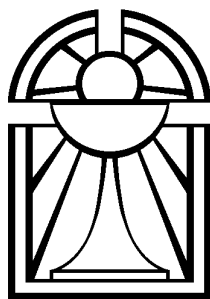
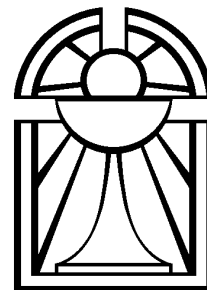


St. Florian
First Holy Communion Class
May 3, 2009

Emily Aducci
Nirvana Alcantar
Morgan Andrade
Andrew Bomba
Manuel Castañeda
Nicole Cervera
Paula Covarrubias
Miriam Gallarzo
Payton Gomez
Mario Hernandez
Emily Kreger
Andrew Krzesinski
Hailey Laba
Jailene Laboy
Janina Laskowiecki



Yuvanna Leyva
Luke Malmquist
Jamie Martinez
Nicole Meduga
Nicole Michelin
Ian Miller
Angela Morales
Kyle Nazimek
Christopher Nowakowski
Alexis Ochoa
Miguel Oliveros
Nicholas Peña
Ashley Shea
Justin Snodgrass
Aidan Verela
Klarissa Villa
Alfonso Villanueva

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of May 2/3**

4:00 PM + Stephen Grabowski - Catherine Evans
 8:00 AM + Walenty - Kinga Skrzekut - Family
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communion
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, May 4

8:15 AM + Helen R. Rucinski - John Jedniak

Tuesday, May 5

7:15 AM + Joseph Cygal - Richard & Judith Scanlan

Wednesday, May 6

7:15 AM + Sylvia Krupa - Jim & Charlene Householder

Thursday, May 7

7:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Tessie Lapinski

Friday, May 8

8:15 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Cindy Malone & Nancy Smith

Saturday, May 9

7:30 AM + Penny Dobronics - Children
 4:00 PM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Kathleen Pine

Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM + Mary Posko (7th Anniv.) - Family
 9:45 AM + Cecilia Cap - Family
 11:30 AM + Humberto Covarrubias - Parents

Week of May 3 - May 9

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Stella Kwinta - Mr. & Mrs. Clem Gora

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Walter Lenckos - Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May, 2009**

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek
 R. Abram
 B. Frjelijch
 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

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, May 9**

4:00 PM N. Mooney, D. Ranos, B. Meyer

SUNDAY, May 10

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, M. Elizalde
 9:45 AM G. Bonczek, T. DeCook, C. Haro
 11:30 AM S. Zaragoza, M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez

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

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, eternal Spring of joy and peace,
 it is You who open the heart and the
 mind to the divine call;
 it is You who make effective impetus
 towards good, towards truth,
 towards charity.

Your 'inexpressible groans'
 rise up to the Father from the Heart
 of the Church,
 which suffers and struggles for
 the Gospel

Open the hearts and minds of young men
 so that a new flowering of holy vocations
 to the priesthood
 may show forth the fidelity of your love,
 and all may know Christ,
 the true light of the world
 to offer to every human being
 the sure hope of eternal life. Amen

- Pope John Paul II

Archdiocese of Chicago

For more information regarding the priesthood,
 Please contact Fr. Joe Noonan 847-970-4845
www.chicagopriest.org

First Holy Communion



This is the time of year when many second and third graders receive their "First Holy Communion." But it was not always so.

Until about the 13th century, children were admitted to communion from infancy. At baptism, infants were confirmed, and then given the Eucharist—usually a small amount of the consecrated wine. (The Eastern Rites have continued this practice down to the present day.)

Over the centuries, as disputes arose over the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the practice developed of requiring that children *not* receive communion until they had some instruction about the real presence.

In 1215, because Catholics by then received communion very frequently, the Lateran Council decreed that all persons who had reached "the age of discretion" receive the sacraments of penance and Eucharist at least once a year. (This came to be known as "the Easter duty.")

When applied to children, this meant that first communion was now delayed until they reached the age when they could have an understanding not only of the Eucharist, but of sin and forgiveness. This delayed receiving communion until the age of 10, 12, or even 14.

Seven centuries later, in 1910 (less than 100 years ago), Pope Pius X decreed that children should be admitted to communion as soon as they could distinguish between the Bread of the Eucharist and ordinary bread. Thus, First Communion was given at about the age of seven.

