

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of April 21/22

4:00 PM + Louis Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj
 8:00 AM + Thomas Zurawski - Family
 9:45 AM + Josephine Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, April 23

7:15 AM + Stephanie Gabrys - Carl & Rita Abram

Tuesday, April 24

7:15 AM + Larry Moll - Wife

Wednesday, April 25

7:15 AM + Daniel Stevens - Mr. & Mrs. R. Bernat

Thursday, April 26

7:15 AM + Josepa Rivas & Modesto Davila - Alicia Davila

Friday, April 27

8:15 AM + Ron Jagielski - Skowronski Family

Saturday, April 28

7:30 AM + Leon Tadeusz Tokarz - Wife
 2:00 PM - Manuel Guzman & Yelitza Perez - Wedding Mass
 4:00 PM + Dr. Henry Debski - Daughter

Sunday, April 29

8:00 AM + Stanley Kozyra - Donald & Mary Kay Kozyra
 9:45 AM + Alexandra Rzonca Scherer - Family
 11:30 AM - Purgatorial Society

Week of April 22 - April 29

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Thomas Zurawski - Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Thomas Zurawski - Family

Wedding Banns:

Manuel Guzman & Yelitza Perez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 2012

4:00 PM

L. Morse
 R. Haney
 J. Gibbons
 M. Cowperthwaite
 D. Karczewski
 C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 E. Podsiadlik
 N. Moll
 K. Gibson
 D. Ciciora
 C. Bozovic

9:45 AM

C. Malone
 P. Maccagnano
 P. Haro
 P. O'Rourke
 O. Haro
 M. Czarobski

11:30 AM

A. Davila
 R. Oseguera

READERS

April 2012

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, April 28

4:00 PM J. Laskowiecki, N. Meduga, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, April 29

8:00 AM D. Ranos, R. Robles, D. Robles
 9:45 AM A. Shea, R. Rodriguez, B. Echevarria
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez

USHERS

April 2012

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,

8:00 AM

T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
 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,

11:30 AM

R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
 M. Suarez



Spring Brunch!

Sunday, April 22, 2012

9 AM - 12 PM

(in St. Florian's Gymnasium)

Brunch Tickets

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

Tickets available at the Door

Brunch Menu

All-you-can-eat breakfast & lunch items served from 9AM-12PM

**Scrambled Eggs /Chorizo & Eggs
Breakfast Sausage (Linz Meats)
Pancakes & Toppings**

NEW THIS YEAR! Cinnamon Raisin French Toast

**Potato Pierogi / Sweet Cheese Pierogi
Polish Sausage & Kraut (Burbank Deli)
Mashed Potatoes**

**Broasted Chicken (Doreen's)
Meatballs & Gravy**

**NEW THIS YEAR!! Macaroni & Cheese
Salad / Fruit Cocktail**

Grand Prize Raffle -

\$1,000!

plus five - \$100 prizes
and ten - \$50 prizes

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Then he said to them, „Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.” - LUKE 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?

2012 Mass Book



We have several openings in our 2012 Mass Book. Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for Mass intentions in memory of your family members or friends.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This coming October 11, the Church will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening session of Vatican Council II. This great Council was the most significant Catholic event of the last century, and its deliberations and decrees will continue to influence the Church, as have the acts of ecumenical councils before it. The creed we say at Mass each Sunday, for example, comes from the earliest Councils of the Church in the fourth and fifth centuries. Vatican II was the twenty first Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church.

Why did Pope John XXIII call the Council? In a letter dated December 25, 1961 (Humanae salutis), the Pope explained that he hoped the Council would change the relationship between the Church and the world. He called the Council because the world of the twentieth century was so divided by racism, nationalism, communism, Nazism and wars and hatreds of all sorts that men and women had forgotten that the human race is a human family. Who would tell the world that we are all brothers and sisters? Pope John knew that the mission of the Catholic Church is to introduce the world to its savior in every age, and he believed that the unity of the Church should be a leaven to change the world. The Second Vatican Council was called a pastoral council because its purpose was not to examine Church teaching directly but to see what could be changed in the Church in order to place her in better dialogue with a world headed for self-destruction. The Council was missionary in its purpose; to save the world from itself, the Church would have to open dialogues on all fronts.

