

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of November 26/27

- 4:00 PM + Helen "Skippy" Golden - P.L.A.V. Chapter 44
 8:00 AM + Irene Sadowski - Pat & Dorothy Camden
 9:45 AM + Sophie & Joseph Soltys – Granddaughter
 11:30 AM + Umberto & Martin Covarrubias - Family

Monday, November 28

- 7:15 AM - Blessings for Carl & Rita Abram

Tuesday, November 29

- 7:15 AM + Marian Sadowski - Pat & Dorothy Camden

Wednesday, November 30

- 7:15 AM + Marian & Irene Sadowski - Pat & Dorothy Camden

Thursday, December 1

- 7:15 AM + Helen Slusarczyk - Pat and Bob & Family
 7:00 PM - Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 2

- 8:15 AM + Larry Moll - August Lubanowski

Saturday, December 3

- 7:30 AM + Stella Jasek - Family
 3:00 PM - Blue Nativity
 4:00 PM + Stella Stolarz - Family

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 AM + Helen Zurawski - Joanie Kowalczyk
 9:45 AM + Alex & Victoria Kazmierczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Manuel Ortega & Rosario Ortega - Delia Chavez

Week of November 27 - December 3

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Larry Moll - Wife

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Larry Moll - Wife

LECTORS

December 2011

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| 4:00 PM | A. Bonczek |
| 8:00 AM | L. Wopinski |
| 9:45 AM | J. Struzik |
| 11:30 AM | M. Megallanes |

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, December 3

4:00 PM M. Bensett, D. Gaczkowski, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, December 4

8:00 AM R. Robles, D. Robles, A. Villanueva
 9:45 AM K. Best, A. Shea, N. Mooney
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 2011

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| 4:00 PM | K. Gibson
B. Frjelich
L. Morse
M. Cowperthwaite
R. Haney
D. Karczewski |
| 8:00 AM | S. Jezior
P. Gadus
N. Moll
J. Gibbons
D. Ciciora
C. Bozovic |
| 9:45 AM | C. Malone
P. Haro
O. Haro
P. O'Rourke
P. Maccagnano
M. Czarobski |
| 11:30 AM | A. Davila
O. Cruz |

USHERS

December 2011

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| 4:00 PM | C. Cowperthwaite,
E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski |
| 8:00 AM | A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
J. Shanahan, J. Young |
| 9:45 AM | E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci |
| 11:30 AM | R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
M. Suarez |

First Sunday of Advent

Although each Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, this Advent marks the beginning of a renewed moment in the church's liturgical life. In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and at the end of time. So should we intensify our participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts in the Holy Eucharist.

**Advent Wreath and Blessing**

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin . . .

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

—Prayer of Blessing of an Advent Wreath

With these words, the Church hallows the circle of greenery and candles that often marks our liturgical space during Advent. Formed in a circle, an ancient symbol of God who has neither beginning nor end, the wreath proclaims life in the midst of the seeming death of winter. Its candles proclaim that Christ, who is to come again, is the light that no darkness can extinguish. With each week of Advent we light one more candle and the darkness retreats just a bit further.

All of this is to help the Church recall just what and who it is for which we wait during this season: the kingdom of God in its fullness and the coming of the one who will banish *all* darkness forever.

The above prayer of blessing can be used in your home. As the family gathers on this first Sunday of Advent, bless the Advent wreath.

Written by Todd Williamson
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*“The first thing I recommend to you for Advent is to **keep yourself in the presence of God deep within your heart**, just as the Blessed Virgin before the birth of our Lord, adored him within herself.”*

Venerable Emmanuel D’Alzon

During our Advent season, please be sure to join together as a parish family on the following days:

**Advent Taizé Prayer Service**
Saturdays at 3:30 PM

As we patiently wait to welcome the Christ-Child we offer an Advent Taizé Prayer Service at 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. We invite all of you to begin each week of Advent with our Taizé Prayer Service in which we sing psalms, hear scripture, reflect, all in the context of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Each Taizé Prayer Service ends with Benediction. Please join us and pray in the quiet stillness of Advent.

The Blue Nativity
Saturday, December 3rd

3:00 PM in Church

A theatrical performance about the birth of Christ followed by Mass at 4:00 PM

Please Note: The Quest Ensemble is celebrating their 10th anniversary and this will be the final tour of The Blue Nativity.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Spanish community will begin their Novena (nine days) to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. They will meet each evening in Konsowski Hall and say the rosary and special prayers to Our Lady. All are invited to join them for as many days as you are able. A Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Mass All are invited to a reception in the Gym after Mass.

“NOVENA A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE”

Cordialmente le invitamos a que nos acompañe
Novena: Sábado, 3 de Diciembre a
Domingo 11 de Diciembre, Hora: 6:30 p.m.
Lugar: Konsowski Hall; Primer piso
Misa: Lunes 12 de Diciembre; Hora 6:30 p.m.
Convivio: después de la misa en el gimnasio de la escuela San Florian, (Houston & 131st St.)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th

Masses at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Advent Confessions

All Saturdays in Advent 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 1st 7PM Reconciliation Service

We pray for . . .

Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasserter, Chestine Trzupsek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, 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.



