

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend of April 18/19**

- 4:00 PM + John & Lottie Sabados - Helen & Evelyn  
 8:00 AM + Alice K. Sawadski - Ed & Gloria Murphy  
 9:45 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Judy Kosiba  
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

**Monday, April 20**

- 7:15 AM + Busia Cap - Family

**Tuesday, April 21**

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Mr. & Mrs. A. Lasky

**Wednesday, April 22**

- 7:15 AM + Theodore F. Slusarczyk - Friends

**Thursday, April 23**

- 7:15 AM + Helen Rudison - Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kozlowski

**Friday, April 24**

- 8:15 AM + Thomas Zurawski - Family & Friends

**Saturday, April 25**

- 7:30 AM + Emil J. Kurek - Olga Pekala Family  
 1:30 PM - Quinceañera - Karla Valadez  
 4:00 PM + John & Anna Twardosz - Daughters

**Sunday, April 26**

- 8:00 AM + Robert & Irene Stevenson - Peter & Colleen Stevenson  
 9:45 AM + Rose Szczepanik - Theresa Szczepanik  
 11:30 AM - For the good health of Bertha Soto - Rosa

**Week of April 5 - April 11**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Richard Cholipski - Wife & Children

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****April, 2009**

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek  
 R. Abram  
 B. Frjelijch  
 M. Cowperthwaite  
 D. Karczewski  
 J. Gibbons

8:00 AM

S. Jezior  
 E. Podsiadlik  
 S. White  
 M. Piaskowy  
 N. Moll  
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

E. Boganski  
 C. Michalik  
 C. Malone  
 P. O'Rourke  
 M. Czarobski  
 B. Peak

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera  
 A. Davila

**LECTORS****April, 2009**

4:00 PM B. Frederisy  
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski  
 9:45 AM A. Simmons  
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

**USHERS****April, 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

E. Lihota,  
 G. Slusarczyk, K. Podgorny,  
 R. Furman, J. Turman,  
 T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci

11:30 AM

L. Arellano, A. Arellano,  
 T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,  
 S. Gonzalez

**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, April 25**

4:00 PM N. Mooney, J. Lelo, B. Meyer

**SUNDAY, April 26**

8:00 AM D. Ranos, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria  
 9:45 AM J. Carlassare, T. DeCook, C. Haro  
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez



### The Paschal Octave and Divine Mercy Sunday

Easter is the “Feast of Feasts,” the “Solemnity of Solemnities,” the Church’s highest feast, the holiest day of the year.

Liturgically, 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 is 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 familiar image of the Divine Mercy shows two beams of light radiating from the heart of Christ, imaging the “water and blood” we heard about in today’s Second Reading (1 John 5:6). 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.

### Easter Flowers



We will continually replenish our liturgical decoration with live flowers throughout the Easter Season. Your donations for flowers will continue to 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.

## Spring Brunch!

(in St. Florian’s Gymnasium)

**Sunday, April 19, 2009  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Doors open at 9:00 AM  
for Bake Sale & Raffles**



### Brunch Tickets

**\$10 Adults and \$5 Children (4 -12)**

Did you forget to buy your ticket????

We’ll have some available at the door — don’t miss out!!!

### “Brunch Menu”

All breakfast & lunch items served from 9:30—12:30:



- Waffles & Pancakes - Freshly Made!**
- Eggs / Chorizo**
- Breakfast Sausage - Meats by Linz**
- Pierogi - Alexandria’s**
- Italian Beef - Pudgy’s**
- Broasted Chicken - Mancini’s**
- Polish Sausage & Kraut - Polka Catering**
- Mostaccioli / Tossed Salad**
- & and so much more!!!**

### \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle

**Plus five - \$100 Prizes  
and ten - \$50 Prizes**

**\$1.00 per ticket  
or a book of 12 for \$10.00**

**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 the Church.

**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 kind generosity 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, Eugene Kupiec, Dorita De Cardona, Ed Kosmala, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Dolores 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, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, 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 - April 20

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

### Tuesday - April 21 - St. Anselm

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

### Wed. - April 22

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

### Thursday - April 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert

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

### Friday - April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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

### Sat. - April 25 - St. Mark

Reading 1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Gospel Mark 16:15-20

### Sunday - April 26 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Reading II 1 John 2:1-5a  
Gospel Luke 24:35-48



## 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 Center of Greater Chicagoland**.

The Center counsels women in crisis pregnancy with kindness, gentleness, prayer and compassion. Approximately 5000+ women go there a year deciding on their child's future life or death. They assist women materially by providing diapers, formula, clothes, slightly used car seats, high chairs, strollers and toys. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet are said daily for all women struggling with their pregnancies.

This fundraiser will begin at St. Florian next weekend (April 25/26). 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 than the weekend of Mother's Day - May 9/10.

Thank you for participating in the opportunity to give a child his/her first breath.

**2010 Mass Book:** The 2010 Mass Book is now open. 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 2009 Book.



### Source & Summit 2009

Let Jesus impact your LIFE at **Source & Summit 2009!** **Source & Summit** is a retreat weekend for teenagers that puts **you** in contact with young, inspiring Catholic priests who speak to you about the importance of a deeper relationship with Our Lord. The energetic music of **Source & Summit** lifts all teens onto their feet in praise of our awesome God! Holy Mass, Adoration and quiet prayer time are offered each day in addition to opportunities to share with fellow teens in small group workshops. **Source and Summit 2009** will be held from **April 24-26, 2009** at Andrean High School in Merrillville, IN. To find out more info or to register online, go to [www.sourceandsummitretreat.org](http://www.sourceandsummitretreat.org).