In order to enter into dialogue, elements of the Church's life were examined and sometimes changed or adjusted. The Council's major documents examined the Church's worship of God, the sources of God's self-revelation, the nature of the Church herself and the Church in our times. Each of these four topics will be discussed in future bulletin articles. My hope is that recalling the purpose and the teaching of the Second Vatican Council will renew the sense of mission of the Archdiocese in the coming year. We will continue to implement the Strategic Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese and will do so now in light of the universal Church's Year of Faith, recently called by Pope Benedict XVI, timed to begin on the very anniversary of the opening session of the Council. May our hearts be opened anew as we commemorate this great event in the history of the Church. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

We pray for . . .



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 Lasse-ter, Chestine Trzupsek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Co-ric, 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, 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 Os-trowski, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Barbara O'Leary, Bob Frjelic, Tom Best, Charlene Jones, Ken Baker, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, 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 - Apr. 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert

Reading Acts 6:8-15

Gospel John 6:22-29

Tuesday - Apr. 24 - St. Fidelis

Reading Acts 7:51—8:1a

Gospel John 6:30-35

Wednesday - Apr. 25 - St. Mark

Reading I 1 Peter 5:5b-14

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Thurs.- Apr. 26

Reading Acts 8:26-40

Gospel John 6:44-51

Friday - Apr. 27

Reading Acts 9:1-20

Gospel John 6:52-59

Saturday - Apr. 28 - St. Peter Chanel &

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Reading Acts 9:31-42

Gospel John 6:60-69

Sunday - Apr. 29 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 4:8-12

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel John 10:11-18

In Remembrance

Dolores Paluchowski April 2, 2012
Benjamin Simons April 9, 2012

Baptismal Preparation

As parents come to Church to ask for the sacrament of Baptism for their child, they offer their child a lifelong gift - the gift of faith and membership in a community that will help foster faith. Due to this awesome responsibility on the part of parents and our faith community, St. Florian Parish provides baptismal preparation for parents and godparents. Preparation sessions take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except during Advent and Lent. The parish provides the baptismal candle and white garment, but if these are purchased by the family, they need to be brought to the preparation session along with the baptismal fee. Please call the parish office at 773-646-4877 to schedule a time to meet with the pastor and schedule your preparation session.



All about help and just about everywhere.

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection

Why are you troubled?

Guadalupe, a housekeeper, was hav- ing back pain and difficulty walking. When tests showed she has HIV/AIDS, she couldn't tell her family. *"I was so depressed. I didn't want to exist anymore."* She comes to Catholic Charities for a weekly support group. Getting to know others in her same situation helps her feel less alone and gives her hope for the future. *"Friends I have made here have become family."*

Your gift to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day, May 13, will bring new life. It is never too late for lives to transform.

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Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anni- versary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:30 PM, at Holy

Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illi- nois. Couples married in 1962 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.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

BINGO
 Doors open at 1:30 Games at 2:30
 in the gym at 131st & Houston
 Please Note: There will be no Bingo on
 April 22nd due to the Spring Brunch

Coming Soon!
St. Florian Flea Market & Vendor Show
Saturday, May 12 - 8:30 AM—2:00 PM
 131st & Houston (school gymnasium)
Make some money with your household "treasures" or your crafts.
 Vendors Wanted: Call Saira at 773.382.0090 or Ernestina at 773.405.3373.

Market Day - Pickup is on Friday, April 27th. Profits earned last month: \$47.60. Thanks for your support!

