

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend of May 9/10**

4:00 PM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Kathleen Pine  
 8:00 AM + Mary Posko (7th Anniv.) - Family  
 9:45 AM + Cecilia Cap - Family  
 11:30 AM + Humberto Covarrubias - Parents

**Monday, May 11**

7:15 AM + Robert & Irene Stevenson - Colleen & Peter Stevenson

**Tuesday, May 12**

7:15 AM + Stanley Bis - Daughter & Family

**Wednesday, May 13**

7:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Glogowski

**Thursday, May 14**

7:15 AM + Theodore F. Slusarczyk - Friends

**Friday, May 15**

8:15 AM + Rose Szczepanik - Tessie Lapinski

**Saturday, May 16**

7:30 AM + Denice Feltman - Aunt Chris Michalik  
 4:00 PM - Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Kane

**Sunday, May 17**

8:00 AM + Olga Pala - Eileen Drolen  
 9:45 AM + Evelyn Marszowski - Tom, Pat, & Mike Marszowski  
 11:30 AM + Lucila Quintero - Julia Gonzales

**Week of May 3 - May 9**

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Stanley Bis - Daughter & Family

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Stanley Bis - Daughter & Family

**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

**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, May 16**

4:00 PM E. Echevarria, N. Mooney, K. Mallee, B. Meyer

**SUNDAY, May 17**

8:00 AM E. Dejanovich, D. Ranos  
 9:45 AM M. Ortiz, C. Haro  
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, S. Zaragoza

**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

The **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

**MOTHER'S DAY  
APPEAL  
May 9/10, 2009**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

May 10, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this 5th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, the reading from the first Letter of St. John speaks to us much as our mothers did: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

St. John's advice fits the annual *Mother's Day Appeal* for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This special collection gives us the opportunity to express Christ's love in generous and concrete actions of charity toward our neighbors in need.

During this financially challenging period in our history, when so many people are threatened by the loss of a job or a home, we continue to show Christ's love to those who are less fortunate. For 92 years, Catholic Charities has cared with the love of a mother for poor and vulnerable families, children, seniors and hungry and homeless people. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than one million people of all ages, faiths, ethnic and racial backgrounds, through 159 programs at 156 sites. This year, however, requests for emergency food rental, mortgage and utility assistance increase each day.

When Catholic Charities can meet a need or forestall a crisis for a poor or homeless child, family or senior, lives are changed forever. For generations, Catholic Charities has been answering mothers' prayers with life-giving maternity and adoption services and family counseling. Low-income working parents are given the opportunity and the dignity of providing for their families because of day care and pre-school programs for infants, toddlers and children. Hundreds of formerly homeless families are restored to independence and self-respect while working and developing job, educational, parenting and budgeting skills. And more than 1,300 seniors on fixed incomes live in safety and dignity in 16 seniors residences built and managed by Catholic Charities.

Even in these difficult times, we can all give something to others who have less. God is never outdone in generosity, and I know He will reward you many times over for your kindness.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary of God, bless you and your families on this Mother's Day and always. You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

**Mother's Day Prayer**

God our creator, we come before you and lift up in prayer all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to be who gave the gift of life. We give you thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church, society and world. May all mothers know of your loving and gentle presence and may they always turn towards you in times of joy, sorrow and glory. We ask this in your name.

Amen.



**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.

**Please give generously to the Catholic Charities' Mother's Day Appeal**

**ANSWER A  
MOTHER'S PRAYER**

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

- ◇ Provide food, shelter and clothing to families in crisis.
- ◇ Help homeless and unemployed people become self sufficient
- ◇ Keep older adults safe, secure and comfortable.

## 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, 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.*



## April Baptisms:

*Mario Aidan*  
Son of Mario & Stacey Siller

## Mary at Mass

Paul Turner

Devotion to Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic Faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. Wrong! Prayer to Mary is certainly the backbone of the rosary, but there isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year.

When it comes to prayer, we acknowledge Hebrews 7:25, which says Christ lives forever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass—in the eucharistic prayer. She is called by two titles made mystic by their juxtaposition: virgin and mother. In the second eucharistic prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother."

Mary also appears in the Creed, as the virgin who gave birth to the Word made flesh.

At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Visitation. A preface often prayed on these days echoes her song of praise, the magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother.

By connecting these two titles of Mary, the church invites us to reflect on her son. Mary's special role as the virgin mother reminds us that the miraculous birth of Jesus introduced the world to an extraordinary child whose miracles would never cease.

At first, the title "Mother of God" sounds wrong. God is the uncreated creator of all. How could God have a mother? That puzzling question draws us into a deeper meditation on the identity of Jesus. Because Jesus is both fully God and fully human, Mary must be called Mother of God.

