

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of May 12/13

- 4:00 PM + Mary Hurysz - Daughter, Ceil
 8:00 AM + Helen Zurawski - Mary Blonski
 9:45 AM + Mary Ann Piaskowy - St. Andrew Sunshine Club
 11:30 AM + Jesús Manriquez - Family

Monday, May 14

- 7:15 AM + Mary Posko (10th Anniv.) - Drosos Family

Tuesday, May 15

- 7:15 AM + Genevieve Banas - Family

Wednesday, May 16

- 7:15 AM + Harry Paget - Mr. & Mrs. Ray Sliz

Thursday, May 17

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Mom & Dad

Friday, May 18

- 8:15 AM + Frank Mosser - Ray & Marlene Mosser

Saturday, May 19

- 7:30 AM - Prayers Answered, Blessings Received
 4:00 PM + Walenty & Kinga Skrzekut - Family

Sunday, May 20

- 8:00 AM + Raymond Myszynski - Lisa & Bob Contro
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communicants
 11:30 AM + Joan Twardosz - Family

Week of May 13 - May 19

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Helen Zurawski - Joanie Kowalczyk

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Helen Zurawski - Joanie Kowalczyk

READERS May 2012

- 4:00 PM B. Frederisy
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM D. Karczewski
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez & E. Fabian

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, May 19

- 4:00 PM D. Ranos, J. Laskowiecki, M. Bensett

SUNDAY, May 20

- 8:00 AM N. Meduga, D. Gaczkowski, A. Villanueva
 9:45 AM J. O'Keefe, M. Gomez, R. Robles
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS May 2012

- 4:00 PM
 L. Morse
 R. Haney
 J. Gibbons
 M. Cowperthwaite
 A. Bonczek
 C. Motkowicz
- 8:00 AM
 S. Jezior
 P. Gadus
 N. Moll
 K. Gibson
 D. Ciciora
 C. Bozovic
- 9:45 AM
 C. Malone
 P. Maccagnano
 P. Haro
 P. O'Rourke
 O. Haro
 M. Czarobski
- 11:30 AM
 A. Davila
 L. Jimenez

USHERS May 2012

- 4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
- 8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
 J. Shanahan, J. Young
- 9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
 T. Baker, M. Gasior,
- 11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
 M. Suarez



All about help and just about everywhere.

**MOTHER'S DAY
APPEAL
MAY 12/13 2012**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

May 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.... Love one another."
John 15:9-17*

This year, these words of Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel of John are proclaimed throughout the world on the 6th Sunday of Easter. As we celebrate "Mother's Day" in the United States, Jesus' command to "love one another" takes on special meaning for all families in our country.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, this day provides a special gift of love and support to mothers, grandmothers and families who are raising their children in poverty, hunger and homelessness, as we take up the *Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day* in parishes throughout Cook and Lake Counties.

Your "Mother's Day gift" to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will assist thousands of struggling families and vulnerable children of all races and religions who rely on us to meet their basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter—as well as those parents and children who benefit from Catholic Charities' professional services such as stable, affordable housing; job training; counseling and child care.

Since Catholic Charities' founding in 1917, through two World Wars and the Great Depression, as well as the rising and falling economic tides of every decade, Catholic Charities has increasingly offered hope and help to struggling families, children and seniors of all faiths.

Catholic Charities conducts 157 programs at 162 locations in Cook and Lake Counties and annually reaches more than one million men, women and children in need. These services include accredited child-care programs, family and individual counseling, home-delivered meals for seniors, affordable apartments for low-income seniors, the St. Leo Residence for Veterans, emergency food pantries and weekly suppers.

Through your generosity to Catholic Charities, you offer Easter joy and a future of hope to mothers, fathers, grandparents and caregivers whose lives are governed by poverty as they struggle daily to provide food, clothing, schooling and safety to their most precious possessions, their children.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the nature of his unconditional love, and invites us to live in his love. As followers of Jesus, we strive to imitate the sheer magnitude of his generosity to us by caring for mothers and their families in need. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters who rely on our love and the services of Catholic Charities.

