

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 17/18

- 4:00 PM + Charles Anderson - Betty Peak
 8:00 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - St. Florian Rosary Sodality
 9:45 AM - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, January 19

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Virginia Majewski

Tuesday, January 20

- 7:15 AM - Jack, Jimmy, Joyce, Janice & Judy - Mother

Wednesday, January 21

- 7:15 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Frank & Sheila Ziolkowski

Thursday, January 22

- 7:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Louise Fleming

Friday, January 23

- 8:15 AM + Robert Boganski - Family

Saturday, January 24

- 7:30 AM + Joseph B. Mistarz (27th Anniv.) - Son & Grandchildren
 4:00 PM + Cecilia Cap - Family

Sunday, January 25

- 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Ceil Motkowicz
 9:45 AM + John Gabrys - Mr. & Mrs. Leo Gabrys
 11:30 AM + Florencia Calderon - Family

Week of January 18 - January 24

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Eugene A. Mezydlo - St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Eugene A. Mezydlo - St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality

LECTORS January, 2009

- 4:00 PM V. Maccagnano/ A. Simmons
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM K. Gibson
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 24

- 4:00 PM N. Mooney, D. Ranos, G. Bonczek

SUNDAY, January 25

- 8:00 AM J. Lelo, M. Elizalde, B. Meyer
 9:45 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, C. Haro
 11:30 AM K. Mallee, T. DeCook, M. Ortiz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January, 2009

4:00 PM

- R. Abram
 B. Frjelic
 E. Boganski
 B. Peak
 M. Cowperthwaite
 A. Bonczek

8:00 AM

- S. Jezior
 J. Gibbons
 M. Piaskowy
 P. Gadus
 N. Moll
 C. Motkowicz

9:45 AM

- C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

- R. Oseguera
 O. Cruz

USHERS January, 2009

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

First Corinthians

By Paul Turner



On Sundays between the Christmas season and Lent, the second reading at Mass is taken from the "First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians." On Ordinary Time Sundays throughout the year, the second reading gives us several excerpts from the same New Testament letter for several consecutive weeks. Usually we hear a given letter for one series of weeks every three years. But Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is an exception. It is a long, important letter, so the lectionary divides it up into three parts. We hear from it every year as Ordinary Time first gets underway.

Earlier in his career, Paul had made a lengthy visit to Corinth. After he left, members of the young Christian community contacted him about some problems and questions they were facing in his absence. Paul deals with these issues one by one. When we read the letter today, we learn about the challenges in the early church and the position Paul held on controversial topics, and we realize that some things haven't changed. It is comforting to know that the issues we face today are not new and that the solutions Paul proposes are still practical and inspirational.

The letter includes many famous passages: the divided community of Corinth, God's choice of the weak instead of the strong, the cross of Christ as a stumbling block for many, the unmarried life, the imperative to preach the gospel, the body of Christ, the gift of love, the resurrection of Christ, and the eternal life of believers. For several weeks each year, we hear familiar passages from one of the Bible's great letters. The pastoral, hopeful message of Paul can always inspire those who drop everything else and listen to his words.

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Stewardship Prayer

GRACIOUS GOD,

*You sent us St. Paul
to preach the Gospel,
inspire us in faith,
and show us the way
to be good stewards
of Your grace.*

*In our time together
show us how to be
fervent ambassadors
of Christ, Your Son.*

*Grant us the wisdom
to recognize that
through his gift of the Eucharist
there is one bread
and we are one body.*

*Give us the courage
to proclaim the Good News
in word and deed.*

*And in the spirit of St. Paul
teach us to live,
no longer for ourselves,
but in Christ Jesus
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.*

Amen.

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 Frjelic, 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 Trzupiek, 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, 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, Katelyn Grabowski, Irma Cardenas, Virginia Majewski, Anthony Gromek, Edward Walczak, Agnes Walczak, Karen Kil, Eugene Piekerczyk, 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 - Jan. 19

Reading Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - Jan. 20 - St. Fabian

Reading Hebrews 6:10-20
Gospel Mark 2:23-28

Wed. - Jan. 21 - St. Agnes

Reading Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Gospel Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - Jan. 22 - St. Vincent

Reading Hebrews 7:25—8:6
Gospel Mark 3:7-12

Friday - Jan. 23

Reading Hebrews 8:6-13
Gospel Mark 3:13-19

Sat. - Jan. 24 - St. Frances de Sales

Reading Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Gospel Mark 3:20-21

Sunday Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

Reading I Acts 22:3-16
Reading II 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel Mark 16:15-18

In remembrance . . .

Emil Kurek January 8, 2009
Mary Ann Moll January 10, 2009

 **Thanks for VOLUNTEERING**
Volunteer
Appreciation Party!

Saturday - January 31, 2009

5:00 - 8:00 in the gym
(Doors open immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Volunteers are people who are willing to give of themselves — time, talent, treasure—for the good of the whole community. Volunteers do not get paid for what they do. Many people volunteer at St. Florian and for this we are most grateful.

