

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of April 24/25**

- 4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj
 8:00 AM + Nell Pugh - John, Patricia, and Deborah Hoglund
 9:45 AM + Peter Zroka - Glenn & Cheryl Boske
 11:30 AM + Josefa Rivas - Alicia Davila

Monday, April 26

- 7:15 AM + Charles Miceli - Mr. & Mrs. Henry Trzupke

Tuesday, April 27

- 7:15 AM + Gladys Piaskowy - Duszynski Family

Wednesday, April 28

- 7:15 AM + Laura Peterson - Phyllis Serafin

Thursday, April 29

- 7:15 AM + Harry Sosnowski - Young at Heart

Friday, April 30

- 8:15 AM - 8th Grade Ribbon Day

Saturday, May 1

- 7:30 AM + Edward Ciezkiwicz - Mary Blonski
 4:00 PM + John J. Piaskowy (53rd Anniv.) - Children

Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 AM + Helen Mary Gasielki - Family
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communion
 11:30 AM + Ernestina Juarez - Julia Gonzalez

Week of April 25 - May 1

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Charles Miceli - Mr. & Mrs. Henry Trzupke

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Charles Miceli - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cowperthwaite

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May, 2010**

4:00 PM

L. Szeffc
 R. Abram
 D. Karczewski
 B. Frjelich
 C. Motkowicz
 M. Cowperthwaite

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 M. Piaskowy
 J. Gibbons
 N. Moll
 K. Gibson
 B. Peak

9:45 AM

L. Morse
 C. Michalik
 P. O'Rourke
 P. Maccagnano
 M. Czarobski
 C. Malone

11:30 AM

A. Davila
 O. Cruz

LECTORS**May, 2010**

4:00 PM	A. Bonczek
8:00 AM	P. Gadus
9:45 AM	A. Simmons
11:30 AM	R. Oseguera

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, May 1**

7:30 PM K. Mallee, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, May 2

8:00 AM N. Mooney, G. Bobczek, T. DeCook
 9:45 AM J. O'Keefe, B. Meyer, R. Meyer
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza

USHERS**May, 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

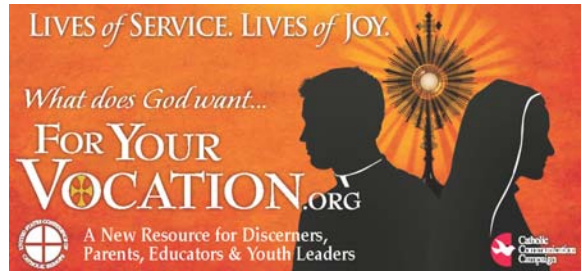
11:30 AM

T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
 S. Gonzalez

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
and Good Shepherd Sunday**

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, with the theme of "Witness Awakens Vocations." Please pray for our priests, brothers, deacons, and women and men in consecrated life, that they be great witnesses to the whole Church and that their examples strengthen within our youth the desire to seek God's will for their lives.

A new Web site, www.ForYourVocation.org, is being launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Web site has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home, and tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.



God's Unstoppable Spirit

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

We now turn to the Gentiles.

No one can stop the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will flow and inspire, filling the earth beyond all borders. No one can stop God's word.

Some tried anyway. The enemies of Paul and Barnabas tried to stop them from preaching, trying to contain the message of the gospel. It didn't work. Paul and Barnabas, traveling on a missionary journey, spoke at a synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism listened. By the following week the crowds were so large that the Jewish leaders of the city tried to stop the apostles from preaching. Paul and Barnabas simply preached to a wider audience. They no longer preached to Jews alone. Now they were preaching to Gentiles.

As Christianity continued to spread, the Jewish leaders started a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. They did the only thing they could do. They went to another city. And they preached the gospel there.

If the Holy Spirit has a message, that message will be proclaimed. And if the message is within us, we will speak it. Not everyone is prepared to hear the message. Not everyone will receive its point. But the Spirit will speak. When someone tries to keep you from saying what you know is important, the Spirit may be looking for a wider audience.