In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her son. She gives birth to him not only in time, but in the liturgy, and in our hearts. During the month of May many will address devotions to Mary, and rightly so. But she will direct them to Christ.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday - May 11

Reading Acts 14: 5-18

Gospel John 14:21-26

### Tuesday - May 12 - St. Nereus, St. Achilleus & St. Pancras

Reading Acts 14:19-28

Gospel John 14:27-31a

### Wed. - May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

Reading Acts 15:1-6

Gospel John 15:1-8

### Thursday - May 14 - St. Matthias

Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Gospel John 15:9-17

### Friday - May 15 - St. Isidore

Reading Acts 15:22-31

Gospel John 15:12-17

### Sat. - May 16

Reading Acts 16:1-10

Gospel John 15:18-21

### Sunday - May 16 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Reading II Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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<http://florian.hegewisch.net>

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### BINGO!

Please note, there will be no Bingo today,  
May 10th, Mother's Day.  
Bingo will resume on Sunday, May 17th.

**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

**Market Day** - Orders due Friday, May 15th and pick-up is on Friday, May 22nd, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Profits earned last month was \$142.10. Thank you for all your support!

**Girl Scout Cookies** - On Sunday, May 17th, the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all masses! Please support them and enjoy some wonderful cookies.

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Friday, June 3rd, before 8 AM.

**Flower Sale!**  
Pick up is Saturday, May 16, in the parking lot from 9AM—1PM. Even if you did not pre-order, there will be some flowers, baskets and vegetables available for purchase.

### 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 Students!**  
In March, the following 6th and 7th graders completed babysitting and/or infant and child certification: Hally Hunter, Olivia Bensett, Kristy Mallee, Bertha Meyer, Noah Mooney, Alex Morales, Joey Noworyta, and Lorrein Sweis

**Congratulations Alumni!**  
**Bishop Noll Institute**  
Trevor DeCook, Magna Cum Laude; Damon DeGrane, Cum Laude; Michelle Kasper, Summa Cum Laude; Joseph Ritchie, Cum Laude; and Sarah Sanchez, Cum Laude



### Thank you for supporting a very successful Spring Brunch!

In last week's bulletin we announced the winners of our Spring Brunch Raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

The Brunch Committee recently met for a wrap-up meeting and we are pleased to report that once again, we were able to host a very successful event. There were about 245 people in attendance who enjoyed visiting with each other in our brightly decorated gymnasium. Many expressed their comments about this year's selection of breakfast and lunch items as well as the delicious homemade bakery treats.

We also thank our parish organizations and individual parishioners for their monetary donations. Together, these sponsors donated \$870 which helped keep our expenses to a minimum. Thank you to our Ladies Rosary Sodality, Holy Name Society, Young at Heart, Parents Club, Athletic Association, Hegewisch Lions Club and First Savings Bank of Hegewisch.

The net profit from the Brunch is as follows:

Gross Income:	\$9,093.50
Expenses:	<u>\$4,044.59</u>
Net Profit:	\$5,048.91

(The school also received an additional amount of \$2,466 for their raffle ticket sales.)

Thank you once again for your donations of prizes and baked goods, supporting the various raffles, and purchasing Brunch tickets. Our thanks to our Brunch committee as well for a job well done. See you next year!

<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS May 2/3</b>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,148.00
Loose	\$ 709.46
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 272.00</u>
Actual Received vs.	\$4,129.46
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 116.00
Maintenance	\$ 231.00
Children's Offering	\$ 34.50
Votives	\$ 133.00

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$138.35**

**Mother's Day** - The most creative job in the world involves taste, fashion, decorating, recreation, education, transportation, psychology, romance, cuisine, design, literature, medicine, handi-craft, art, horticulture, economics, government, community relations, pediatric, geriatric, entertainment, maintenance, purchasing, direct mail, law, accounting, religion, energy and management. Anyone who can handle these has to be somebody special. *Happy Mother's Day from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

**"POPPY DAY"** - Please support the P.L.A.V. on Sunday, May 17th, after all masses.

**Congratulations Cindy!** One of our CCD teachers, who is also one of our longtime parishioners, recently completed her BSN degree. We congratulate Cindy Malone who graduated with honorable mention on the Dean's list achieving straight "A's" from Olivet University.

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, A1C 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 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
- Confirmation Practice (Church) 7:00
- May 16 Flower Sale (Parking Lot) 9AM-1PM
- Confirmation 4:00PM Liturgy
- May 17 Holy Name Golf Outing—9AM
- Oak Knoll, Crown Pt., IN
- Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) 1:30
- May 18 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00
- May 20 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- May 21 Scouts (KH) 6:00



**St. Florian Holy Name Society  
Mostaccioli Dinner  
Saturday, May 23  
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 \$6.00 and children (under 12) \$3.00. Tickets available at the rectory or by calling Vince (646-4029), Bob (646-2374) or Mike N. (646-5983).

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

**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](http://www.familyministries.org).

**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 this week-end of Mother's Day - May 9/10.

Thank you for participating in the opportunity to give a child his/her first breath.