

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of November 15/16

- 4:00 PM + Anna Twardosz (Anniv.) - Daughters
- 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Kathy Keene & Sons
+ Josephine Iwan - Mr & Mrs. Ed Wojcik
- 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gabrys
- 11:30 AM + Dionicio Garcia (11th Anniv.) - Imelda Ramirez & Family

Monday, November 17

- 7:15 AM + Steve Powidzki - Shirley Lewandowski

Tuesday, November 18

- 7:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Frank, Lauren, & Andrea Medina

Wednesday, November 19

- 7:15 AM + Josephine Kuc - Dolores & Vic Campagnolo

Thursday, November 20

- 7:15 AM + Angeline Debski - Family

Friday, November 21

- 8:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Mr. & Mrs. B. Dzialakiewicz

Saturday, November 22

- 7:30 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family
- 4:00 PM + Verna Waicunas (25th Anniv.) - Daughter-in-law, Dolores

Sunday, November 23

- 8:00 AM + Irvin Fleming (41st Anniv.) - Wife, Louise
+ Joseph & Sophie Soltys - Granddaughter
- 9:45 AM + Mary Smierciak - Grandchildren
- 11:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

Week of November 16 - November 22

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of Eugene A. Mezydlo - SVDP

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of Eugene A. Mezydlo - SVDP

Wedding Ban:

Michael Cassello & Tian Brock

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

November, 2008

4:00 PM

- R. Abram
- B. Frjelich
- M. Piaskowy
- L. Morse
- M. Cowperthwaite
- D. Karczewski

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
- C. Motkowicz
- B. Peak
- J. Gibbons
- N. Moll
- E. Boganski

9:45 AM

- C. Malone
- C. Michalik
- K. Gibson
- P. O'Rourke
- M. Czarobski
- P. Maccagnano

11:30 AM

- O. Cruz
- A. Davila

LECTORS

November, 2008

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
- 8:00 AM P. Gadus
- 9:45 AM A. Simmons
- 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, November 22

- 4:00 PM E, Echevarria, B. Echevarria, D. Ranos

SUNDAY, November 23

- 8:00 AM N. Mooney, J. Lelo, B. Meyer
- 9:45 AM M. Elizalde, G. Bonczek, T. DeCook
- 11:30 AM J. Carlassare, M. Ortiz

USHERS

November, 2008

4:00 PM

- P. Orzelski, C. Cowperthwaite, P. Krasinski, E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski, T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski

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

New Beginnings

A note of thanks to so many parishioners who enjoyed the three sessions of New Beginnings. Many of you shared favorable comments, both verbal and written. Here is a sampling from the parishioners who attended and what they liked about New Beginnings.

- Togetherness of Catholics
- It confirmed my faith and Christian culture.
- I was very informed about my religion.
- Warm sessions; not preachy, which was important; never felt guilty, only reflections and thoughts about what I will do.
- I felt good and it brought me closer to God.
- I have been praying more and helped me to talk more about God and church.
- The camaraderie with my fellow parishioners
- Listening to Allen Simmons, who was well prepared and full of the Holy Spirit
- Enjoyed getting together with fellow parishioners
- Made me more aware of the ministries within the Church.
- Allen Simmons was great; he was very thorough and an excellent speaker and very enlightening.
- It is good to talk about this stuff.
- The fact that it actually happened; we need to do something to move out of our comfort zone.
- It gave me much to think about
- Excellent; it should have started years ago.
- Information was excellent; short format was great for all schedules.
- Very well done; found out things I didn't even know.
- Seeing so many people and the youth coming to the meeting
- I liked talking about what it means to be Catholic.
- Talking to the group about what the church can do
- I simply like that the program was offered, plus the chocolate chip cookies.
- It was kept short and on time.
- Meeting after mass with parishioners
- Everything; teaching so that the average person could understand you; dialogue among tables
- We probably could use a few more sessions
- Do something like this every year.
- You guys did a great job
- We'd love to figure out how to get more involved.



Thanksgiving Celebrations!

**Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service
The Hegewisch Christian Community
Gathered at Lebanon Lutheran Church
Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, Nov. 26 - 7:30 p.m.**

Let us celebrate the Thanksgiving season with our neighbors from Lebanon Lutheran and St. Columba. Your donations of non-perishable food items and your monetary contributions in the collection will greatly assist our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. All are welcome and encouraged to join together.

**St. Florian Parish
Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, Nov. 27th - 8:15 a.m.**

Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks for the blessings we have received this year and pray for God's continued love and protection. Please bring your dinner wine and bread for a special blessing during Mass. The Thanksgiving Day monetary offerings will be donated to our St. Vincent Food Pantry.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner
St. Columba Social Center
Thursday, Nov. 27th
12:00 PM—2:00 PM**

St. Columba Parish will host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. The dinner will be open to all in the community who are financially disadvantaged along with those who would be alone on the holiday or for those physically unable to prepare a traditional meal for their families. This community dinner is meant to be shared by friends and neighbors, as was the first Thanksgiving dinner. It really is a fun and heartfelt event.

A traditional dinner (catered by Steve's) will be served from noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Social Center. The menu includes turkey and stuffing, ham, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, rolls and butter, pumpkin pie, and coffee, milk and pop.

For more information please contact St. Columba at 646-2660.

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, 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, Virginia Majewski, Anthony Gromek, 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 - Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth

Reading Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5
Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday - Nov. 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Reading Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Wed. - Nov. 19

Reading Revelation 4:1-11
Gospel Luke 19:11-28

Thursday - Nov. 20

Reading Revelation 5:1-10
Gospel Luke 19:41-44

Friday - Nov. 21 Presentation of Blessed Virgin

Reading Revelation 10:8-11
Gospel Luke 19:45-48

Sat. - Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia

Reading Revelation 11:4-12
Gospel Luke 20:27-40

Sunday Nov. 23-Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Reading I Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

FLORIAN FEST UPDATE:

So how did we do? Did we make a lot of money?? These are the questions usually asked when the Fest is over. We're always hopeful for favorable results and once again, we're very pleased.

