

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of May 14/15

- 4:00 PM + Valenty & Kinga Skrzekut - Family  
 8:00 AM + Frank Orchowski - Lillian Gomalski  
 9:45 AM + Ted & Frieda Nawracaj - Ron & Irene Nawracaj  
 11:30 AM + Manuel & Rosario Ortega - Dalia Chavez

### Monday, May 16

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Tom

### Tuesday, May 17

- 7:15 AM + Vincent Ginalski - Friends

### Wednesday, May 18

- 7:15 AM + Bernie Dzialakiewicz - Susan, Nancy, & Linda Sosnowski

### Thursday, May 19

- 7:15 AM + Helen "Skippy" Golden - Mr. & Mrs. C. Zakrzewski &  
 Eleanor Paszkewicz

### Friday, May 20

- 8:15 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family

### Saturday, May 21

- 7:30 AM + Stella Bulanda - Danuta Lenckos  
 4:00 PM + Bruno Milewski - Daughter

### Sunday, May 22

- 8:00 AM + Stephan Grabowski - Catherine Evans  
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communicants  
 11:30 AM + Ignacia Bonilla & Augustyn Chavez - Chavez Family

### Week of May 15 - May 21

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Ted & Frieda Nawracaj - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Ted & Frieda Nawracaj - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

### 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 21**

4:00 PM N. Meduga, N. Mooney, A. Morales

#### **SUNDAY, May 22**

8:00 AM N. Cervera, D. Ranos, J. Snodgrass  
 9:45 AM J. O'Keefe, R. Robles, B. Echevarria  
 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



## Good Shepherd Sunday

There is a story of several years ago that goes like this. A party was held for people who loved Shakespearean literature. During the party a guest asked a famous Shakespearean actor to recite the psalm. ***The Lord is my Shepherd.*** He did so, and received the sustained applause. Then someone asked a priest in attendance to do the same. He recited the same psalm. Stunned silence was the response. After some time the actor said: *I knew the words; this man knows the Shepherd.*

We encounter the Risen Lord, the Shepherd, in the holiness of others and in the poor. Personal prayer remains another place of encounter, both routine and spontaneous prayer. Like any love life, the love must be routine and predicable; and it needs to be spontaneous. Prayer is an acknowledgment of a love-life between God and the pray-er, and we are so blessed to believe in a Trinitarian God, so access is threefold: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A friend of mine finds morning routine too busy for prayer: kids to school, checking homework, etc. So when he gets to work, he takes 15 minutes before e-mail and secretary 'catch up' time. He closes the office door and sits in prayer with a prayer book and a few minutes of petition prayers: for his wife and her day, for the high school child trying out for band, etc. Each day has its own focus given a busy family life! And he includes a prayer for the challenges of the day before him, the ones he knows about. What 15 minutes of personal prayer can create: openness to a power beyond one's skill sets, an awareness of the spiritual energy which fills family and work environments, an internal trust to voice a request or remain silent and listen. Oh my, routine prayer opens the inner world, within and around us!

Yes, 15 minutes a day of personal prayer challenges lives. If you faithfully pray each day, keep your loved ones in focus with God; the challenges might not be less, but your ability to breathe God's Holy Spirit as you respond to them will become obvious to you and others.

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*

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## What is a Mary Garden?

A Mary Garden is a devotional garden planned around a shrine to the Virgin Mary. This style of devotional garden is most closely associated with Catholic tradition, although people of other Christian denominations may also construct Mary Gardens. The concept of the Mary Garden is closely linked with the medieval hortus conclusus, or "closed garden." Mary Gardens can be found in private homes and around Catholic churches, community halls, and other gathering places.

The practice of making Mary Gardens appears to date back to the medieval period, when monks and nuns constructed closed garden shrines to Our Lady. By tradition, a Mary Garden is in an enclosed area, referencing her purity, although when enclosed space is limited, it is certainly possible to put a Mary Garden in an open area, and sometimes boundaries by low fences or walls are used to create a partially enclosed feel.

In a Mary Garden, people plant a variety of flowers, trees, and shrubs associated with the Virgin Mary. Zinnias, snapdragons, Sweet Alyssum, cornflowers, Impatiens, larkspur, marigolds, forget-me-nots, poppies, morning glories, petunias, and sweet scabious are all associated with the Virgin Mary. Other plants one might see in a Mary Garden include laurel trees, mayweed, maidenhair ferns, strawberries, lady's slipper orchids, lily of the valley, trefoil, columbine, ribbongrass, peonies, foxgloves, bachelor's buttons, Amaryllis, begonias, bellflowers, bluets, buttercups, violets, irises, and roses.

A statue of the Virgin is common in a Mary Garden. Some Mary Gardens have a Madonna and Child, while others simply show the Virgin Mary alone, and other religious figures may be included. Commonly, a bench or patio is included so that people can sit in contemplation in the Mary Garden, and gardeners may use a water feature to muffle outside noise, or a birdbath to encourage birds to visit. There may be a space to light candles while saying prayers.