Please come and enjoy dinner by Ace Catering, great music and a fun time as our way of saying thank you for all you do! (Spouses welcome.)

We appreciate you!

Please respond by Monday, January 26th.

St. Florian Parish
Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday, January 31, 2009

Yes, I have volunteered my time and talent and will attend the celebration!

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

(Please reply via the collection basket or at the rectory.)

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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Catholic Schools Week! Jan. 25 - Jan. 31



Sunday: Family Mass at 9:45 a.m. We invite all families to worship with us.

There is no better way to begin the week!



Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 - 12:30
(Adults \$6.00 and Children (4-11) \$3.00)

School Open House from 10:45 - 12 Noon All are invited to visit the school and classrooms and see some of the wonderful work our students are doing. Prospective students and families will have the opportunity to receive information about the school. Tour the classrooms and meet the teachers!

Book Fair in the Gym from 9:00—1:00 p.m. Sunday is Family Day!

Monday: Book Fair - Monday is teacher/student browsing day.

Tuesday: Book Fair in the Gym from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Classroom Visit Day — Parents are welcome to stop in.

Spirit Day - Spirit Day is sponsored by the Athletic committee. Students may wear blue and gold, our school colors. Team members may wear their jerseys. We're planning a pep rally in the gym. All are welcome to join us.

Book Fair in the Gym from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Grandparents / Special Relative Day

Honors Assembly at 1:00

Book Fair in the Gym from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday: Teacher Appreciation Day - 12 noon Dismissal

Saturday: Parish Volunteer Appreciation Party at 5:00 p.m. in the gym.

Sunday: Annual School Fund Collection



Please support our Annual School Fund on Feb. 1

On the weekend of Jan. 24/25, we will present a speaker at each Mass to talk about this once-a-year collection. At this time, envelopes will be passed out for a collection to be taken up at all Masses the weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1.

You may also use the Annual School Fund envelope from your packets to support the important mission of Catholic education at St. Florian. Please give as generously as you are able. Your donation will help parents who need tuition assistance.



St. Florian School Book Fair *Lights, Camera, Books*

Sunday, January 25 9:00 am - 1:00 pm is Family day and the public is welcome. There will be books for all ages, computer games, and craft activities. A Family Day Raffle will be held with the drawing taking place at 12:00 noon.

The Book Fair will continue until Wednesday, January 28. Hours Monday- Wednesday are 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. This is a major fund raiser for the School's Library. For more details see the St. Florian Website.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
January 10/11, 2009	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,617.00
Loose	\$ 355.23
Energy Assistance	\$ 72.00
Actual Received	\$3,044.23
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 143.00
Maintenance	\$ 136.00
Children's Offering	\$ 44.43
Votives	\$ 109.00
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,156.50

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 17/18 Latin America Collection
- Jan. 18 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 19 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 20 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 21 Brownies/Daisies (KH) 2:30
Evangelization (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 22 Scouts (KH) 6:00
RCIA (Rectory) 6:00
- Jan. 23 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- Jan. 25-29 Catholic Schools Week
Book Fair (Gym)
- Jan. 25 Pancake Breakfast (Gym) 9-12:30
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 26 Music Mtg. (Rectory) 9:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 28 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- Jan. 31 Appreciation Party
- Feb. 1 Annual School Fund Collection

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$54.18
St. Vincent de Paul Society In the life of Mother Teresa, the Two Commandments—To love God and to love our neighbor—are inseparable. In her life and work she exemplifies the relationship between the two: How, if we do not love God we cannot love our neighbor, and if we do not love our neighbor we cannot love God.

Knight of Columbus - A Family Mass will take place on January 18, 2009, at 9:45 a.m. at St. Florian Church. Refreshment will be served after Mass in Konsowski Hall. All are welcome - please join us.

St. Florian School Class Reunion - Class of 84' is searching for fellow classmates for a 25 Year Reunion this summer. For more details please contact Tammy Sliwa-Mazur at (219) 588-5909.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to receive proper credit, please complete all 2008 contributions by Jan. 23.

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2008 Charitable Contributions - Statements for the 2008 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 23. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2008 contribution statement to me:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(return request via collection basket or at the rectory)

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Winter Walk and Exploration: Everyone is invited on Feb. 8 from 11AM-3PM for a cup of Mexican hot cocoa and a guided tour through Eggers Woods to learn to identify leafless trees and search for signs of winter wildlife. After the walk, learn about animal winter survival, participate in a bird migration and much more. Activities begin at Annunciata School Hall, 3750 E. 112th St. To register call 773/646-0436 or jessica@setaskforce.org.

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. Comdr. 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, 1st 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.