



*Welcome*  
*Most Rev. Francis J. Kane*

*Confirmation Class*  
*May 16, 2009*

|                  |                      |                    |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>James</b>     | <i>Michael</i>       | <b>Carlassare</b>  |
| <b>Nick</b>      | <i>James</i>         | <b>Cerda</b>       |
| <b>Trevor</b>    | <i>Lawrence</i>      | <b>DeCook</b>      |
| <b>Brianna</b>   | <i>Guadalupe</i>     | <b>Echevarria</b>  |
| <b>Mary Lou</b>  |                      | <b>Echevarria</b>  |
| <b>Mallory</b>   | <i>Elisabeth</i>     | <b>Elias</b>       |
| <b>Miranda</b>   | <i>Bridget</i>       | <b>Elizalde</b>    |
| <b>Diana</b>     | <i>Elizabeth</i>     | <b>Haddad</b>      |
| <b>Joshua</b>    | <i>Nicholas</i>      | <b>Laboy</b>       |
| <b>Jacquelyn</b> | <i>Julia</i>         | <b>Lelo</b>        |
| <b>Alex</b>      | <i>Andrew</i>        | <b>Maldonado</b>   |
| <b>Brittany</b>  | <i>Bernadette</i>    | <b>Maloney</b>     |
| <b>Megan</b>     | <i>Elizabeth Ann</i> | <b>McDonald</b>    |
| <b>Sarah</b>     | <i>Helena</i>        | <b>McGivney</b>    |
| <b>Aidan</b>     | <i>Dominic</i>       | <b>Montejano</b>   |
| <b>Maria</b>     | <i>Teresa</i>        | <b>Morales</b>     |
| <b>Megan</b>     | <i>Faith</i>         | <b>Morales</b>     |
| <b>Kaila</b>     | <i>Isabella</i>      | <b>Morin</b>       |
| <b>Harry</b>     | <i>Andrew</i>        | <b>Nazimek</b>     |
| <b>Karinna</b>   | <i>Guadalupe</i>     | <b>Oliveros</b>    |
| <b>Alex</b>      | <i>Joseph</i>        | <b>Pizana</b>      |
| <b>Eric</b>      | <i>Andrew</i>        | <b>Reyes</b>       |
| <b>Denise</b>    | <i>Hope</i>          | <b>Rodriguez</b>   |
| <b>Alexander</b> | <i>Patrick</i>       | <b>Romero</b>      |
| <b>Natalia</b>   | <i>Martha</i>        | <b>Szyller</b>     |
| <b>Javier</b>    | <i>Joseph</i>        | <b>Torres</b>      |
| <b>Johnny</b>    | <i>Ignatius</i>      | <b>Torres</b>      |
| <b>Taylor</b>    | <i>Priscilla</i>     | <b>Trzupek</b>     |
| <b>Adrianna</b>  | <i>Amelia</i>        | <b>Varela</b>      |
| <b>Ramon</b>     | <i>Juan Diego</i>    | <b>Vargas</b>      |
| <b>Kyle</b>      | <i>Anthony</i>       | <b>Villalpando</b> |

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of May 16/17

- 4:00 PM - Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Kane  
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Eileen Drolen  
 9:45 AM + Evelyn Marszowski - Tom, Pat, & Mike Marszowski  
 11:30 AM + Lucila Quintero - Julia Gonzales

### Monday, May 18

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

### Tuesday, May 19

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Chicago Police 6th District

### Wednesday, May 20

- 7:15 AM + George O'Herrin - Friend

### Thursday, May 21

- 7:15 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family

### Friday, May 22

- 8:15 AM + Theodore F. Slusarczyk - Friends

### Saturday, May 23

- 7:30 AM + Stanley Marcisz - Margaret, Janine, Elaine & Sandra  
 4:00 PM + Deceased Members of the Twardosz Family - Evelyn & Helen

### Sunday, May 24

- 8:00 AM + Angeline Mackowski - Family  
 9:45 AM - 60th Wedding Anniversary of Chester & Frances Zakrzewski  
 11:30 AM + Edward Renko - Wife

### Week of May 17 - May 23

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of  
 Mary Ann Moll - 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 23

4:00 PM N. Mooney, J. Carlassare, J. Lelo

### SUNDAY, May 24

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

**Welcome Bishop Kane!**

We warmly welcome Bishop Kane as he joins us for the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday afternoon. Please keep all of our newly confirmed in your prayers as they join the ranks of mature Catholics who will strengthen us in our ministries. May this Confirmation celebration be a reminder for all of us to renew our faith and our commitment to live out our Baptismal promises as we open our minds and hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We congratulate the newly confirmed, their sponsors, families and friends.

**Come Holy Spirit**

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.*

*Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray, O God, Who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**May Crowning and Praying the Rosary**

Two May crownings are scheduled for the month of May. The first one is at the Mary Garden (between the rectory and the corner of 132nd and Houston Ave.) on Thursday, May 21st at 1:30 PM. The second one takes place in church, Saturday, May 23rd, at 3:30 PM. Please join us for these joyous celebrations to Mary. Remember the rosary will continue to be prayed each morning before the first Mass of the day: before morning Mass, Monday thru Friday; before 7:30 AM Mass on Saturday and before the 8:00 AM on Sunday.

The praying of the rosary will take place at the Mary Garden every Thursday afternoon in May beginning at 1:30 PM. Join our school children as they lead the rosary to Our Lady of St. Florian. We hope many of you can come and express your prayerful devotion to Mary during the month of May.

