.

**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.

**General Mills, Tyson, & Campbell Soup Labels** - The school continues to save:

**General Mills** "Box Tops for Education" coupons  
**Tyson Project A+** "Support Your School" labels  
**Campbell's soup labels** - Submit the UPC code with the Campbell Kid LogO next to the UPC located on back of label. Other Campbell products include Franco American, V8, Swanson, Prego and Pepperidge Farm.

### 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.*

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12:30

Saint Francis of Assisi wrote a canticle of the creatures — an ode to God's living things and a testimony that animals share in Christ's love of all God's creation: "All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." All creatures, great and small — of the earth, sky and sea — O, praise God, the author and giver of every gift, who offered his own son to us as the paschal lamb.

Please be sure to bring your pets for a blessing (near the statue of St. Francis on the south side of the church).

### A Blessing of Animals

This week, on Saturday, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Frances has long been identified as the patron saint of animals and of creation. Both the *Book of Blessings* (ch. 25) and *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* include an Order of Prayer for the Blessing of Animals on the feast of this great saint.

Our Catholic spiritual tradition has long held creation (the earth, all the animals and birds, the trees and plants, the mountains and hills), by its existence, gives praise to God, the great creator who entrusts his work into the hands of humans. Psalm 148, for example, sings, calling upon all creation to praise the Lord: "Praise him, sun and moon; / give praise, all shining stars; / You animals wild and tame, / you creatures that crawl and fly/.....let them all praise the Lord's name" (Psalm 148:3, 10, 13a).

Many parishes celebrate a blessing of animals in observance of the feast of Saint Francis. Such a prayer service begins with the sign of the cross and an introduction to the service of blessing. A reading of scripture follows (for example, the account of creation: Genesis 1:24-31). After that, the Prayer of Blessing is prayed, followed by Intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, and a Closing Prayer. The full order of service can be found in the *Book of Blessings* or in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, pp. 174-77.

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<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>September 20/21, 2008</b>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,909.00
Loose	\$ 432.78
Energy Assistance	\$ 40.00
Actual Received	\$3,381.78
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 73.00
Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Children's Offering	\$ 43.55
Votives	\$ 110.00

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$89.55**

**On the Street Where You** - Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When, in their need, they ring the Rectory bell, they are in effect ringing your door bell. They are assisted by your contributions in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.

**A Green Thumb's Up!** As we move into the first week-end of fall, we would like to thank all of our parishioners who have volunteered their time and talent to take care of our parish grounds. This includes those who planted and cared for the flowers around Our Lady of St. Florian, the project along the new school by the handicapped ramp in which new landscaping timbers were put up, to those who faithfully took care of pulling weeds, and those who took care of the various gardens near the parish buildings, as well as those who removed the two dead trees in front of the rectory. Your help throughout the summer months beautified the parish grounds so many of us could enjoy nature's beauty around St. Florian. -- Fr. Jim

**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.*



**FLORIAN FEST!**

**Prizes for our raffles & mystery booth are still needed!**

Please turn in your donations of new & unused items by Tuesday, Sept. 30. Thanks to those who have already turned in such great prizes for the Fest!!

**IMPORTANT MEETING!** Be sure to attend —

**FEST WORKERS & FEST SECURITY TEAM**

Tuesday, Sept. 30 7:00 PM in Konsowski Hall

TOPIC: Important information you'll need to know while working at the Fest.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Sept. 27/28 Seminary Collection
- Sept. 28 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Sept. 29 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00  
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Sept. 30 Fest Worker's Mtg. (KH) 6:00
- Oct. 1 Daisies/Brownies (KH) 2:30  
Evangelization (KH) 6:00
- Oct. 4 Blessing of Animals 12:30
- Oct. 5 Florian Fest 12:00—9:00 PM
- Oct. 7 Athletic Mtg. (School) 9AM  
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

**Sept. 28th 8:00—1:00 - St. Columba Social Center**

The General Pulaski Council of the Knights of Columbus of Hegewisch will host an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Sept 28th, from 8-1 p.m. at the St. Columba Social Center at 13323 S. Greenbary Ave. Adults \$7 and Kids 12 & under, \$3.

**Hegewisch Lions Club** - will be conducting their annual "CANDY DAY" collection in front of the church the weekend of Oct. 4-5. Your generous support is requested! The Lions also need volunteers on "CANDY DAY", Friday Oct. 10 to "shake a can" on the corners of our community. Anyone interested in working for this cause may contact Phil Smith (646-4041) or Joe Block (731-4134). Your assistance is appreciated!

**Daughters of Isabella to Meet** - Daughters of Isabella General Pulaski, Circle 859 will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 1PM at the St. Columba Social Center. Cake and coffee will be served after the meeting.

**Have you ever thought of being a priest?**

**INSEARCH Program** - If you would like to explore the possibility of priesthood with other men who are asking the same questions, then join us for *INSEARCH*. *INSEARCH* is a program for post college-age men who want to discover if God may be calling them to the priesthood. Our first *INSEARCH* meeting is on Tuesday, October 14th at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Joe Noonan at (312) 751-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). Please visit [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com) for more details.