

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of May 23/24

- 4:00 PM + Deceased Members of the Twardosz Family - Evelyn & Helen
 8:00 AM + Angeline Markowski - Family
 9:45 AM - 60th Wedding Anniversary of Chester & Frances Zakrzewski
 11:30 AM + Edward Renko - Wife

Monday, May 25

- 7:15 AM + All Veterans - P.L.A.V Post and Chapter #44

Tuesday, May 26

- 7:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Maria Chwal

Wednesday, May 27

- 7:15 AM + Ludwik Smaczny - Family

Thursday, May 28

- 7:15 AM + Denice Feltman - V. Michalik Family

Friday, May 29

- 8:15 AM + Sally Paravich - Family

Saturday, May 30

- 7:30 AM + Sally Cegielski - Family & Friends
 4:00 PM + Edward Borowski - Wife

Sunday, May 31

- 8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kubicki - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wojcik
 9:45 AM + Robert Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM + Ofelia Gonzales - Family

Week of May 24 - 30

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Edward Borowski - Wife

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Edward Borowski - Wife

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. Czarowski
 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 30

4:00 PM T. DeCook, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, May 31

8:00 AM G. Bonczek, B. Meyer, M. Elizalde
 9:45 AM C. Haro, J. Carllassare, 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension to Glory

In many dioceses, today is celebrated as the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity 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. Matthew's Gospel, which we hear today, includes a reference to the coming Spirit who will assist them in this mission.

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 been 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
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Memorial Day Celebrations

Monday - May 25, 2009

St. Florian Parish
7:15 AM Mass

Holy Cross Cemetery
Field Mass - 10:30 AM
Celebrant

Most Rev. John R. Gorman, D.D.



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 is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by

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 Trzuppek, 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.



FOLLOW ST. PAUL IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Faith Sharing will begin today, Sunday, May 24th, in Konsowski Hall after the 9:45 AM Mass. It will continue for the next five Sundays ending on Sunday, June 28th. All are welcome to join this faith sharing group!

HEARING SCRIPTURE

by Paul Turner

Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations, and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as Word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the Word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We'll hear the Word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine Word resounds in our assembly - heads up! And listen.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 25 - St. Bede, St. Gregory, & St. Mary Magdalene dé Pazzi

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

Tuesday - May 26 - St. Philip Neri

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

Wed. - May 27 - St. Augustine

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

Thursday - May 28

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

Friday - May 29

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

Sat. - May 30

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

Sunday - May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

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

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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LOGO

BINGO
Last Bingo of the year!
Sun., May 31st
Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30



Please note, there will be no Bingo today, May 24th due the Memorial Day Weekend. Thank you for your support this past year!

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 Wed., June 3rd, before 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 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.



EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF THE WORD!
 COME AND EXPLORE AT **DISCOVERY CANYON**

Mark your calendars for
July 27 - July 31 from 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! Set in the rugged and majestic DISCOVERY CANYON, this VBS has something for everyone. This week of adventure will have kids crafting away in CAVERN crafts, running, jumping and playing GULLY games, singing a set of new tunes that ROCK and hearing the GOOD NEWS echo off the canyon walls!

This is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun. For more information or to register for VBS, come to the St. Florian Rectory office between the hours of 2:00PM and 8:00PM Monday through Thursday or call 773-646-4877 and leave a message.

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.

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.

*People may doubt
 what you say,
 but they will always believe
 what you do.*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS May 16/17	
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,564.00
Loose	\$ 525.26
Energy Assistance	\$ 43.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,132.26
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 169.00
Maintenance	\$ 88.00
Children's Offering	\$ 37.44
Votives	\$ 105.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$153.50

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Our Poor Boxes are still with us—and so are the 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.



50th Wedding Anniversary Mass: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 30th, at 3PM at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Couples married in 1959 who are interested in attending this celebration may contact

the rectory for information (646-4877). For further information call the Family Ministries at (312-534-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Catholic programs promote stronger marriages:

For Your Marriage (www.foryourmarriage.org) is a website sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to help strengthen marriages. The website offers information, communication skills, stories, anecdotes, advice, humor, spirituality and inspiration.

Retrouaille (www.retrouaille.org) is a weekend program followed by 6-12 sessions during the next three months. The program is designed for couples who feel as if the love in their marriage is dying. They learn new ways to communicate and new ways to re-discover the love between them.

Christian Family Movement (www.cfm.org) is a national organization consisting of small groups of Catholic couples in parishes or neighborhoods. They meet in homes or at the parish for discussion, and action programs that reinforce Christian values.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

(www.wmmechicago-gary.org) - It's time to graduate from a good marriage to a great marriage! Find out by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Experience spring in your relationship! The next weekends are June 5-7, Sept. 11-13, Nov. 6-8 or Dec. 4-6 For info or reservations, please consult our website or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442.3554. For Spanish weekends, call Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 25	Memorial Day - 7:15 a.m. Mass School/Rector 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
June 1	Parish Council (KH) 7:00
June 2	8th Grade Graduation (Church) 7PM
June 5	Last day of School / Summer Vacation
June 7	Holy Name Golf Outing—9AM Summertree - Crown Pt., IN
June 8	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
June 9	Golden Agers (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
June 10	Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
June 11	Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
June 12	Holy Name (PMR) Officers 6:30 Members 7:30

KevinFest 2009 - Kevin Fest flea market is fast approaching. Mark you calendars for June 6th, from 9AM to 2PM in the church parking lot at 10509 S. Torrence Ave. Tables are available for rent. Please call 773-721-2563 for more information.

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.

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 Pat-
rick 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.