

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Weekend of April 10/11**

- 4:00 PM + John & Anna Twardosz - Daughters
- 8:00 AM + Charles Miceli - Wife
- 9:45 AM + Rose Grzeskowiak (1st Anniv.) - Mary Ann Piaskowy
- 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Husband

**Monday, April 12**

- 7:15 AM + Virginia Majewski - Lottie Piekarczyk

**Tuesday, April 13**

- 7:15 AM + Casmir Frystack - Family

**Wednesday, April 14**

- 7:15 AM + Eddie Kosmala - Stanley & Leona Panek

**Thursday, April 15**

- 7:15 AM + Frank & Marcie Zak - Daughter & Family

**Friday, April 16**

- 8:15 AM + Emily Paradzisz - Robert & Janet Kostanczuk

**Saturday, April 17**

- 7:30 AM + Purgatorial Society
- 4:00 PM + John & Lottie Sabados - Helen & Evelyn

**Sunday, April 18**

- 8:00 AM + Mary Smith - Family
- 9:45 AM + Josephine Raczak - Family
- 11:30 AM + Raquel Chaves - Friends

**Week of April 11 - April 17**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
Charles Miceli - Wife

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
Charles Miceli - Wife

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**April, 2010**

- 4:00 PM
  - A. Bonczek
  - R. Abram
  - J. Gibbons
  - B. Frjulich
  - C. Motkowicz
  - M. Cowperthwaite
- 8:00 AM
  - S. Jezior
  - M. Piaskowy
  - E. Podsiadlik
  - N. Moll
  - K. Gibson
  - P. Gadus
- 9:45 AM
  - D. Karczewski
  - C. Michalik
  - P. O'Rourke
  - P. Maccagnano
  - M. Czarobski
  - C. Malone
- 11:30 AM
  - A. Davila
  - R. Oseguera

**LECTORS**

**April, 2010**

- 4:00 PM B. Frederisy
- 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
- 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
- 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, April 17**

- 7:30 PM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, J. O'Keefe

**SUNDAY, April 18**

- 8:00 AM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, N. Mooney
- 9:45 AM C. Haro, V. Velasco, H. Walsh
- 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza

**USHERS**

**April, 2010**

- 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, A. Bruder,
- 9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk, K. Podgorny, R. Furman, T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci
- 11:30 AM T. Favela, J. Gonzalez, S. Gonzalez



**The Paschal Octave and Divine Mercy Sunday**

Easter is the "Feasts of Feasts," the "Solemnity of Solemnities," the Church's highest feast, the holiest day

of the year.

Liturgical, the "eight days" of Easter constitute a single day, the day of the new creation. The Church begins celebrating at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and continues through the Octave of Easter: Every day in another Easter, another day to rejoice in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus!

After his resurrection, Jesus took great care to show his apostles his hands and side, pointing to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

Since 2000, the Church has designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday to celebrate the fact that Jesus still calls us to immerse ourselves in his mercy and love.

The Divine Mercy devotion has grown greatly in popularity since Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday when he canonized the Polish Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. Saint Faustina's revelations put a great emphasis on this day as a "day of mercy." The Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed using Rosary beads, with special texts emphasizing the saving Passion of Christ.

The Resurrection of Christ is the very miracle of mercy that has forever changed our destiny as God's sons and daughters. In Easter joy we recall that great miracle and its promise to us.

**Spring Brunch!**

**Sunday, April 18, 2010  
9 AM - 12 PM**

*(in St. Florian's Gymnasium)*



**Brunch Tickets**

\$10 Adults and \$5 Children (4 -10)  
*(Available after weekend Masses, Rectory & School  
— no tickets sold at the door)*

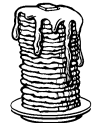
**Grand Prize Raffle - \$1,000!**

**Plus five - \$100 Prizes  
and ten - \$50 Prizes  
Only \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 12 for \$10.00**

**"Brunch Menu"**

*All-you-can eat breakfast & lunch items  
served from 9:00-12:00*

- Scrambled Eggs - Breakfast Sausage - Chorizo**
- Freshly Made Waffles & Pancakes**
- Pierogi - Italian Beef - Chicken**
- Mostaccioli - Polish Sausage & Kraut**
- and more!**



**Please Bake!** Delicious treats are needed for our Bake Sale. Sugar-free baked goods are also needed. We can store items in the rectory freezer or just bring your baked goods to the gym early in the morning the day of the Brunch.

