

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of April 25/26

- 4:00 PM + John & Anna Twardosz - Daughters
 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

Monday, April 27

- 7:15 AM + Mary Ann Moll - The Moll Girls

Tuesday, April 28

- 7:15 AM + Frank Hurysz Jr. (30th Anniv.) - Sister, Ceil

Wednesday, April 29

- 7:15 AM + Agnes Walczak - Boganski Family

Thursday, April 30

- 7:15 AM + Frank Orchowski - Mr. & Mrs. Al Stryck

Friday, May 1

- 8:15 AM - 8th Grade Ribbon Day

Saturday, May 2

- 7:30 AM + Krstyna Abram - Josephine Opiola
 4:00 PM + Stephen Grabowski - Catherine Evans

Sunday, May 3

- 8:00 AM + Walenty - Kinga Skrzekut - Family
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communion
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of April 26 - May 2

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week
 for the many blessings of

Gabriel & Lauren Lickus - Grandma

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May, 2009

4:00 PM

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

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 C. Motkowicz
 S. White
 M. Piaskowy
 N. Moll
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

J. Gibbons
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarobski
 K. Gibson

11:30 AM

O. Cruz
 A. Davila

LECTORS

May, 2009

4:00 PM L. Morse
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM D. Karczewski
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

USHERS

May, 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, May 2

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, J. Carllassare, K. Mallee

SUNDAY, May 3

8:00 AM N. Mooney, T. DeCook, B. Meyer
 9:45 AM J. Lelo, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria
 11:30 AM S. Zaragoza, M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez

Many Easter Thanks . . .

Let's begin our thanks with all those who prepared for Easter with the 40 days of Lent: our faith-sharing groups, as they discussed the book "A I Have Loved You", and to those who prayed the Way of the Cross and benediction before the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. A special thanks to parish organizations who prepared and served the delicious homemade soups for our simple suppers and to those who attended them. We wish to thank all of those who came to experience Fr. Terry's spiritual reflection on Christ's crucifixion and to those who attended the Tenebrae service. Thanks also to those who came to the sacrament of Reconciliation, especially to our children who made it for the first time.

As we entered Holy Week with Palm Sunday, we thank all those who were involved with the processions for that day; to those who weaved and distributed palm branches and to all who "stayed and prayed" on Holy Thursday evening.

A special thanks to all the lectors, cantors, instrumentalists, organist, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers, choirs, hand bell choir and priests who prepared, rehearsed, and prayerfully led us into a deeper faith of Christ's Easter Mystery. Thank you also to those who signed up for the foot washing and to those who picked up and presented the oils for Holy Thursday; to the Knights of Columbus for their participation at the Good Friday Stations of the Cross; to the ministers of Care; to those who cleaned the church, to our sacristan, maintenance man, Holy Name Society, Liturgy team and many others who diligently prepared and beautifully decorated the church for Holy Week and the Easter season.

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends who took the time to celebrate the services of Holy Week. We also wish to welcome our newest parishioners: Cynthia Bahorich and Briana Martin who were baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil and to the catechists who guided and instructed them through the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

The joy of the 50 days of Easter continues when we celebrate 1st Holy Communion, Sunday, May 3rd at the 9:45 a.m. Mass and Confirmation with Bishop Francis Kane, Saturday, May 16th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Peace in the risen Christ,
Fr. Jim

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.

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 — If you have not already done so, 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. Easter offerings may be made throughout the Easter season.

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 Frijelich, 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 Trzuppek, 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, Irene Stincic, 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.



The Easter Candle

by Paul Turner



The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling 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!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - April 27

Reading Acts 6: 8-15

Gospel John 6:22-29

Tuesday - April 28 - St. Peter Chanel &

St. Louis Mary de Montfort

Reading Acts 7:51—8:1a

Gospel John 6:30-35

Wed. - April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

Reading Acts 8:1b-8

Gospel John 6:35-40

Thursday - April 30 - St. Pius V

Reading Acts 8:26-40

Gospel John 6:44-51

Friday - May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

Reading Acts 9:1-20

Gospel John 6:52-59

Sat. - May 2 - St. Athanasius

Reading Acts 9:31-42

Gospel John 6:60-69

Sunday - May 3 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 4:8-12

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel John 10:11-18



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.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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2009 - 2010 Registration!

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now underway for Preschool and Grades K-8. For further information,

Sr. Mary Paul, our new Superintendent, recently visited our school and expressed the following note of thanks . . .

Dear Mr. McKenna and Fr. Mezydlo,
It was wonderful to be at St. Florian School. Thank you for the tour and the candid conversation, expressing your hope for all you serve. Your strong Catholic identity is surely a basis for future growth. Forgive the tardy thank you for a wonderful opportunity to be with you. We look forward to working with you to strengthen St. Florian's service to its unique Eastside community.
Blessing,
Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P.

BINGO
Every Sunday
Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Houston



Plan your Spring Planting!
St. Florian Parents Club will be sponsoring a spring flower sale. They will be offering a variety of annuals from flats of flowers to hanging baskets. They will also be offering vegetable plants. The cost of a flower flat is \$11.00 and the cost of hanging baskets range from \$10.50 to \$12.00. The tentative delivery date will be Saturday May 16th. Just simply complete the pre-order form with your order and payment to St. Florian Parents Club. Return the pre-order form by Wednesday, May 6th. More information and order forms are available in the school office.



Market Day - Pick-up is on Fri. May 1st, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Profits earned last month was \$148.74. Thank you for all your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Fri., May 6, 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.



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland Baby Bottle Project

Your response to this project for the past two years 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 this 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS April 25/26

(Easter and Holy Week offerings will be reported at a later date.)

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,107.00
Loose	\$ 400.05
Energy Assistance	\$ 93.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,600.05
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 155.00
Maintenance	\$ 54.00
Children's Offering	\$ 41.35

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$253.34

How Do We Care? - We visit people at home, in hospitals. We give, 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.

One of a Kind, Professional-Liturgical Men's Choir

The Ecclesia Men's Choir is offering two concerts in May! Friday, May 1 at 7:30PM in the stunningly beautiful Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer-Glen, Illinois. Then the same program on Sunday, May 3 at 3PM at the colossal St. Josaphat in Chicago. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for groups of six or more. We will be performing choral works of both the Roman and the Byzantine churches. For tickets, call 815-806-0066 or email Jtcatholic@earthink.net. The choir website is lincolnchamberproductions.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 - 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

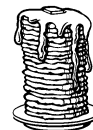
If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
May 3	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
May 4	Parish Council (KH) 6:30
May 5	Faith Sharing (Rectory)
May 6	Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 5:30
May 7	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
May 8	Holy Name Officers (PMR) 6:30 Holy Name Society (PMR) 7:30

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 Rydzewski at 708-841-1904. All proceeds from this will go to the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life".



Ladies Rosary Sodality - The next meeting of the Ladies Rosary Sodality will be held on Sunday, May 17th in Konsowski Hall at 1:30PM.

Daughters of Isabella Circle 859 will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 1:00 PM at the St. Columba Social Center. The theme of the meeting is "Queen for a Day". Coffee and cake will be served after the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday June 2nd.

Marian Catholic High School May Crowning - Marian Catholic High School Mothers Club extends a warm invitation to all Marian Catholic Mothers - past, present and future - to attend, with their student(s) and/or bring a friend to the Marian Catholic High School May Crowning on Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00PM in the MCHC Chapel. Please join us for our final get together of the 2008-2009 school year as we celebrate and thank ALL mothers for their efforts throughout the year. Refreshments will be served.

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.