

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of May 19/20

- 4:00 PM + Walenty & Kinga Skrzekut - Family
- 8:00 AM + Raymond Myszynski - Lisa & Bob Contro
- 9:45 AM - First Holy Communicants
- 11:30 AM + Joan Twardosz - Family

Monday, May 21

- 7:15 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family

Tuesday, May 22

- 7:15 AM + George Shideler - Ed & Carolyn Malewicki

Wednesday, May 23

- 7:15 AM + Daniel Stevens - Christine Kalemba

Thursday, May 24

- 7:15 AM + Theresa & Harry Sosnowski - Daughters

Friday, May 25

- 8:15 AM + Ann Marie Sauvedra - Mr. & Mrs. John Diaz

Saturday, May 26

- 7:30 AM - Mimi Popravak - Sister
- 4:00 PM + Helen Zurawski - Sue Banach

Sunday, May 27

- 8:00 AM + Marlene Kubiak - Lorri Milewski
- 9:45 AM + Rose Grzeskowiak - Daughters
- 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Family



Week of May 20 - May 26

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Helen Zurawski - St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Helen Zurawski - St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality

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

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 26

- 4:00 PM B. Echevarria, R. Robles, D. Robles

SUNDAY, May 27

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

USHERS

May 2012

4:00 PM

- C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci
- E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
- T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski

8:00 AM

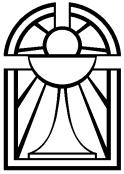
- A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
- A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
- J. Shanahan, J. Young

9:45 AM

- E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
- K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
- T. Baker, M. Gasior,

11:30 AM

- R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
- M. Suarez



For Our First Communicants Today

*(Excerpted from Pope John Paul II
"Letter to Children")*

"The Eucharist, instituted by Christ as the Last Supper on the night before his passion, is a sacrament of the new covenant, the greatest of the sacraments. In this sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearance of bread and wine."

"Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time and are encouraged to receive it afterwards as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.

"To be able to receive Holy Communion, as you know, it is necessary to have received baptism. This is the first of sacraments and one most necessary for salvation. Baptism is a great event! In the church's first centuries, when baptism was received mostly by grownups, the ceremony ended with receiving the Eucharist, and was solemn as First Holy Communion is today. Later on, when baptism began to be given mainly to newborn babies, and this is the case of many of you, dear children, so that you do not remember the day of your baptism, the more solemn celebration was transferred to the moment of First Holy Communion.

"Every boy and girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom. First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, catechists, and teachers generally receive the Eucharist.

"The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it was yesterday when together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town.

(written in 1994 during the Year of the Family)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension to Glory

In many dioceses, today is celebrated as the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnly celebrates the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after the Resurrection. All of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) recount that Jesus summoned the disciples before his Ascension. From there he commissioned them to go out into the world to preach, to teach, to spread the Gospel, and to baptize.

In a way, the Ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father is only part of what we honor and commemorate today. The other part of this day is found in the great commission of Christ to his disciples. In their commission, we find ours as well. As the Church, the Body of Christ here on earth, we too are sent by the risen, ascended King! We too are to go out and to lead others to Christ.

In this great Christian mission we find our inheritance, as the Opening Prayer for today's liturgy reminds us: In following Christ we are led into the new creation that will be fully established when he returns in glory at the end of time. At that time, as his followers, we too will be glorified with him. Eleven weeks ago, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we heard the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord—in which we see our future transformation promised to those who follow Christ. Today, in the Ascension we see a similar promised future as those who have baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ: to sit with him at the end of time in the great kingdom of God. For this as we pray today, is our glory and our hope.

Written by Todd Williamson

A Note of Thanks from Bishop Wypych:

Dear Fr. Jim and Parishioners of St. Florian,

It was a good experience to be part of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Florian Parish. I thank you and your staff for your cordiality toward me and towards each other. The confirmandi were very well prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I pray that they may continue to build their life with the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit on that day and practice the virtues which will help them to have a fruitful life.

Thank you also for your generous stipend we received. It will be placed in our charity fund and divided among the bishops to be distributed according to our own individual decisions. One of the charities that I am able to support is the Saint John Cantius Foundation, which supports Bishop Abramowicz Seminary students and priests studying in Rome as well as lay university students.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will enable a number of students and others to receive an excellent education and bring hope to their life, build the Church and add to the common good.

I promise my prayers for you and your faithful parish family.

Most Rev. Andrew Wypych

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 Trzuppek, 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, 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

Barbara O'Leary	May 3, 2012
Kenneth Baker	May 9, 2012
Martin William Gatton	May 12, 2012
Eileen Drolen	May 12, 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.