Written by Paul Turner
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**Ten things you should know
about Catholic Charities . . .**

1. We serve anyone in need regardless of their race, ethnic background or religious affiliation.
2. We helped more than 1 million people last year.
3. We have 159 programs at 156 sites in Cook and Lake Counties.
4. Each day, about 5,000 seniors receive nourishing food through our home-delivered meals or group dining programs.
5. Each week, we invite hundreds of hungry and homeless men, women and children to have a meal at our supper programs.
6. Every year, we provide a safe harbor to hundreds of women and their children escaping domestic violence and abuse.
7. Every month, we provide food, clothing and shelter to over 10,000 people with critical needs.
8. We provide over 1,300 affordable apartments to elderly senior citizens on low, fixed incomes.
9. Each day, we have to raise \$700,00 to keep our programs serving all of our clients.
10. 92 cents of each dollar we raise goes directly to help people in need.



All about help and just about everywhere.

***Catholic Charities
Mother's Day Appeal
May 9, 2010***

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, 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. Mistarz, 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

Stephanie Duszynski

April 15, 2010

“Hell” in the Creed

Paul Turner

In the Apostles' Creed we say that Jesus descended into hell. After He died and was buried, and before He rose again from the dead, He entered hell. How is this possible? We generally understand “hell” to mean the place of the damned, the lake of fire described in Revelation 20:14-15. How could Jesus go there?

The word has another meaning. It also refers to the Old Testament realm of the dead where both the condemned and the saved awaited judgment. In Jesus' parable of the beggar Lazarus and the rich man, both characters die and end up in a place called “Hades” or “the netherworld” - a place the creed calls “hell.” One rests in the bosom of Abraham, but the other suffers torment (Luke 16:22-23). Christians believe that the souls of both good and evil people who died before Jesus rose from the dead dwelled in this place. The reason Jesus descended there was to rescue the good. The Apostles' Creed calls this place “hell.”

Ephesians 4:9-10 says that Jesus descended to the lower parts of the earth. It is this passage that the creed quotes. When the creed says that Jesus “rose again from the dead,” it means literally “from among those who were dead.” We believe not just that Jesus died and rose but that He visited the dead at the time.

Some icons depict Jesus trampling down the gate of this hell, grasping the arm of the first person in line of those formerly held captive and bringing them out to freedom. Traditionally, that first person is Adam, and he is followed by all the righteous people of the Old Testament who could not enjoy the resurrection until Jesus Himself rose from the dead. See the icon in our sanctuary here at St. Florian.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Apr. 26

Reading Acts 11:1-18
Gospel John 10:1-10

Tuesday - Apr. 27

Reading Acts: 11:19-26
Gospel John 10:22-30

Wednesday - Apr. 28 - St. Peter Chanel & St.. Louis Mary de Montfort

Reading Acts 12:24—13:5a
Gospel John 12:44-50

Thursday - Apr. 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

Reading Acts: 13:13-25
Gospel John 13:16-20

Friday - Apr. 30 - St. Pius V

Reading Acts 13:26-33
Gospel John 14:1-6

Saturday - May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

Reading Acts 13:44-52
Gospel John 14:7-14

Sunday - May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 14:21-27
Reading II Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland Baby Bottle Project

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.

We will distribute baby bottles after each Mass this weekend 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.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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Congratulations St. Florian Students! 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

- Grade 8** - "B" Honor Roll: Olivia Bensett, Leonard Chocholek, Mark Del Real, Marilyn Echevarria, Alex Galarza, Hector Macias, Bryan McDonald
- Grade 7** - "B" Honor Roll: Hally Hunter, Noah Mooney, Joseph Noworyta, Gabriel Rivera-Sklarenko
- Grade 6** - "B" Honor Roll: Jessica Andrade, Angela Martinez, Raven Robles
- Grade 5** - "A" Honor Roll: Lewis Bensett, Chrisovalanti Katsaros "B" Honor Roll: Katie Blanco, Rachel Carlassare, Lillian Hunter, Matthew Michelin, Justin Powell
- Grade 4** - "A" Honor Roll: Nicole Cervera, Janina Laskowiecki "B" Honor Roll: Emily Aducci, Morgan Andrade, Emily Kreger, Nicole Michelin, Kyle Nazimek, Aidan Varela
- Grade 3** - "A" Honor Roll: Danille Gaczkowski "B" Honor Roll: Christopher Bender, Jennifer Dejanovich, Jozef Laskowiecki, Sebastian Meyer, Karli Miller, Thomas Repass, Petra Sweis