The layout of a Mary Garden can vary considerably. Some people set a Mary Garden up in the shape of a cross, while others make patterns with raised beds. Catholics attach specific meanings to various flowers. The Mary Garden may also be laid out with a winding path which allows people to contemplate various aspects of the Virgin Mary. Overall, the design is meant to be peaceful and pleasant, with the goal of promoting deep thought and providing a space for prayers.

## We pray for . . .



Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, 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 Trzupke, 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 & Ann 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 16

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

### Tuesday - May 17

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

### Wednesday - May 18 - St. John I

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

### Thurs.— May 19

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

### Friday - May 20 - St. Bernadine of Siena

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

### Saturday - May 21 - St Christopher Magallanes & his companions

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

### Sunday - May 22 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 6:1-7  
Reading II 1 Peter 2:4-9  
Gospel John 14:1-12

## In Remembrance

George Schideler, Jr. May 4, 2011  
Jesús Manriquez May 8, 2011

## 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.

# 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 29th. The last bingo will take place on June 5th.

### **Farewell Principal McKenna!**

St. Florian Parent-Teacher Club  
 is hosting a  
**Retirement Reception for Mr. McKenna**  
**Saturday - May 21, 2011**

Join us for 4:00 PM Mass followed by a reception in Konsowski Hall. Please stop by and offer good wishes for all of Mr. McKenna's future endeavors.

**Market Day** - 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 Wednesday, June 1, by 8 AM.

### **Register Now for our 2011 - 2012 School Year!**

Registration for the 2011-2012 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.

### **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—May 21/22. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life.

### **Book Rack Selections - May 2011**

#### **Fun But We're Married**

*by Lois Leiderman Davitz, PhD & Joel R. Davitz, PhD*

#### **Prayer for Parents by Renee Bartkowski Coming Together in Joy,**

**The Human Condition** *by Thomas Keating*  
**Discovering Motherhood** *by Annmarie Scobey*  
**Where the Hell is God?** *by Richard Leonard, SJ*  
**The Man Met the King** *by Gerard Goggins*  
**Greatness in Our Teenagers** *by Peter Tassi & Philomena Tassi*

#### **101 Questions & Answers in the Historical Books of the Bible** *by Victor H. Matthews*

<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>May 14/15, 2011</b>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,321.00
Loose	\$ 579.81
Energy Assistance	\$ 93.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,993.81
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 103.00
Maintenance	\$ 126.00
Children's Offering	\$ 47.75
Votives	\$ 107.00
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,409.64

**St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$130.00**

**Need Knows No Season** - We thank you for continuing, season after season, to share your coins in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.

**Holy Name Raffle Winners    May Drawing:**  
 #78 Cammy Cowperthwaite & #68 Stanley Bonczek

**Spring Brunch Results:**  
 Thank you to all who supported this year's Spring Brunch. A net profit of \$5,720 was raised! We are very pleased with the results and thank everyone who attended the Brunch, bought raffle tickets, donated baked goods and of course to our sponsors for their generous monetary donations. Thank you as well to our students for their beautiful decorations. We also thank our committee who planned, organized and worked at the Brunch. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to seeing you at next year's Brunch on April 22, 2012!

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.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- May 15      Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- May 16      Parents Club (KH) 6:30
- May 17      School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
- May 18      Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- May 19      May Crowning (Outdoors) 1:50 PM
- Scouts (KH) 6:00
- 1st Communion Prac. (Church) 7:00
- May 20      Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- May 21      Mr. McKenna Farewell (KH) 5:00
- May 22      1st Communion—9:45 Mass
- Holy Name Golf Outing—9:00AM
- Oak Knoll, Crown Point, IN
- Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- May 23      Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
- Parish Council (KH) 7:00
- May 25      SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- School Music Show (Gym) 7:00
- May 26      Rosary (outdoors) 1:50
- May 30      Memorial Day - 8:15 AM Mass
- School/Rectory Office Closed

**Slovenian Women's Union of America Branch 16 and St. Florian's Lodge No. 44 of the KSKJ** invite everyone to attend the devotion to Our Lady of Brezje, also known as Mary, Help of Christians on Sun., May 22, at St. George's Catholic Church, 95th St. and Ewing Ave., Chicago. The rosary will be prayed at 8:40AM and Mass with Slovenian hymns at 9AM. After Mass, please join us for coffee and rolls in the church hall.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Please pray for the men who will be ordained to Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago this Saturday, May 21st at Holy Name Cathedral. As we pray for our new priests, let us continue to ask the Lord for more men and women who are willing to say YES to religious life or priesthood. For information about a vocation to priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org or check out [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com).

**All invited to attend the May Crowning and Installation of our Lady of the New Millennium Statue at the Shrine of Christ's Passion -**

On Sunday, May 22 at 5PM, Cardinal George will join the Bishop Melczek of Gary, Indiana at St. John the Evangelist Parish for the installation and crowning of Our Lady of the New Millennium statue at the Shrine of Christ's Passion on the grounds of the parish, 11301 W. 93rd Avenue in St. John, IN. The statue, familiar to many in the Archdiocese of Chicago, where it traveled for a number of years to parishes including St. Florian, will now be permanently displayed at this site. All are invited for the installation ceremony. For more information please contact Rev. Sammie Maletta, pastor, St. John Evangelist, 219-365-5678.