

First Holy Communion

May 18, 2014

Abigail Adduci	Mia Miranda
Gael Arceo	Isella Perea
Nikko Arreguin	Natalie Quezada
Michael Benavente	Aaron Robles
Van Bensett	Evelyn Robles
Hugo Covarrubias	Erik Rojas
Lauren Drexler	Joslyn Salamanca
Daniel Elizalde	Elisya Salazar
Matthew Grabowski	Marco Salazar
Alexandra Juarez	Jake Sundwall
David Meduga	Miguel Trejo
Genesis Mendez	Andrea Villanueva

Joseph Zbinden

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, May 17 & 18**

4:00 PM + Evelyn Twardosz - Dan & Mary Lisek
 8:00 AM + Stanley Bonczek - Helen Lis
 9:45 AM + First Holy Communion
 11:30 AM + Humberto Martin Covarrubias - Family

Monday, May 19

7:30 AM + Carol Zajac - Gibson Family

Tuesday, May 20

7:30 AM + Carol Zajac - Family

Wednesday, May 21

7:30 AM + Freda Ciciora - Family

Thursday, May 22

7:30 AM + Carl Abram - Rita

Friday, May 23

8:00 AM + John Grodek - VFW #5414
 10:00 AM + Memorial Mass for Tony Lowery - Holy Name

Saturday, May 24

7:30 AM + William F. Hayes - Ron, Sue, Norah & Mickey
 4:00 PM + Evelyn Twardosz - Mary Blonski

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM + Joseph Ludwa - Family
 9:45 AM + Carl Abram - Alicia Davila
 11:30 AM + For the Parishioners

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May 2014**

4:00 PM

M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 R. Haney
 D. Karczewski

8:00 AM

C. Bozovic
 D. Ciciora
 K. Gibson
 N. Moll

9:45 AM

P. Haro
 O. Haro
 P. Maccagnano
 P. O'Rourke

11:30 AM

L. Jimenez
 R. Oseguera

Week of May 18 - May 24

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of

Mary Ann Miceli - Bob Noland Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Mary Ann Miceli - Bob Noland Family

READERS**May 2014**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, May 24**

4:00 PM J. Laskowiecki, N. Meduga, A. Komosa

SUNDAY, May 25

8:00 AM T. Meyer, S. Meyer, J. Kelly
 9:45 AM A. Shea, D. Shea, R. Dejanovich
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, A. Villanueva

USHERS**May 2014**

4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Adduci,
 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, T. Baker,
 M. Gasior
 11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez,
 M. Suarez, R. Ortiz

We pray for...



Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Adrienne Bonczek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Irma Bulatovich, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Otilia Haro, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, Charlene Jones, Edward Kawa, Larry Kawa, Ron Keene, Karen Kil, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Helen Larson, John Larson, Beth Lassetter, Thomas J. Lohr, Katharina Makara, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Maria Tokarz, Chestine Trzupek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, Chris Wopinski, Stanley Wrona, Sr., Melissa Young, 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.

**Anyone interested in renting
Konsowski Hall, please call the
rectory for more information.**

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 19

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

Tuesday - May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

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

Wednesday - May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

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

Thursday - May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

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

Friday - May 23

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

Saturday - May 24

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

Sunday - May 25 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Reading II 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel John 17:1-11a



2014 Mass Book

There are more than 100 Masses left for this year. We need these filled before

we can open the 2015 book. Please stop by the rectory to reserve your Masses.

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.

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St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II has been given the feast day of October 22. St. Florian will Celebrate his first feast day with a Mass at 6:30pm.

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

Congratulations Alumni! *Dean's List*

Congratulations to Miranda Elizalde on making the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List during the Fall 2013 semester at Roosevelt University.

Market Day

Orders are due by June 6, 2014 and can be picked up on Friday, June 13th in the school gymnasium from 10-11am. Profits earned from last month's Market Day were \$64.57.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wednesday, June 4th at 8:00am.

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 multi-cultural 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.

Baptismal Bibs

We are in need of someone that would be able to make bibs to use when we baptize babies.

The pattern is very simple. We supply all the material and thread, etc.

