

**St. Florian
First Holy Communion Class
May 2, 2010**

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of May 1/2**

- 4:00 PM + John J. Piaskowy (53rd Anniv.) - Children
 8:00 AM + Helen Mary Gasielki - Family
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communicants
 11:30 AM + Ernestina Juarez - Julia Gonzalez

Monday, May 3

- 7:15 AM + Helen Zajac - John Balio

Tuesday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 5

- 7:15 AM + MaryAnn Moll - Family

Thursday, May 6

- 7:15 AM + Frances Gargas - Family

Friday, May 7

- 8:15 AM + Henrietta Falat - Family

Saturday, May 8

- 7:30 AM + Stanley Abram - Mr. & Mrs. Clem Gora
 4:00 PM + Mary Posko - Family

Sunday, May 9

- 8:00 AM + Sally Cegielski - Children & Grandchildren
 9:45 AM + Josephine Ploszaj - Daughters & Grandchildren
 11:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

Week of May 2 - May 8

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Peter Orzelski - Family & Friends

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Theresa Jasek - Mr. & Mrs. Harry Makara

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May, 2010**

4:00 PM

L. Szefc
 R. Abram
 D. Karczewski
 B. Frjelic
 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 8**

7:30 PM N. Mooney, J. O'Keefe, G. Bonczak

SUNDAY, May 9

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, T. DeCook
 9:45 AM C. Haro, V. Velasco, H. Walsh
 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

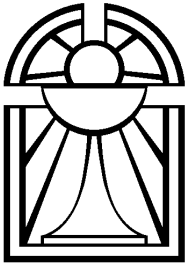
A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek,
 M. Noworyta, J. Shanahan,
 A. Bruder,

9:45 AM

E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
 T. Baker,

11:30 AM

M. Gasior, M. Aducci
 T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
 S. Gonzalez



For Our First Communicants Today

(Excerpted from Pope John Paul II "Letter to Children")

"The Eucharist, instituted by Christ as the Last Supper on the night before his passion, is a sacrament of the new covenant, the greatest of the sacraments. In this sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearance of bread and wine."

"Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time and are encouraged to receive it afterwards as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.

"To be able to receive Holy Communion, as you know, it is necessary to have received baptism. This is the first of sacraments and one most necessary for salvation. Baptism is a great event! In the church's first centuries, when baptism was received mostly by grownups, the ceremony ended with receiving the Eucharist, and was solemn as First Holy Communion is today. Later on, when baptism began to be given mainly to newborn babies, and this is the case of many of you, dear children, so that you do not remember the day of your baptism, the more solemn celebration was transferred to the moment of First Holy Communion.

"Every boy and girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom. First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, catechists, and teachers generally receive the Eucharist.

"The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it was yesterday when together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town.

(written in 1994 during the Year of the Family)

Feast of St. Florian
Tuesday, May 4th - 7:15 a.m. Mass
 Please join us for special celebration in honor of the Feast of St. Florian

Saint Florian
Patron Saint of Firefighters

Dear God, through the intercession of our patrons, Saint Florian, have mercy on the souls of our comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice in their performance of their duty, and on all who have gone before us after years of faithful discharge of their responsibilities which now rest on ourselves. Give us the grace to prepare each day for our own summons to Thy tribunal of justice. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Withersoever Thou callest me, I am ready to go. Merciful father of all men, save me from all bodily harm, if it be Thy will, but above all, help me to be loyal and true, respectful and honorable, obedient and valiant. Thus fortified by virtue, I shall have no fear, for I shall then belong to Thee and shall never be separated from Thee.

Please give generously to the
Catholic Charities' Mothers Day Appeal
Weekend of May 8/9

Imagine Being Unable to Feed Your Child

Rebeka lost everything in a fire. She and her four-year old daughter were hungry and alone when they came to the Catholic Church for shelter. With our help, Rebeka re-discovered an inner strength and rebuilt her life. She found a better job and saved enough to move into a new apartment.

We are here with open arms, offering 159 programs for anyone in need across Cook and Lake Counties, but ***we need your help now.***



All about help and just about everywhere.

www.catholiccharities.net

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, 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, 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, Genoveva Nateras, 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

Marcelline Zak

April 24, 2010

Bread Breaking Prayer Service

Our first Communicants and their parents shared an evening together at the Bread Breaking Prayer Service. Bread and juices were blessed and shared by the community, just as Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper. The Communicants were presented with a letter and a Holy Card from Cardinal George.