BINGO

Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Houston
Bingo resumes April 25
Bingo cancelled for May 2
No Bingo on Mother's Day - May 9



Register Now for our 2010 - 2011 School Year!

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now underway for 3 & 4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

Students Make Donations for Those in Need:

During the Lenten season, our preschool through fifth grade students filled Ark banks provided by the Heifer International Foundation. The amount of \$396.00 was collected. \$200 has been sent to Heifer International and \$196.00 was presented to St. Florian's St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry.

In addition, the sixth through eighth grade students collected donations for Operation Rice Bowl through the Archdiocese of Chicago. They collected \$172.28 for this fund. \$72.28 was presented to our St. Vincent food pantry here at St. Florian.

Aluminium Can Recycling — Wednesday, May 5 by 8:00 AM in the school parking lot.

Market Day - Orders due May 14 - Pick up is on Fri., May 21. Profit earned last month - \$71.28.

Time to get ready for Spring planting!

St. Florian Parent/Teacher Club will be holding their third annual flower sale on Saturday, May 8. Order forms are available at the church entrances and the school office. Return your pre-order form by Friday, April 30th.

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 mcmanushlh@yahoo.com

A Battle of the Bands - St. Florian School is hosting a Battle of the Bands on Friday, June 4. We are looking for High School bands to compete. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee should call the school office at 773-646-2868 or Ken Mooney at 773-646-2036.

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 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
April 17/18, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,228.18
Loose	\$ 410.27
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 129.00</u>
Actual Received vs.	\$3,767.45
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 102.00
Maintenance	\$ 139.00
Children's Offering	\$ 69.28
Votives	\$ 98.51

Ladies Rosary Sodality - The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. in Konsowski Hall. A Mother's Day luncheon will be served. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

The Daughters of Isabella #859 meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 4th at 1PM at St. Columba Social Center. This meeting will crown our May Queen. Cake and coffee will be served and a Social after the meeting.

The Polish Legion of American Veterans Auxiliary #44 meeting will take place on Friday, May 7th at 1PM at the Hegewisch Chamber Office on 133rd and Baltimore. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

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 venders

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

Congratulations Spring Brunch Raffle Winners!

\$1,000 Grand Prize - Henry Mazur
\$ 100 Prizes - Virginia Amazzalorso, Darline Burczak, Renee Borowski, Dolores Waicunas and Carl Blanco
\$ 50 Prizes - Jarrod Podgorny, Mark Gorny, Ophie Cruz, Marlene Mosser, Catherine Drilling, Nick Dejanovich, Judith Kosiba, Karen Macudzinski, A. Villanueva, Shannon Michelin

Congratulations to all and thank you for your support. We will have a full report once all receipts are counted and bills are paid.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 25 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- April 26 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- April 27 Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30
Scouts (PMR) 5:30
- April 28 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
Scouts (PMR) 5:30
- April 29 Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30
Communion Rehearsal (Church) 7:00
- April 30 8th Grade Ribbon Day (Church) 8:15
- May 2 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) 1:30
Parish Council Mtg. (KH) 7:00
- May 3 Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30
- May 4 Scouts (KH) 5:30
- May 5 Scouts (KH) 6:00
Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
School May Crowning - 1:30

"ACS Relay for Life" Pancake Breakfast - The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale will benefit the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" to be held on April 25th at the St. Columba Social Center. "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs to order, Sausage, Coffee, Juice and Milk. Serving hours are 8AM-12:30. Cost is \$7.00 adults - \$3.00 kids 10 and under, & 3 and under free.

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. 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, 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.