Your help would be greatly appreciated! If you would be able to help or have questions please call the rectory at (773) 646-4877. Leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

Thank you for considering this.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

May 10 & 11, 2014

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,382.00
Loose	\$ 484.17
Votives	\$ 156.60
Actual Received	\$ 3,022.77
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$ 4,500.00
Deficit	-\$ 1,477.23

Mother's Day	\$ 776.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 716.98
Energy	\$ 436.00
Maintenance	\$ 134.00
Building Improvement	\$ 95.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$97.00

Important Notice for Summer - Usually, when you see this headline, you know it means a shorter schedule. That's not the case with your St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be around during the summer months

May 2014 Book Rack Selection

Gratefulness The House of Prayer
by Brother David Steindahl-Rast, OSB

Courage To Be Chaste by Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR

Autumn Gospel by Kathleen Fischer

Deacon at Mass by William T. Dietwig

Healing God's People Edited by Thomas A. Kane, CSP

Eucharist by Joseph M. Champlin

Show Us Your Mercy and Love by Justin Rigali



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 19	Young at Heart (KH)	1:00pm
May 19	Faith Sharing (Rec)	1:00pm
May 25	Holy Name Golf Outing	
	Turkey Creek - Merrillville IN	9:00am
May 26	School & Rectory Closed	
May 27	Pantry Setup (KH)	9:00am
May 28	Big Pantry (KH)	3:30pm
June 8	Holy Name Golf Outing	
	Oak Knoll - Crown Point IN	8:00am

Don't forget to put your e-mail address on your envelope.

You only need to do this once. If you have already submitted your e-mail address, you do not need to do it again.

Please pray for our Service Members:



- Eugene Zmija, U.S Air Force
- SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - Sgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy
- Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, US 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, US Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, US.Army - PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army - PVT David Cook, US Army - Petty Officer Second Class Laura A Tomczak, 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 - Sgt. Ernest Silva, U.S. Marine Corps - Jonathan Daniel Ladowski, U.S. Marine Corps.

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

Year of Strong Catholic Parents

July 2013 - June 2014



Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

Witness

While driving on the expressway, a driver cut me off. Impulsively, I voiced my opinion of his character. Suddenly from the back seat, my two-year-old daughter repeated the nasty word I'd just spoken. I was shocked to realize just how closely my daughter was watching me.



Before I despaired over all the iffy behaviors I'd exhibited in front of her, I decided to focus on the good behaviors I had modeled: praying before meals, speaking respectfully to her mother, singing enthusiastically at Mass, helping our elderly neighbor with yard work, readily forgiving others in the family, and speaking respectfully of people of other races and faiths. Every parent makes an occasional blunder in front of his or her child. But what positive values are you displaying day in and day out?

—Tom McGrath

Criando hijos creyentes • una palabra a la vez

Testimonio

Mientras conducía por la autopista, un conductor me cortó el paso. Expresé mi opinión sobre su conducta impulsivamente. De pronto, mi hija de dos años repitió desde el asiento trasero la horrible palabra que yo acababa de decir. Quedé impresionado al darme cuenta cuán de cerca me observaba mi hija.



Antes de desesperarme por todos los comportamientos dudosos que había mostrado frente a mi hija, decidí concentrarme en los comportamientos positivos que le había demostrado: rezar antes de las comidas, hablarle a su madre con respeto, cantar con entusiasmo en la misa, ayudar a nuestro vecino de edad avanzada con el trabajo del jardín, estar siempre dispuesto a perdonar a otros miembros de la familia y hablar con respeto de las personas de otras razas y creencias religiosas. Todos los padres de familia cometen algún error frente a sus hijos. Pero, ¿qué valores positivos muestra usted día a día?

—Tom McGrath

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MISSION STATEMENT of ST. FLORIAN PARISH

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 community 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
- 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.

Worship

- Altar Servers
- Choirs, Cantors & Musicians
- Ministers of Communion
- Liturgy Committee
- Ministry of Care
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ministry of Lectors
- Faith Sharing Groups
- Ushers & Greeters
- Bible Study

Education and Adult Formation

- Elementary School
(Pre-K through 8th)
- Baptismal Preparation
- R.C.I.A.
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Religious Education
- Vacation Bible School
- Evangelization Committee

Service

- Garden Club
- Finance Council
- St. Vincent de Paul

Parish/School Organizations

- Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Parents' Club
- Ladies Rosary Sodality
- Young at Heart
- Athletic Association

Mission Statement of St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council

St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who work together with the pastor to act as a consultative body for the parish. Our mission is to build a prayerful, evangelizing and welcoming spirit for the benefit of the faith community.

Memorials And Gifts of Remembrance

You may remember your deceased loved ones in the following ways:

	Donation	
<u>Daily Masses</u>	\$ 10	
<u>Tree of Life</u>	Gold Leaf	\$ 100
	Small Stone	\$ 500
	Large Stone	\$1,000
<u>The Tabernacle Candle</u>		
will be lit in memory of . . .	\$ 10	
<u>The Gifts of Bread and Wine</u>		
are donated in memory of . . .	\$ 15	

Please remember St. Florian Parish in your estate planning

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TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE

Whether visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, we Thank God for you.

If you are not registered, or there is a change in your address, or telephone number, please fill out the form and place it in one of our collection baskets or mail it to the Rectory

Thank You

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please Check One:

New Parishioner New Phone Number

New Address Moving, Remove

from Register