Fr. Jim



**EXPLORE  
THE  
WONDERS  
OF THE  
WORD!**

COME AND EXPLORE AT  
**DISCOVERY CANYON**

**Mark your calendars for July 27—July 31,  
9AM to Noon in air conditioned  
Konsowski Hall.**

A week of wonders is just around the bend. It's time once again to plan a wonderful week for your children. All kids aged 4yrs. old to 9 yrs. old are welcome! This is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun. Please contact the rectory for more information.

**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 Frellich, 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 Zajac

May 6, 2009

## 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, rib-grass, 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.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Reading Acts 16:11-15  
Gospel John 15:26—16: 4a

### Tuesday - May 19

Reading Acts 16:22-34  
Gospel John 16:5-11

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

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

### Thursday - May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes

Reading Acts 18:1-8  
Gospel John 16:16-20

### Friday - May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

Reading Acts 18:9-18  
Gospel John 16:20-23

### Sat. - May 23

Reading Acts 18:23-28  
Gospel John 16:23b-28

### Sunday - May 24 - The Ascension of the Lord

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

# St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

**BINGO**  
Every Sunday  
Doors open at 1:30  
Games begin at 2:30



Please note, there will be no Bingo on Sunday, May 24th due the Memorial Day Weekend.  
Bingo will resume on Sunday, May 31st.

**2009 - 2010 Registration!**  
Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now underway for 3 & 4 year old Pre-school and Grades K-8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773/646-2868.

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

**Market Day** - 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!

**Lenten Projects:** Thank you to all who supported the Lenten Fill the Ark Project. The students met the animals of the Heifer's Ark: alpaca, bee, camel, chicken, cow, donkey, duck, fish, goose, guinea pig, horse, llama, pig, rabbit, sheep, water buffalo and the wonderful yak. Together, they learned how these animals help families through wool, honey, and milk and in dozens of other ways. They also learned more about the environmental benefits of using animals wisely on a small farm. Our students collected \$361.43 in the Lenten Ark Banks. The savings were donated between two organizations. The Heifer International Foundation was given \$181.43 and \$180.00 was donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Panty. Many, many thanks to everyone for their support!



**In addition,** the sixth through eighth grade students collected donations for *Operation Rice Bowl* through the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Relief Services. Our students collected \$222 for this fund. Many other schools throughout the Archdiocese also participated in this program and a percentage of the funds collected from all sources is then donated to local food pantries. Through these combined efforts, our St. Vincent de Paul pantry netted \$1,350 last year.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!** - Annunciata Cub Scout Pack 773 would like to thank the St. Florian School students and faculty for participating in the 2009 Scouting For Food program. This nationwide effort was started to address hunger while providing our scouts a role in community service. Thanks to you generosity, 185 items were donated to your St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Thank you for joining our Cub Scouts in making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

**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.*

Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

| <b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS May 9/10</b> |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes                 | \$3,292.00 |
| Loose                            | \$ 448.97  |
| Energy Assistance                | \$ 118.00  |
| Actual Received vs.              | \$3,858.97 |
| Budgeted Goal                    | \$5,250.00 |
| Bldg. Improvement                | \$ 198.00  |
| Maintenance                      | \$ 113.00  |
| Children's Offering              | \$ 29.55   |
| Votives                          | \$ 215.00  |

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$101.68**

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

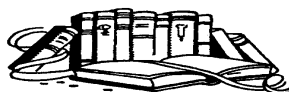
**2010 Mass Book:** The 2010 Mass Book is now open. Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for mass intentions in memory of your family members or friends. We also have Masses available in our 2009 Book.

**Reunion Celebration!** - The St. Florian Class of 1959 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Sunday, June 7th. Alumni will gather for the 9:45 AM Mass and then celebrate with a luncheon at the American Legion in Calumet City. The cost is \$25 per person. For tickets please contact Gene Slusarczyk (219-365-4307). We are still trying to locate Michael Nichols, Robert Miller and Jeanette Cap. If anyone knows of their whereabouts, please contact Gene Slusarczyk.

**Alumni Mass at St. Felicitas** - Sat., June 13, at 5:00 PM. Reception in courtyard from 6:30-8:30 at 1526 E. 84th St. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Please call 773/734-2300 for more info.

**Book Rack Selections - May 2009**

- How Just is the War on Terror?** by Eileen P. Flynn
- Discernment** by Rose Mary Dougherty
- Real Prayer is Answered** by John N. Heil
- Home of the Assumption**  
by V. Anthony J. Alaharasan
- Dreams of Healing** by Kelly Bulkekey
- Planning Your Teaching Year** by Monica A. Hughes
- Spirituality in the Mother Zone** by Trudell Thomas
- Catholics and Evangelicals**  
edited by Thomas P. Rausch
- Family Prayers Daily Grace** by Renee Bartowski
- Healing Place in a Hurting World** by William Rabor
- In Sickness and In Health**  
by William E. Rabor & Susan C. Rabor
- Seasons of the Soul**  
by Concepcion Cabrera de Armida



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 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 Crowning (Outdoors) 1:30
- May 21 Scouts (KH) 6:00
- May 22 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- May 23 May Crowning (Church) 3:30  
Holy Name Pasta Dinner (Gym) 5:00  
Memorial Day - 7:15 a.m. Mass  
School/Rectory Office Closed
- May 26 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
- May 27 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- May 31 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jun 1 Parish Council (KH) 7:00



**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).

**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 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

*If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.*