The Prayer after Communion

“And their eyes were wide open and they recognized him” (Luke 24:31). The Church celebrates the Eucharist with eyes opened wide in recognition of Christ her Lord and bridegroom. The priest introduces the Prayer after Communion as he did the collect at the beginning of Mass, saying, “Let us pray.” The assembly responds in a brief but intense silent prayer. The priest then prays in the name of all for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated: healing of mind and body, the forgiveness of sins, the protection of God, and strength to go forward in holiness. The people seal the prayer with their Amen. Brief announcements may follow, prepared in advance and made in such a way as to characterize the Mass from beginning to end.

In a final greeting, “The Lord be with you,” the priest wishes the people the abiding presence of Christ. The people in turn acknowledge the gift of grace that is his for the service of the Church: “And also with you.” The blessing follows. During Lent a Prayer over the People may precede it; on festive occasions a more solemn formula may be used.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 3 - St. Philip and St. James

Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Gospel John 14:6-14

Tuesday - May 4

Reading Acts: 14:19-28

Gospel John 14:27-31a

Wednesday - May 5

Reading Acts 15:7-21

Gospel John 15:1-8

Thursday - May 6

Reading Acts: 15:7-21

Gospel John 15:9-11

Friday - May 7

Reading Acts 15:22-31

Gospel John 15:12-17

Saturday - May 8

Reading Acts 16:1-10

Gospel John 15:18-21

Sunday - May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading II Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel John 17:20-26

Fr. Bill Lisowski's 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Saturday, May 15, 2010

4:00 PM Mass

followed by a Pasta Dinner the gym
served by our Holy Name Society

Please join us! Dinner includes mostaccioli, salad, bread, dessert, and coffee. Adults \$7.00 and children (12 & under) \$3.00. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on this weekend May 2/3 and next weekend May 8/9. Tickets will also be available at the rectory.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

BINGO

Doors open at 1:30
 Games begin at 2:30
 in the gym at 131st & Houston
 Bingo cancelled for May 2
 No Bingo on Mother's Day - May 9
 Bingo will resume May 16th



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.

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.

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.

Summer Pool Raffle!!! - Compliments of the Las-kowiecki Family, you have a chance to win a Easy Set Pool with filter pump. (12' X 30"). The winner will be drawn at the end of the school year picnic. Raffle tickets are available in the school office. Ticket prices are as follows: 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00, 5 for \$3.00 and 10 for \$5.00. Winner need not be present.

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

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

We hope you are 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,

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.

A Note of Thanks! Thank you for your \$3,935.00 contribution to Catholic Relief Services for the Haiti earthquake. CRS is responding immediately to the earthquake that rocked Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. CRS has committed at least \$25 million for relief and recovery in Haiti, and has received \$13.1 million in cash donations and commitments thus far. CRS has food and relief supplies pre-positioned in Haiti. Additional supplies such as plastic sheeting, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and water purification tablets are being loaded in the Dominican Republic for distribution in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti. Again, thank you for your generous donation.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
April 17/18, 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,943.00
Loose	\$ 384.98
Energy Assistance	\$ 60.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,387.98
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 98.00
Maintenance	\$ 83.00
Children's Offering	\$ 62.65
Votives	\$ 97.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$224.96

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!**

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 during 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2 Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) 1:30
- May 3 Parish Council Mtg. (KH) 7:00
- May 4 Turbo Kick Class (Gym) 6:30
- May 5 Scouts (KH) 5:30
- May 6 School May Crowning - 1:30 PM
Scouts (KH) 6:00
Turbo Kick Class (Gym) 6:30
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- May 7 Holy Name Meeting (PMR)
Board 6:30 Members 8:00
- May 8 Rummage Sale (Gym) 7:00 AM
Flower Sale Pick-up (Pkg Lot) 8AM
May Crowning (Church) 3:30
- May 8/9 Catholic Charities Collection
- May 9 Mothers Day
- May 10 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Fr. Bill's Anniv. Mtg (Rectory) 6:00 PM
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Parent & Teacher Club (PMR) 6:30
Turbo Kick Class (Gym) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- May 11

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

Gifts of Remembrance

There are several ways you may remember your deceased loved ones. Please consider the following:

Daily Masses	\$ 10.00
Tree of Life	
Gold Leaf	\$ 100.00
Small Stone	\$ 500.00
Large Stone	\$1,000.00

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of . . . \$ 10.00

The Gifts of Bread and Wine were donated this week in memory of . . . \$ 15.00

Please call the rectory (646-4877) if you have any questions. You may also come to the rectory to make arrangements for any of these remembrances.