

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of May 21/22

- 4:00 PM + Bruno Milewski - Daughter
 8:00 AM + Stephan Grabowski - Catherine Evans
 9:45 AM - First Holy Communicants
 11:30 AM + Ignacia Bonilla & Augustyn Chavez - Chavez Family

Monday, May 23

- 7:15 AM + Marion & Irene Sadowski - Pat & Dorothy Camden

Tuesday, May 24

- 7:15 AM + Bernard Dzialakiewicz - Morse Family

Wednesday, May 25

- 7:15 AM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

Thursday, May 26

- 7:15 AM + Josephine Opiola - Lou & Vera Malevitis

Friday, May 27

- 8:15 AM + Vincent Ginalski - Joseph Mistarz Jr.

Saturday, May 28

- 7:30 AM + Josephine Opiola - Sophie Urban
 4:00 PM + Ed Borowski - Wife

Sunday, May 29

- 8:00 AM + Mary Chwastecki - Edward & Janet Moll
 9:45 AM + Robert Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Family

Week of May 22 - May 28

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Stephanie Duszynski - Rosary Sodality

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Stephanie Duszynski - Rosary Sodality

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,

11:30 AM

T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci
 F. Favela, J. Gonzalez



Christ our Light

Perhaps you have been able to see the movie ***Of Gods and***

Men. Amazing movie! This accurate account portrays several Trappist monks in a monastery in Algiers in the late 1990s. Seven of the monks are murdered by Algerian radicals, apparently with the cooperation of the government. The movie revolves around the life of these men, including their public prayer life. This prayer remains the source and summit of their life which includes providing medical necessities and food for their Muslim neighbors. The viewer is pulled into their life and witnesses how worship empowers individuals to live discipleship.

Encountering Christ has many sources: the holiness of others, the poor, personal prayer. Worship by a community of disciples exposes the twofold reason for worship – to praise God and to empower people to live in Truth and Spirit. Weekly worship places one in a space other than our own agendas, egos and immediate concerns of daily living and family challenges.

Years ago a woman attended Mass but did not go to Communion. So pleasant after Mass, I wondered about her reasons. One Sunday I asked. Her life was full of complicated relationships and behavior. She continued to come to Mass and thirst for the Eucharist. Reconciliation was the necessary antidote. We made an appointment; she wanted some time. Bottom line – she had come to Mass weeks before and the community – no one in particular – was so welcoming. She felt the call to enter into her complicated life with honesty and seek healing. Worship done well invites the stranger and the alienated closer to Him! Worship is about the many individuals gathered and about us gathered as a community. The Risen Lord encounters us when we genuinely – together – worship in His name.

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

Msgr. Rich Hynes, a priest for 39 years, serves the Archdiocese of Chicago as Director of the Department of Parish Life & Formation. His previous Archdiocesan assignments include Pastor-St. John of the Cross (Western Springs), Associate Pastor-St. Martin de Porres (Chicago), St. Athanasius (Evanston), St. James (Arlington Heights), and Spiritual Director at the St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University.



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)

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 will also continue praying of the rosary at the Mary Garden this Thursday afternoon at 1:50PM. 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

We pray for . . .



Debra Mokrzycki, 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 Lasseter, Chestine Trzupsek, 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 23

Reading Acts 14:5-18
Gospel John 14:21-26

Tuesday - May 24

Reading Acts 14:19-28
Gospel John 14:27-31a

Wednesday - May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Reading I Acts 15:1-6
Gospel John 15:1-8

Thurs.- May 26 - St. Philip Neri

Reading Acts 158:7-21
Gospel John 15:9-11

Friday - May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

Reading Acts 15:22-31
Gospel John 15:12-17

Saturday - May 28

Reading Acts 16:1-10
Gospel John 15:18-21

Sunday - May 29 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14:15-21

Many Easter Thanks!

Let's go back to all those who prepared for Easter during the 40 days of Lent. Thanks to those who consistently came to the weekly faith-sharing groups, to those who participated in the Lenten prayer services with benediction as well as those who prayed the Way of the Cross. A special thanks to the Men of Holy Name who sponsored a Simple St. Joseph's Table on the feast of St. Joseph. All the proceeds went to St. Vincent de Paul totaling \$505. Once again Fr. Terry offered his unique spiritual refectio on Christ's crucifixion. The impact of Christ's suffering during the directed meditation really struck a chord with our Confirmation candidates this year. Also in Lent besides our communal Reconciliation service, we offered confession to our children who received it for the first time.