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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**BINGO!** – Please note, due to the Spring Brunch there will be no Bingo today April 19th. Bingo will resume on Sunday, April 26th.

**Market Day** - Orders due Fri. Apr. 24th and pick-up is on Fri. May 1st, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Prof-its earned last month was \$148.74. Thank you for all your support!

### Congratulations Alumni!

**Honor Roll at Mount Carmel H. S.**  
Brandon Homere, Manuel Medina,  
Peter Smagacz, Richard Varela, Jr., &  
Adam Vargas

### 2009 - 2010 Registration!

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now underway for Preschool and Grades K-8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773/646-2868.

**Plan your spring planting!** - St. Florian Parents Club will be sponsoring a spring flower sale in May. Watch for more details!

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum becas to the school parking lot on Friday, May 6th, before 8 AM.

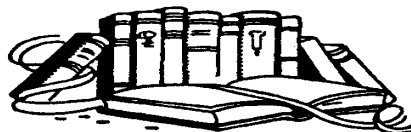
### Mission Statement of St. Florian School

*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.*

### April 2009 Book Rack Selections

*(Our book rack is located in the back of church.  
Please take a moment and browse. Prices are indicated on each book.)*

- The Gospels Simply Explained** by Rev Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.
- Breath and Bread** by Michele Gallagher
- Dying with Jesus** by Angela M. Hibbard
- Living Room Retreat** by Helen Cecilia Swift, SNDdeN
- Questions Jesus Asked** by Joel Giallanza, CSC
- Turning to God to Get Through Grief** edited by Linus Mundy
- Living Simply in an Anxious World** by Robert J. Wicks
- The Love That Comes from God** by Chiara Lubich
- The Strength Within** by Barbara Hansen
- Distinctively Catholic** by Daniel Donovan
- The Lights Were All Green** by Rev. Msgr. J Walsh
- Praying For A Miracle** by Gilda T. D. Agostino
- Meditation on The Holy Spirit of God** by Sheldon B. Stephenson



"Easter is for us all a dying to sin, to passion, to hatred and enmity, and all that brings about disorder, spiritual and material bitterness, and anguish. This death is indeed only the first step toward a higher goal — for our Easter is also a mystery of new life."

Bl. Pope John XXIII

<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS April 18/19</b>	
<i>(Easter and Holy Week offerings will be reported at a later date.)</i>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,646.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 73.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 63.00
Maintenance	\$ 65.00
Children's Offering	\$ 62.92
Votives	\$ 183.00

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** - The love of neighbors is a safe and rather accurate measure of our love of God. Easter joy to our membership, their families and friends.

**Windy City Pro Wrestling:** Battle of the Belts 21 Al Snow Sat., May 9 at 7PM in St. Andrew's Gym, 768 Lincoln Ave, Calumet City. Call WCPW at 773/978-7317 for more info.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Service** - On Sunday, April 19th a Divine Mercy Sunday Service will take place at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 768 Lincoln Ave. in Calumet City, Illinois. The Procession will begin at 2:45PM. For more information call the rectory at 708-862-4165.

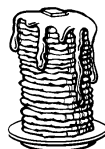
**"BEGIN AGAIN!"** - It's the season of rebirth and new life. Why not wake up your marriage this spring as well? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the time, place and tools they need to dust off their relationship. Experience spring in your relationship! The next weekends will be May 1-3, June 5-7, Sept. 11-13, Nov. 6-8 or Dec. 4-6 For info or reservations, please consult our website at [www.wmmechicago-gary.org](http://www.wmmechicago-gary.org) or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554. For Spanish weekends, call Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

**Vocation Thoughts** - Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Is God calling you to "see" what is in your heart? Is He calling you to discern a vocation? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at (312) 751-8298 or [inoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:inoonan@archchicago.org). **Tuesday, May 12th**, the Office for Religious/CAVA will host an Evening of Discernment. For more information contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [!\[\]\(8bba887393ca45b761e5cb49e755e762\_img.jpg\)

\*\*50th Wedding Anniversary Mass:\*\* The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 30th, at 3PM at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Couples married in 1959 who are interested in attending this celebration may contact the rectory for information \(646-4877\). For further information call the Family Ministries at \(312-534-8351\) or visit the website: \[www.familyministries.org\]\(http://www.familyministries.org\).](mailto:erami-</a></p>
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Apr. 19 Spring Brunch (Gym) 9:30-12:30
- Apr. 20 School Resumes
- Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Apr. 21 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
- Youth Group (PMR) 7:00
- Apr. 22 Brownies/Daisies (PMR) 2:30
- SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- Apr. 23 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Apr. 26 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Apr. 27 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Apr. 28 Athletic Mtg. (School) 9:00
- Apr. 30 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- May 1 Ribbon Day (Church) 8:15
- Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- Brownies/Daisies (KH) 2:30



**Come to the KC's Pancake Breakfast!** - The KC's of Hegewisch will host an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 26th, from 8:00 - 1:00 at the St. Columba Social Center. Adults \$7, kids 10 and under \$3 and under 3 are free. For more information call John Ryzdewski at 708-841-1904. All proceeds from this will go to the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life".

**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, 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, 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.*