

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of April 30 & May 1

4:00 PM - 50th Wedding Anniversary of Edward & Barbara Blaszak

8:00 AM + Marcie Zak - Family

9:45 AM + Deceased Members of St. Florian Ushers - Ushers

11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, May 2

8:15 AM + Stephanie Duszynski - Braver Family

Tuesday, May 3

7:15 AM + Frank & Bronis Nowak - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Wojcik

Wednesday, May 4

7:15 AM + Helen R. Rucinski - John G. Jedniak

Thursday, May 5

7:15 AM + Mary Juszczak - Louise Collins

Friday, May 6

8:15 AM + Larry Moll - Peg Gadus

Saturday, May 7

7:30 AM + Connie & John Grzyb - Mary & Sharon Rolek

4:00 PM - Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Francis J. Kane

Sunday, May 8

8:00 AM + Helen Mary Gasiiecki - Sister, Eleanor

9:45 AM + Kenneth Surowiec - Jim & Pat O'Rourke

11:30 AM + Mary Posko (9th. Anniv.) - Family

Week of May 1 - May 7

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of

Betty & Stanley Maciejciak - Irene & Ron Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Helen Mary Gasiiecki -Zakrzewski Family

LECTORS

May 2011

4:00 PM	B. Frederisy
8:00 AM	P. Gadus
9:45 AM	K. Gibson
11:30 AM	I. Jimenez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, May 7

4:00 PM B. Echevarria, R. Robles, J. Laskowiecki,
A. Villanueva, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, May 8

8:00 AM J. Snodgrass, N. Cervera, N. Meduga
9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Ranos, T. DeCook
11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 2011

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek
L. Szefc
B. Frjelich
C. Motkowicz
M. Cowperthwaite
L. Morse

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
J. Gibbons
E. Podsiadlik
N. Moll
K. Gibson
B. Peak

9:45 AM

V. Maccagnano
M. Czarobski
P. O'Rourke
P. Maccagnano
O. Haro
P. Haro

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera
A. Davila

USHERS

May, 2011

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

F. Favela, J. 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.



Christ our Light!

The blessing heard around the world! Today we can officially pray to Blessed John Paul II. So many remember this Pope; his faith with vibrancy and frailty inspire us. One way we connect to the light of Christ is through the holiness of others. Some of these holy ones are well-known to the world, most are well-known to ourselves alone.

St. John of the Cross describes the dark night. Everyone I know has entered a ‘dark night’ at some point in their lives, a time when the evidence of a merciful God remains hidden and distant. Loss of employment, death of a loved one, the chronic illness of a daughter, the senseless destructive power of racism (prejudice with power united to demean another) - the dark night has a legion of manifestations. Is God faithful still? Can I remain faithful without any evidence to do so? And we know the holy ones who answer a resounding yes to both questions.

Jason, a teenager, was facing a second liver transplant; the previous one failed. He asked the doctors if he could walk into surgery. Gratefully the doctors found a way to let this young kid demonstrate the courage to face his dark moment. And the parents: this child of theirs became iconic revealing hope.

Maria was near death’s door so many times one loses count. She becomes the beacon for others. “In recovery there will be a time you want to crawl into a closet and hide; it is so painful to regain any semblance of normalcy. And so you crawl” Maria says; “and you will—in time—get up and enter the rehab again.”

Dying was awful and awfully slow for Frank. A bright and resourceful man who enjoyed a powerful career and inspiring children entered his dark night. His priest journeyed with him and offered no consoling words, only routine faithful presence. This bright man resisted the vulnerability that was his. The sadness of losing everything and everyone, even his mind, overwhelmed all his spiritual pieties. The faithful presence of a loving friend as the crucifix was placed again at the bedside before prayer—this invited the tears of acceptance and released the burden of wanting to understand *why* such pain. No answer but Christ crucified.

One form of divine mercy is allowing others to be holy for us so we might connect to God. And then there is another form of divine mercy — knowing that God asks each of us to be holy for another, allowing holiness to come from within us. Accept that He is Risen for you! Pray: Christ be our Light!

-Rev. Msgr. Rich Hynes

These Easter series of eight articles offer stories of connection to the Risen Christ

Msgr. Rich Hynes, a priest for 39 years, serves the Archdiocese of Chicago as Director of the Department of Parish Life & Formation. His previous Archdiocesan assignments include Pastor-St. John of the Cross (Western Springs), Associate Pastor-St. Martin de Porres (Chicago), St. Athanasius (Evanston), St. James (Arlington Heights), and Spiritual Director at the St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University.

Beatification of Pope John Paul II - May 1, 2011 - Divine Mercy Sunday

O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the Church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your Fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Holy Spirit, to shine through him.

Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy and in the material Intercession of Mary, he had given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communication with you.

Grant us, by his intercessions, and according to Your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among your saints.

Amen.

We pray for . . .



Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelich, 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 Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, 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 Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Sophie Kapera, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Eleanor Wiencek, Michelle Kendra, Loretta Wopinski, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Christine Michalik, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, 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 - May 2 - St. Athanasius

Reading Acts 4:23-31

Gospel John 3:1-8

Tuesday - May 3 - St. Philip & St. James

Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Gospel John 14:6-14

Wednesday - May 4

Reading I Acts 5:17-26

Gospel John 3:16-21

Thurs.- May 5

Reading Acts 5:27-33

Gospel John 3: 31-36

Friday - May 6

Reading Acts 5:34-42

Gospel John 6:1-15

Saturday - May 7

Reading Acts 6:1-7

Gospel John 6:16-21

Sunday - May 8 - Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 2:14, 22-33

Reading II 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

In Remembrance

Stella Trzuppek

April 23, 2011

Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools Survey

The Archdiocese of Chicago would like to understand the views of Catholics on a range of topics related to our Catholic schools. We would greatly appreciate your involvement in an online survey. Please note that we are interested in hearing from all Catholics, regardless of your level of personal involvement in Catholic schools. In particular, we are looking to understand the perspectives of those who have children ages 3-7.

All surveys will be anonymous unless participants themselves choose to provide contact information. To participate in the survey, please go to the Archdiocese of Chicago's website www.archchicago.org and follow the link to the Catholic School Survey.

If you have Catholic friends or family members who you think may not see this announcement, we would greatly appreciate you help in asking them to fill out the survey as well.

The deadline for completing a survey is Friday, May 6th.

Restoring hope. It's what matters most.

The Apostles Worked Many Wonders



"I came to Catholic Charities when I was near death...both from drinking and from an infection I was too far gone to address," says Brian, a former client in our substance abuse program. "I had no money for insurance, but Catholic Charities accepted me." Brian's counselor, a seasoned professional, worked wonders with Brian, who had resisted help from other sources. Somehow, she was able to get through to him. Today, Brian has a radio show where he spreads the "good news" of his recovery to help and inspire others.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day helps us give critical support to people fighting addiction, particularly the uninsured.

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

Jesus offers us peace, not when we sit quietly in a pew, but when we allow Our Lord to send us out into the world to do His work. We will find great peace, when we turn away from the materialism of the world and instead care more deeply for those in need.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



St. Florian Music Department Spring Concert



Join us for the St. Florian Music Department Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 7PM until 7:45PM in the School Gym. Showcasing the outstanding musical talent of the children of St. Florian. Enjoy performances by Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Entertaining you with voice and instrument. Performing tunes such as: Travel Song, The Siamese Cat Song, Barcarolle, Jambo, Morning, Surpercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and Sonata Theme. Solo performances and much more.... **See you there!!**

BINGO every Sunday!

**Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30**



Please Note: No bingo on May 8th and May 29th. The last bingo will take place on June 5th.

Market Day - Orders due on Friday, May 13th and pickup is on Friday, May 20th. Profits earned last month: \$131.88. Thanks for your support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., May 4, by 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 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 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 form abortions since opening in 1984.

The fundraiser will begin at St. Florian in two weeks on the weekend of May 7/8. 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 May 21/22.

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Sunday April 24, 2011	
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,878.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 113.00
Actual Received vs.	\$1,991.00
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 64.00
Maintenance	\$ 66.00
Children's Offering	\$ 45.00
Votives	\$ 107.00
<i>Easter and Holy Week will be reported at a later date.</i>	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 1 Holy Name Golf Outing—7:30AM
Burnham, Burnham, IL
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30
- May 2 School Resumes
Parent Club Mtg. (KH) 6:00
- May 3 Scouts (KH) 2:45
- May 4 Daisies (KH) 4:30
- May 5 Brunch Wrap-up Mtg. (Rec) 9:00 AM
Scouts (KH) 6:00
Confirmation Rehearsal (Church) 7:00
8th Gr. Ribbon Day (Church) 8:15 AM
Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
Members 8:00
- May 6 Confirmation - 4:00 PM Mass
with Bishop Kane
- May 7 Catholic Charities Collection
- May 7/8 Mothers Day
- May 8 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- May 9 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- May 10 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
VFW Mtg (PMR) 5:00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$210.00
Thank You - You are performing a good work; far greater than you may think. Your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. May your heart be glad because of your almsgiving. A sincere **Thank you!**



St. Florian Holy Name Society
4th Annual
Mostaccioli Dinner
Saturday, May 14
5:00 - 7:00 PM
in St. Florian Gymnasium
Doors open immediately after mass.
 Please join us! Dinner includes mostaccioli, salad, bread, dessert, and coffee. Adults \$7.00 and children (under 12) \$3.00. Tickets will be sold by members of the Holy Name Society, or call the Rectory at 773-646-4877.

St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality will meet on Sunday, May 1st at 1:30PM in Konsowski Hall. A Mother's Day luncheon will be served. Members are encouraged to attend, and any ladies interested in joining the Sodality are also invited.


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 - 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.

Young at Heart will meet on Monday, May 9th at 1PM in Konsowski Hall. Please make a note of the date and be sure to join us!

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.



Any Green Thumbs Available???
 We are looking for a few people to help tend St. Florian's gardens and landscaping. Can you spare some time to come out occasionally to trim bushes, pull weeds, plant flowers and generally spruce up after a long winter? Please call the rectory (773-646-4877) and let us know if can help!