A special thanks to everyone who came to the Fest and enjoyed the day with their friends and families. Despite some tough economic times everyone pulled together and supported the Fest very generously. Our sponsors donated a total of \$1,775 to offset our expenses. The raffles were very generously supported and our congratulations once again to all of the winners.

Thank you volunteers, committee members, those who made monetary donations as well as those who donated prizes and baked goods.

Here are the results of Fest 2008:

Income:

Fest	\$18,228	
Raffle (Parish)	\$18,379	
Raffle (School)	<u>\$12,080</u>	
Total Gross Inc.		\$48,687

Expenses:

Fest (Music, Food, etc.)	\$ 8,546	
Raffle Payouts	<u>\$ 9,600</u>	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$18,146</u>
Parish & School Net Profit		<u>\$30,541</u>

A Catholic Cemetery . . .

A Place to Pray

Deacon Glen Tylutki—Archdiocese of Chicago

"The church has always urged us to pray for the dead. She invites believers to regard the mystery of death not as the last word on human fate but as a journey toward eternal life."

Servant of God, Pope John Paul II

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God. It comes from the sincerity of a heart filled with humbleness and contriteness realizing that we are a broken, imperfect and sinful people. But because of our baptism we are a "special people" who can call God—Father. Therefore, we can say....

Merciful Father,

hear our prayer and console us,
as we renew our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brother and sisters
will share His resurrection,
who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

BINGO

Every Sunday
Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Hous-



SUPER RAFFLE BINGO BASH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008
ST. FLORIAN SCHOOL GYM
131st & HOUSTON AVE.

Doors open at 12:00
Games begin at 1:30
11:30 admittance with your ticket!

\$25.00 admission includes
Luncheon Buffet,
(Served from 12:00 - 1:30)
Beverage, Dessert, and Set-Up

Raffle, Door Prizes, and More!
\$500.00 Coverall

Admission \$25.00. Make checks payable to
St. Florian School.

Call the school office (773-646-2868)
or stop in during school hours
(7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) to
purchase your ticket.

Only 150 Tickets Sold!!!

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!

Marion Catholic: Sarah Dejanovich,
Roseann Drosos, Sabrina Gamino,
Matthew Ireland, Robert Lyons, Justine Meyer,
Itzel Perez, David Sauced, & Lauren Witczak
De La Salle: Alex Arnold, Christopher Czarobski,
John Gutierrez & Chelsey Torres.

From the creator of
LATE NITE CATECHISM . . .
St. Florian School presents:

Sister's Christmas Catechism "The Mystery of the Magi's Gold"

Saturday - November 22, 2008
Dinner from 5:00-6:30 PM
(at 131st & Houston in the gymnasium)
\$30/ adults & \$20 children (ages 10-13)
includes holiday buffet dinner,
dessert & show

Tickets available at the rectory and school.
All proceeds will benefit St. Florian School's
new Art & Music Program provided by the
Beverly Art Center's
Community Outreach Program

Make your holidays hilarious !!!
(The Mystery of the Magi's Gold is suitable for
children ages 10 & above.)

The Mystery of the Magi's Gold Committee Needs your Help!

- ◆ Play Decoration Donations -Christmas wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, small boxes, & any color garland.
- ◆ Christmas Cookie Donations for Dessert - Here is an opportunity to showcase your *Classic Christmas Cookies*. Any variety is welcome! Please drop off cookies at the rectory or school.

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot before 8AM on Wednesday, December 3rd.

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
November 8/9, 2008

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,443.00
Loose	\$ 436.81
Energy Assistance	\$ 250.00
Actual Received	\$4,129.81
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 174.00
Maintenance	\$ 213.00
Votives	\$ 138.00
Children's Offering	\$ 70.35
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,156.50

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$177.40

St. Vincent de Paul Society - We are all poor in many ways. We need the support of fellow Christians and neighbors to support us in our hour of need if we are to live happy lives and make heaven some day. We are grateful this Thanksgiving to be of service to you and your family.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Set your Marriage Ablaze! Only YOU can set marriage fires! Want to find out how to keep yours burning with passion? Take each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Upcoming dates are December 5-7 in 2008, and February 27 - March 1 in 2009. For information or reservations, please consult our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554.

Please pray for our
Service Members:



Cpl 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 16	Super Bingo (Gym) Games at 1:30
Nov. 17	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Parish Council (KH) 7:00 Magi's Gold Mtg (Rectory) 6:00
Nov. 19	SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
Nov. 20	Confirmation Retreat (KH) 8AM - 2PM Scouts (KH) 6:00 RCIA (Rectory) 6:00 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Nov. 22/23	Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 23	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Nov. 24	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Nov. 27/28	Thanksgiving Holidays School/ Rectory office closed

Pancake Breakfast - The General Pulaski K. of C. will host an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 16, at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay, from 8AM until 1PM. \$7 adults and \$3 kids 12 and under (kids under 3 are free). 3-way Split-the-Pot and other chances to win turkeys.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Nov. 22-23, 2008

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For over thirty-eight years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been a living example of our Church's social teaching. This year, CCHD is funding twenty-one organizations that work to address the root causes of poverty with seniors, youth, immigrants, people with disabilities and low-wage workers in Cook and Lake Counties.

Please make a special effort during this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD's collection November 22-23. Your contribution will enable the poor to achieve greater dignity and to build God's kingdom of justice and peace.

One hundred percent of the CCHD budget comes from individual donations - of any size - just like yours. Your contribution does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.