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 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Reading Acts 19:1-8
Gospel John 16:29-33

Tuesday - May 22 - St. Rita

Reading Acts 20:17-27
Gospel John 17:1-11a

Wednesday - May 23

Reading I Acts 20:28-38
Gospel John 17:11b-19

Thurs.— May 24

Reading Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Gospel John 17:20-26

Friday - May 25 - St. Bede, St. Gregory & St. Mary Magdalene

Reading Acts 25:13b-21
Gospel John 21:15-19

Saturday - May 26 - St. Philip Neri

Reading Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Gospel John 21:20-25

Sunday - May 27 - Pentecost

Reading I Acts 2:1-11
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20:19-23

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 website - www.stflorianschool.org

2012-2013 REGISTRATION!

Registration is underway for 3&4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.



BINGO Sorry to inform you, Bingo has ended for the year. We have not had enough players to continue.

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.



Praying the Rosary

During the month of May, we will continue to pray the rosary each morning before Mass. Please join us before Mass Monday thru Friday as well as before the 7:30 AM Mass on Saturday and before the 8:00 Mass on Sunday. We hope many of you can come and express your prayerful devotion to Mary during the month of May.

Fr. Jim

Book Rack Selections - May 2012

The Forgiveness Book

by Alice Camille & Paul Boudreau

You Can Move the Cheese

by Stephen Prosser

The Goodness Within

by Mark Redmond

Joyful Noise

by William Meninger

Golfer's Prayer Book

by Dorothy K. Ederer

Words at the Wedding

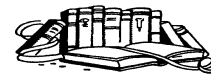
by William J. Byron

All Your Waves Swept Over Me

by Nancy de Flon & James A. Wallace, CSsR

The Rights of Catholics in the Church

by James A. Coriden



Hail Mary

by Paul Turner

The Hail Mary is probably the most popular prayer known by Catholics outside the Mass. It forms part of the rosary, the Angelus, night prayer, and certain otherwise hopeless situations involving football.

It took us hundreds of years to write the Hail Mary. The first part came easy. It draws from the angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary, that she would give birth to Jesus: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). When Mary visited Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist, Elizabeth greeted her with the next phrase we use in the prayer, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). Over a period of centuries Catholics combined these two greetings of Mary and made them our own, figuring if Gabriel and Elizabeth could get Mary's attention this way, maybe we could too. We strung these greetings together with our own prayer for Mary's intercession. Part scripture, part tradition, the Hail Mary runs deep in Catholic spirituality.

Two popular prayer forms use the Hail Mary the rosary and the Angelus. In the rosary, it serves as a mantra, a repetitive sequence of words, thoughts and rhythms which draw the believer into a prayerful trance before the mysteries of our salvation. In the Angelus it reminds the faithful three times a day of the incarnation, the Word of God becoming flesh.


In liturgical prayer, the Hail Mary has never staked out territory in the Mass. The Scripture quotations it borrows from Luke's Gospel do occur at Mass as antiphons and responses on feasts of Mary, but we usually substitute a hymn to Mary in their place. However, among liturgical prayers, we find the Hail Mary at the one we call "night prayer." The liturgy of the hours is the official Catholic prayer form marking the principal hours of the day morning, daytime, evening and night. The brief service which ends the day concludes with a prayer to Mary. The church offers us several options here, but the most familiar of them is the Hail Mary, the last prayer of the day.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
	5/6/2012	5/13/2012
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,215.00	\$3,090.00
Loose	\$ 461.90	\$ 456.42
Energy	\$ 239.00	\$ 50.00
Children's Offering	\$ 65.50	\$ 41.25
Maintenance	\$ 283.00	\$ 100.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 87.00	\$ 94.00
Votives	\$ 81.00	\$ 153.48

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$186.00
Need Knows No Season - We thank you for continuing, season after season, to share your coins in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.

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


Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:30 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register. For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Summer Barbecue

Join John A. Pope, 10th Ward Alderman, Democratic Committeeman at PAPI CHULO'S BAR & GRILL at Sunset Bay Marina, 13601 S. Calhoun Ave. (13600S, 2500E) on Friday, June 8th from 5PM - 11PM. The Barbecue Dinner will take place from 5:30PM until 7PM. Featuring Live Entertainment by the Bed Bugs Band from 7PM until 11PM. Ticket cost is \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 312-854-8018.


Food for Thought . . .
 Friendship is like a **Book**. It takes years to write, but only a few seconds to burn.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 20 Holy Name Golf Outing - 8:00AM
Oak Knoll, Crown Point, IN
- May 21 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00
- May 23 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:00
School Music Concert (Gym) 7:00
- May 24 Scouts (PMR) 6:00
Farewell Celebration Mtg. (KH) 6:30
- May 28 Memorial Day - 8:15 AM Mass
School/Rectory Office Closed
- May 31 8th Grade Graduation—7PM Mass

St. Florian Holy Name Society - The meeting originally scheduled for June 8, 2012, has been moved up to June 1, 2012. The officer's meeting will begin at 7PM and the general meeting at 8PM.

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? We also have many openings in our 2012 Mass Book, especially from July 1st through Dec. 31st. 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.

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, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.