In Remembrance

Amedeo Politano
Anne Marie Frejek

November 17, 2011
November 19, 2011

Advent Wreath Year B Paul Turner



If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here is a prayer for the first week of Advent you could say while you light its candle. You may set these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, who asks us to be watchful and alert because we do not know when you will come, let this candle give us light and help us stay awake. At those time when you ask us to act, give us strength to respond at once. Though Christ our Lord.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Nov. 28

Reading Isaiah 2:1-5
Gospel Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday - Nov. 29

Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Gospel Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday - Nov. 30 - St. Andrew

Reading Romans 10:9-18
Gospel Matthew 4:18-22

Thurs.- Dec. 1

Reading Isaiah 26:1-6
Gospel Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday - Dec. 2

Reading Isaiah 29:17-24
Gospel Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday - Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Reading Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Gospel Matthew 9:35—10:1. 5a, 6-8

Sunday Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Reading II 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Matthew 1:1-8

Parish Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 17th

3:30 PM Taizé Prayer Service
4:00 PM Liturgy followed by Tree Lighting



This year we have chosen a "**snowflake**" ornament as our theme. All families are asked to help decorate the tree with ornaments (either purchased or homemade). Refreshments will be available in Konsowski Hall following the tree lighting.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord, Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



BINGO

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



Market Day - Orders due Friday, Dec. 2. Pick up on Friday, Dec. 9 from 2-3PM. Profits earned last month: \$161.30. Thank you for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., Dec. 7, by 8 AM.

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!
St. Frances de Sales : Nikolas Glazewski

St. Florian Parent Teacher Club Entertainment Card

Cardholder benefits include a variety of discounts with local retailers listed on the Entertainment Card. Cards cost \$10 and you receive continuous savings until November 1, 2012. Retailers include: Chicago Pita, Los Cantaritos Restaurant, Don Pedro's, Subway (118th St .), Olympia Lanes Bowling, Papalano's, Pudgy's Pizza, Doreen's Pizza, Steve's Lounge, Club 81 II, and Jason's Bar and Grill. Patronize these business and save money every time you shop. All funds support the school music program. For more information contact Kathy Fox at 773.608.2813 or kfox@uchicago.edu

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal

Are you looking for more information about the changes to the Mass beginning November 27, 2011? Visit the St. Florian website and view the short video, "The New Roman Missal for High School Teens." This short video gives a terrific overview of why the New Translation is taking place as well as a brief history of how it came about. See it at <http://florian.hegewisch.net>.

BLUE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 3rd @ 3:00PM
at St. Florian Church (Mass to follow at 4:00 PM)

Presented by The Quest Theatre Ensemble

ple light may rise out of complicated darkness."

"That sim-



Be sure to bring your family and friends in church to enjoy a highly creative production featuring large-scale puppetry, soaring music and the greatest story ever told!

Admission is free! Donations are greatly appreciated!

(for more info visit www.questensemble.org)

Please Note: Quest is celebrating their 10th anniversary and this will be the final tour of the Blue Nativity! - Don't miss it!!!

Please join us!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
November 19/20, 2011	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,537.00
Loose	\$ 322.68
Energy	\$ 50.00
Children's Offering	\$ 147.38
Maintenance	\$ 43.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 79.00
Votives	\$ 104.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 27 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Nov. 28 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Nov. 29 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
- Nov. 30 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Dec. 1 Reconciliation Service (Church) 7:00
- Dec. 2 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Dec. 3 Blue Nativity (Church) 3:00
- Dec. 4 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30
- Dec. 5 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Parents Club (PMR) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$158.00
Do Your Christmas Sharing Early - Let your heart and means dictate what to share. Your contributions will enable our St. Vincent de Paul Society to deliver your Christmas message of good cheer to our needy neighbors. "The Poor Boxes are the Bread Boxes of the Poor."

Our Lady of Knock - The next Our Lady of Knock "Focus on the Positive" Adult Enrichment Program will be presented on Thursday, December 1st from 7PM to 8PM. The program will take place at the parish hall located at 497-163rd Street in Calumet City. Speaker for the evening will be Deacon Tom Knetl. Deacon Tom's topic will be "Advent." All are invited to join us for an inspiring presentation. Refreshments will be served. There is no fee. All are welcome. For more information, please call the rectory at 708-862-3011.

Pancake Breakfast - St Andrew the Apostle Church will host a pancake breakfast on Dec. 4th from 7:30AM to 11:30AM in the St. Andrew Gym, 156th & Freeland. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Buttermilk & Sweet Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Coffee will be served.

Daughters of Isabella - For reservations to the Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Columba Social Center please call Bernice at 773-677-7580 or Shirley at 773-646-4690 by December 4th. Remember to bring a gift.

Ladies Rosary Sodality - The Ladies Rosary Sodality will meet on Sunday, December 4th at 1:30 p.m. in Konowski Hall. We will have a Christmas luncheon and a White Elephant gift exchange will be held

St. Florian Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Fiscal Raffle. 300 tickets are presently being sold by the Holy Name members. There will be a total of \$1200 in cash prizes. There will be two drawings each month beginning with our January, 2011 meeting through June 2012. Each drawing will be worth \$100. Each month you will have a chance to win, because, ALL ENTRIES are eligible each month. We thank you for your support!

Please pray for our
Service Members:



Sgt. 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 - Cpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - 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. 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 - Cpl Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps - Capt. 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 - A1C Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force

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

**University of Saint Mary of the Lake/
 Mundelein Seminary
 2011 "Sounds of Christmas" Concert**

The University of Saint Mary of the Lake/
 Mundelein Seminary announces the 2011 Annual
 "Sounds of Christmas" Concert on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00PM in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception (1000 E. Maple Avenue—Mundelein, IL

Once again they will be featuring **Mr. Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra** and our own Seminarian Christmas Choir. Seating is on a first come first seated basis, no tickets are needed. Doors open at 1:30PM.

Free will donations graciously accepted.