Zumba! *Moving the world to a new beat!*

Zumba (adults) & Zumbatonic (Kids)
Saturday — April 28, 2012

2:00—3:30 PM at St. Florian Gym
Admission: Adults \$10 / Children \$5.00

Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends international music and contagious steps. It's an exhilarating, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning dance fitness-party. No experience necessary to join in on the FUN! For more information—call Ernestina at 773-405-3373 or the school office at 773-646-2868

Zumba (Adultos) y Zumbatonic (Niños)
Sabado, 28 de Abril, 2012 - 2:00—3:30 PM

Todos están invitados! Traiga a su familia, amigos, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo! Es un estimulante, fácil de seguir, la quema de calorías de baile fitness-partido. Adultos \$10 / Niños \$5

Bow Down for the Blessing

By Paul Turner



You may bow to receive a blessing at the end of Mass. The words asking you to do so have been slightly revised. In the past, the deacon or priest has said words such as these: "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing." Now, however, you hear this formula: "Bow down for the blessing."

The final blessing does not always include this invitation. You hear it only when the blessing is extended in one of two ways. In a "solemn blessing," the priest offers a threefold formula addressed to the people, who answer "Amen" to each part. In a "prayer over the people," the priest addresses God, concluding with the phrase "Through Christ our Lord," which prompts the people to answer "Amen." If either extension is made, you are invited to bow before it, and you receive the usual blessing after it: "May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

The deacon issues this invitation because he instructs the people concerning their actions, whether to share the sign of peace or to be dismissed from the gathering. He may also assign postures such as kneeling, standing, and bowing. In the deacon's absence, the priest performs this function. The revised English translation of the Mass has changed the words to reflect the invitation in Latin, which makes no mention of the head, and instead implies a low bow of the upper part of the body. The third edition of the missal has removed the permission for the priest or deacon to use other expressions, thus restricting him to one formula: "Bow down for the blessing."

Ironically, the rubrics of the Mass never instruct the people to carry out this posture, but the implication, of course, is that they do.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS**April 14/15, 2012**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,925.00
Energy	\$ 86.00
Children's Offering	\$ 29.75
Maintenance	\$ 93.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 110.00
Votives	\$ 88.55
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,541.92

If you haven't already done so, please submit your Easter offering by the end of April. A full report will be published next month.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$100.00

How Do We Care? We visit people at home, in hospitals. We give advice, money, food, and clothes to those in need. We reach out to the lonely and alienated... We are members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Holy Name Raffle Winners - Apr. 2012 Drawing:

#211 Bob Pogorek
and #49 John & Donna Young

Daughters of Isabella April Raffle Winners

Adrienne Bonczek - \$100
Judy Machek - \$100

Please pray for our

Service Members:

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.

Food for Thought . . .

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says,

"Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 22	Spring Brunch (Gym) 9:00 - 12 Noon
April 23	School Closed
April 24	Youth Group (PMR) 7:00
April 25	SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:00
April 26	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 Scouts (KH) 6:00
April 27	Market Day (Gym) 2:00
April 28	Zumba (Gym) 1:00
April 29	Bingo (Gym) 1:30 / Games 2:30
April 30	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
May 1	Daisies (KH) 4:30
May 2	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
May 3	Confirmation Practice (Church) 7:00

**Come to the
KC's Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale
for the American Cancer Society
Relay for Life**

Sunday, April 29th - 8:00 - 12:30 at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 S. Greenbay. The breakfast will include "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Eggs to order, Coffee, Milk, and Orange Juice. \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Carryouts available.

St. Florian Rosary Ladies will meet on Sunday, May 6th at 1:30 in Konsowski Hall. A Mother's Day luncheon will be served.

Lebanon Lutheran Salad Luncheon - A Salad Luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 29th at 2PM. Ticket for adults are \$8.00 and for children 6-10 \$4.00. For tickets please call Phyllis Harnish at 773-646-2367 and Jane Marich at 773-646-4172

Organ Concert to be held: Stephen Schnurr will be the guest organist at Immaculate Conception, 2944 E. 88th St., presenting a concert on Sun., April 22, at 4PM. All are welcome, free will offerings accepted.

Vocation News:**APRIL 22 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In today's second reading John is calling us to an ideal we can attain... "whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him." Have you ever thought about a vocation to priesthood or religious life? For information about diocesan priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life

contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at