**Helping Hands Needed!**

If you're available on Friday, April 16, at 1:00, to help decorate for the Brunch, please call the rectory. Also, we need a few helping hands on the day of the Brunch to sell raffle tickets and work the bake sale. Please call 646-4877 if you have an hour or so to spare!



**Easter Flowers**

We will continually replenish our liturgical decorations with live flowers throughout the Easter Season. The Church will not only be beautifully decorated for Easter, but your donations for flowers will be used during Mary's month - May, as well as the Feast of St. Florian, Mother's Day, and the last day of the Easter Season, Pentecost. We graciously thank all those who contributed thus far.

**Easter Water** - Water blessed at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday can be taken home and be a sacramental reminder of the new life we share in the resurrected Christ. The newly blessed water can be found in the silver container near the Baptistry next to the gift table in the back of Church.

**Your Family's Easter Gift to the Parish-** Please be sure to use your special Easter envelope (mailed to your home with the Easter schedule) for your family's Easter gift to the Parish. As you have generously given to the Parish in the past, we ask for your support once again.

## We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, 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, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, 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, Asunción Villalpando, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistar, Jr., Ed Ronczy, Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, Laverne Black, 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

LaVerne Black	March 31, 2010
Kenneth Simmons	April 2, 2010
Lottie Rys	April 3, 2010
Stanley Lis	April 5, 2010

## The Easter Candle

by Paul Turner



The first sound of the Easter Season is the cracking of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes which long to behold the glory of God.

The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory of God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptism and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols which enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the casket and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday - Apr. 12

Reading Acts 4:23-31  
Gospel John 3:1-8

### Tuesday - Apr. 13

Reading Acts: 4:32-37  
Gospel John 3:7b-15

### Wednesday - Apr. 14

Reading Acts 5:17-26  
Gospel John 3:16-21

### Thursday - Apr. 15

Reading Acts: 5:27-33  
Gospel John 3:31-36

### Friday - Apr. 16

Reading Acts 5:34-42  
Gospel John 6:1-15

### Saturday - Apr. 17

Reading Acts 6:1-7  
Gospel John 6:16-21

### Sunday - Apr. 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41  
Reading II Revelation 5:11-14  
Gospel John 21:1-19

## Fr. Bill Lisowski's

### 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Saturday, May 15, 2010

4:00 PM Mass

(followed by a reception in the gym)

**Committee members needed** - Please call the rectory (646-4877) if you are available to help with the planning and organizing. Our Holy Name Society will be serving a Pasta Dinner.

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

**BINGO!** – Bingo resumes today, April 11!!  
There will be no Bingo on Sunday, April 18 due to the Spring Brunch.

**Market Day** - Orders are due on Friday, April 16th and pick up is on Friday, April 23rd. Profit earned last month was \$71.28.

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Bring your aluminum cans to the parking lot on Wed., Apr. 14, by 8 AM.

**Turbo Exercise Classes:** Join the new **Turbo Exercise classes** here at St. Florian! Beginning April 15 classes will held in the school cafeteria (gym entrance) from 6:30—7:30 PM. You must be 18+ years old. Donation \$15/month. Registration begins on April 15 in the school cafeteria. Call 646-2868 for more info.

### Congratulations Alumni!

**Honor Roll at Marion Catholic H.S** - Christopher Czarobski, Matthew Ireland, Robert Lyons, Brittany Maloney, Megan McDonald, Justine Meyer, and Adrianna Varela

**Honor Roll at Mother McAuley H. S.** - Kaila Morin and Natalia Szyller

**Honor Roll at De La Salle Institute** - Jacob Bugajski, John Gutierrez, Andrea Medina, Nikolina Medina, and Leticia Torres

**It's a Delicious Fundraiser!!** Place your orders for Joe Corbi Pizza kits, Soft Pretzels, Cookie Dough, Pies, Cheesecake & Calzones! All items are moderately priced—delivery on April 30. Proceeds will benefit the school. Order forms are available at the church entrances and school office. Please place your orders by Apr. 16.