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 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 Trzupiek, 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.



In remembrance . . .

Helen Hankus

April 27, 2009



**"Good shepherd,
seek me, a lamb,
and do not overlook me
in my wanderings."**

BYZANTINE CANNON OF
ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

Feast of St. Florian Monday, May 4th - 8:15 a.m. Mass

Please join us for a special celebration in honor of the
Feast of St. Florian!

Saint Florian Patron Saint of Firefighters

Dear God, through the intercession of our patron, 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 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 4

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

Tuesday - May 5

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

Wed. - May 6

Reading Acts 12:24—13:5a
Gospel John 112:44-50

Thursday - May 7

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

Friday - May 8

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

Sat. - May 9

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

Sunday - May 10 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 9:26-31
Reading II 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel John 15:1-8

Mother's Day Appeal - May 9/10, 2009

Answer a Mother's Prayer

Calls to Catholic Charities are increasing from people who have nowhere else to turn. People in every parish and every neighborhood are struggling to make ends meet. More families face unemployment or loss of a home.

Please give generously to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal so that the people you care about will get the help they need. Your gift brings compassion, love, and respect.

Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net or
call 312-655-7012

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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Congratulations Students! 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

- Grade 8** - "B" Honor Roll: James Carlassare, Brittany Maloney, Megan McDonald, Aidan Montejano, Harry Nazimek, Natalie Szyller
- Grade 7** - "B" Honor Roll: Olivia Bensett, Leonard Chocholek, Mark Del Real, Marilyn Echevarria, Hector Macias, Bryan McDonald
- Grade 6** - "B" Honor Roll: Nicholas Dafnis, Christina Drosos, Hally Hunter, Noah Mooney, Joseph Noworyta, Gabriel Rivera-Sklarenki
- Grade 5** - "B" Honor Roll: Mariah Cabrales, Aliya Jankowski, Angela Martinez, Jameel Nemri, Raven Robles
- Grade 4** - "A" Honor Roll: Chrisovalanti Katsaros, "B" Honor Roll: Lewis Bensett, Katie Blanco, Lillian Hunter, Alexis Lopez, Justin Powell
- Grade 3** - "A" Honor Roll: Nicole Cervera, Emily Kreger, Janina Laskowiecki
 "B" Honor Roll: Emily Aducci, Nirvana Alcantar, Nicole Meduga, Angela Morales, Kyle Nazimek, Aidan Varela, Alfonso Villanueva

2009 - 2010 Registration!

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now underway for Preschool and Grades K-8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773/646-2868.

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.



BINGO! Please note, there will be no Bingo on May 10th, Mother's Day.

Bingo will resume on Sunday, May 17th.

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.

Congratulations to our Spring Brunch Raffle Winners!

\$1,000 Grand Prize:

Lorri Milewski

\$100 Winners:

M/M Henry Grabowski, M/M Tom Zalewski, Lorraine Sapinski, Ed Podsiadlik, and M/M Ken Mooney

\$50 Winners:

Mac Cruz, Jim Laskowiecki, Larry Mancini, Yvonne Macias, Marcie Zak, June Robles, Maryann Kincaid, M/M Ed Lihota, Cindy Malone, Katharina Makara

We extend our thanks to all who supported our Spring Brunch in so many ways. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners. We hope everyone who attended the Brunch enjoyed visiting with friends and family while enjoying some fabulous food.

Once our committee has met for our wrap-up meeting and after all bills have been paid, we will report our net proceeds in an upcoming bulletin.

Thank you again for attending, purchasing raffle tickets and for the many donations we received for prizes. Thanks also to our committee who planned and organized a very festive gathering enjoyed by many.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS April 25/26	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,591.00
Loose	\$ 286.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 122.00
Actual Received vs.	\$2,999.00
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 146.00
Maintenance	\$ 83.00
Children's Offering	\$ 37.77
Votives	\$ 110.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$150.00

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!**



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.

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 Pat-
- rick 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

- 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
- May 9/10 Catholic Charities Collection
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 11 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- May 12 Golden Agers (KH) 1:00
- Parents Club Mtg. (KH) 6:30
- May 13 Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 5:30
- May 14 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
- Scouts (KH) 6:00

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 Tues. 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.



**The Women's Centers of
Greater Chicagoland**

Baby Bottle Project

We hope you are participating 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. 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.