May the Risen Christ bless all mothers and their loved ones with the fullness of his love. .

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.


We pray for . . .



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 Lassetter, Chestine Trzupek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Bob Frjelich, Tom Best, Charlene Jones, Ken Baker, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, Frances & Chester Zakrzewski, 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
 Edward J. Wojcik
 Henry Kotara
 April 29, 2012
 May 2, 2012

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland
Baby Bottle Project



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. We will distribute baby bottles after each Mass this weekend 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 26/27. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 14 - St. Mathias
 Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
 Gospel John 15:9-17

Tuesday - May 15 - St. Isidore
 Reading Acts 16:22-34
 Gospel John 16:5-11

Wednesday - May 16
 Reading I Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
 Gospel John 16:12-15

Thurs.— May 17
 Reading Acts 18:1-8
 Gospel John 16:16-20

Friday - May 18 - St. John I
 Reading Acts 18:9-18
 Gospel John 16:20-23

Saturday - May 19
 Reading Acts 18:23-28
 Gospel John 16:23b-28

Sunday - May 20 - Ascension
 Reading I Acts 1:1-11
 Reading II Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Mark your calendars and please join us . . .

Farewell Reception for Rev. James Mezydlo and celebration of his 35th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Saturday - June 9, 2012
4:00 PM Liturgy
 Reception to follow
 in St. Florian Gymnasium
 131st & Houston Avenue Chicago, Illinois


Doors open at 5:30 PM
 Dinner served at 6:15 PM

Advance Tickets (through June 3, 2012)
 Adults \$10 Children (under 12) \$5
Tickets will be available after all Masses and may also be purchased at the Rectory and School Office.

Tickets purchased after June 3:
(limited tickets based on advance purchases)
 Adults \$15 Children (under 12) \$10

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at our **NEW** website!
www.stflorianschool.org

BINGO
Doors open at 1:30 Games at 2:30
in the gym at 131st & Houston
Please Note: There will be no Bingo on May 13th due to Mother's Day and May 27th due to the Memorial Day Weekend. The last bingo will take place on June 3rd.

May, 17, 2012
8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony at 1:30 in the Church followed by Outdoor May Crowning

Market Day - - Pickup is on Friday, May 18th from 2-3PM. Profits earned last month: \$104.06
Thank you for all the support!!

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.

Mary at Mass

by 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 for ever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the Mass texts every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

We will publish our offering collection next week.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$171.00

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 someone special.

Happy Mother's Day from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Daughters of Isabella May Raffle Winners

Lee Morse - \$100
Frank Matusik - \$100

2013 Mass Book Now Open

The 2013 Mass Book is now open. Have you come to the rectory to make arrangements for your Mass intentions yet? From July 1st through Dec. 31st, there are still many openings for Mass intentions. Remember, Mass intentions include our deceased, in thanksgiving, anniversaries of marriages and birthdays, for good health, special intentions, etc. You can personalize your Mass intentions in any way possible.

Mass Intentions

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Certainly, graces will accrue in accordance with the intensity of that person's participation and sincerity. However, the custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits. Thus, in normal circumstances, a priest may only accept one stipend for any one Mass even though he may offer up the Mass for several intentions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 14 Parents Club (PMR) 6:30
Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- May 15 Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- May 16 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- May 17 8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony &
May Crowning - (Church) 1:30
First Communion Practice (Church) 7:00
- May 18 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- May 20 Holy Name Golf Outing - 8:00AM
Oak Knoll, Crown Point, IN
Bingo (Gym) 1:30 / Games 2:30
- May 21 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00

Fr. Bill Lisowski now resides at the Bishop Lyne Residence for Retired Priests. His address is as follows if you wish to keep in touch!

Fr. Bill Lisowski
Bishop Timothy Lyne Residence
for Retired Priests
12230 S. Will-Cook Road
Palos Park, IL 60464

**Please pray for our
Service Members:**



- 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 -
- 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,

Food for Thought . . .

WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.