**3rd Annual Flower Sale** - St. Florian Parent/Teacher Club will be holding a flower sale on Saturday, May 8. Return your pre-order form by Friday, April 30th.

### Sponsors Needed for our Monthly Tuition Raffle!!!

Each month school families are offered an opportunity to win a free month's tuition by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each. If you would like to sponsor a monthly raffle, please notify the school office at 773/646-2868.

**March's Winner** - Darlene Craven  
**April Raffle Sponsor** - St. Florian Class of 1959

**St. Florian Class of 1980 Reunion:** A 30th reunion is planned for the fall of 2010. If you are an alumni or know the whereabouts of any, please contact Michelle Zmija McManus at 773/718-3654 or [mcmanushlth@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmanushlth@yahoo.com)

## The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland Baby Bottle Project

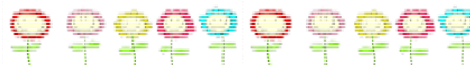


Your response to this project last year was tremendous! We once again ask you to participate in a special fundraiser to help **The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.**

In support of the pro-life movement, our church will be participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid, By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 33,000 babies from abortions since opening in 1984.

The fundraiser will begin at St. Florian in two weeks on the weekend of April 24/25. We will distribute baby bottles after each Mass for you to take home and put your spare change into. Please return the bottles to the Church or at the Rectory no later the weekend of Mother's Day-May 8/9.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life.



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS****April 3/4, 2010**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,091.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 193.00
Actual Received vs.	\$2,284.00
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,156.50
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 106.00
Children's Offering	\$ 68.61
Votives	\$ 99.00

*(We will give a full report for Easter/Holy Week at a later date.)*

**2011 Mass Book:** Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for mass intentions in memory of your family members or friends. We also have Masses available in our 2010 Book.

**Do you have questions about****Marriage? Divorce? Annulments?**

Many Catholics who have divorced may have drifted away from the Church and practices of their faith. On April 15, a free presentation will be held at St. Ann's Parish, 3010 Ridge Road, in Lansing, IL from 7:00-8:30 PM to take a look at Church law concerning marriage, divorce and re-marriage. Call St. Ann's at 708/895-6700 to reserve a space. Other dates/locations are available throughout the Archdiocese during April. For more information, visit [www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.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. 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. Mat-  
thew 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, A1C Kelly  
Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, - PFC Anthony Baracco,  
U.S. Army - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, 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**

Apr. 11	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Apr. 12	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Apr. 13	Parent & Teacher Club (KH) 6:30
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Apr. 14	Scouts (PMR) 5:30
	Evangelization (KH) 6:00
	Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
April 15	Scouts (KH) 6:00
April 18	Spring Brunch (Gym) 9:00 - 12:00
April 19	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
April 20	School Advisory Board (KH) 6:30
	Youth Group (PMR) 7:00
April 22	Scouts (KH) 6:00
	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30

**Multi-Family Rummage Sale** — The St. Florian Spanish Faith Sharing Group will host a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 8, from 7AM-3PM in our gymnasium. Tables/Spaces are available for \$20 each. Contact Olivia Guajardo at 708-466-5581 to reserve a space (no vendor sales please).

**El Grupo Compartiendo la Fe de San Florian**—Está vendiendo espacio de mesa para una venta multi-familiar de ropa y artículos usados. Para comprar un espacio/mesa favor de llamar a Olivia Guajardo al 708-466-5581. Por favor - no vendedors

Lugar: Gimnasio de la Escuela, 131st & Houston  
Costo: \$20 por espacio/mesa  
Fecha: Sábado, 8de Mayo del 2010  
Horario: 7AM-3PM

**Divine Mercy Sunday Service** - St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 768 Lincoln Avenue, Calumet City will host a Divine Mercy Sunday Service at 3PM on Sunday, April 11th. The Choir Concert will begin at 2:15 p.m. For more information, please call 708-862-4165

**Clean & Green Clean-up** — Volunteer your time and efforts to clean up the neighborhood during Mayor Daley's 19th Annual "Clean & Green" on Sat., Apr. 17. Brooms, rakes, shovels, etc. will be provided. Call Alderman Pope's office at 773/721-1999 for more info.



**Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Mass**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3 PM at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL. Couples married in 1960 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register. For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: [www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org).