We began Holy Week with palms, processions, and Christ's Passion on Palm Sunday. Then we celebrated Tenebrae before we entered the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

It is here we acknowledge many people who made these days so memorable — our lectors, cantors, instrumentalists, organist, communion ministers, altar servers, choirs, handbell choir and priests. All of these prepared, rehearsed and prayerfully led us into a deeper faith of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Thanks also goes out to those who signed up for the footwashing, the picking up and presentation of oils on Holy Thursday; to the Knights of Columbus in their annual participation in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross; to the Ministers of Care; to those who cleaned the church, to our sacristan, maintenance man, Holy Name Society, Liturgy Team and many others who decorated our Church for Holy Week and for the Easter season.

Thank you to the parishioners and friends of St. Florian who took the time to celebrate all these beautiful services of Holy Week. Let's continue to welcome our newest parishioners to the faith — Melissa and her daughter, Katrina Best, and to acknowledge their catechists and sponsors who faithfully guided them through the RCIA process (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) throughout the year.

The joy of the 50 days of Easter continues as we celebrated Confirmation with Bishop Kane, May 7th at the 4:00 Mass, and First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 22nd, at the 9:45 Mass. Congratulations to all of you and to those who prepared you for it.

As we continue to joyously celebrate Christ's new life in us, may our hearts also be opened to the presence of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost (June 12th).

Peace in the risen Lord,
Fr. Jim

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.

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.

Market Day - Orders due Friday, June 10th and pickup is on Friday, June 17th. 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.

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.

Memorial Day Celebrations

Monday - May 30, 2011
St. Florian Parish
 8:15 AM Mass

Holy Cross Cemetery
 Field Mass - 10:30 AM
 Celebrant
 Most Rev. Francis J. Kane
 Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago



Respect Your Flag - Important Things to Remember

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render military salute.

Display the U.S. flag on all days but especially on national and State holidays and other days that may be proclaimed by the President of the United States. On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag should be half staffed until noon.

The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, during school days in or near every schoolhouse, and in or near every polling place on election days.

Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.

Never in any way should any disrespect be shown to the U.S. flag.

When the U.S. flag in in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS**May 21/22, 2011**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,925.00
Loose	\$ 427.39
Energy Assistance	\$ 106.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,458.39
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 108.00
Maintenance	\$ 288.00
Children's Offering	\$ 55.50
Votives	\$ 73.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$135.00

Our Poor Boxes are still with us—and so are our needs. We are trying to put the Gospel into action in our lives. We are grateful to be of service to you and your family.

Life Line Health Screening Coming to St. Florian -

Affordable non-invasive health screenings will be offered on Thursday, June 16th, in Konsowski Hall. These screenings scan for health issues related to blocked arteries, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation, and osteoporosis. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

Any Green Thumbs Available??? Can you spare some time to come out occasionally to trim bushes, pull weeds, plant flowers and generally spruce up the parish grounds after a long winter? Please call the rectory (773-646-4877) and let us know if can help!



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. Mat-
thew R. McGivney, U.S. Army - Cpl Kristin Pala, U.S. Ma-
rine Corps - Capt. 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 Al-
len 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 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 27	School Picnic (Gym / Outdoors)
May 30	Memorial Day - 8:15 AM Mass School/Rectory Office Closed
June 2	8th Grade Graduation—7PM Mass
June 3	Kdg. Graduation - 8:15 Mass
June 6	School Planning Mtg. (KH) 6:30

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 this weekend (May 21/22) or during the week at the Rectory. Thank you for helping defend life.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 3 PM at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL. Couples married in 1960 interested in attending this celebration should call the rectory to register (773/646-4877).

Daughters of Isabella Circle 859 will meet on Tues., June 7, at 1PM at the St. Columba Social Center. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will be served after the meeting. The next meeting will be September 6. Have a safe and happy summer.

An Evening of Spiritual Reflection at St. Kevin's - Join guest speaker Fr. Peter Kutch, on Fri., May 27, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Kevin's Parish. Fr. Kutch is a Capuchin-Franciscan of the province of St. Joseph and will present an inspirational reflection, "*Jesus Rose . . . So Should We*". Refreshments will be served afterwards. Call 773/721-2563 for more information.

May Crowning and Installation of our Lady of the New Millennium Statue - On Sunday, May 22 at 5PM, Cardinal George will join Bishop Melczek 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. All are invited for the installation ceremony.