

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Weekend of February 6/7**

4:00 PM + Elaine Boganski - Barbara Anderson  
 8:00 AM + John Noworyta - Barbara Anderson & Mary Ann Piaskowy  
 9:45 AM + Walter Kantowski - Young at Heart  
 11:30 AM + Esperanza Cambron - Daughter

**Monday, February 8**

7:15 AM + Sandra Blazak - Helen Lis

**Tuesday, February 9**

7:15 AM + Pete Orzelski - Barb Anderson & Maryann Piaskowy

**Wednesday, February 10**

7:15 AM + Eugene Mezydlo - Edna Lucas

**Thursday, February 11**

7:15 AM + Eugene Kupiec - Mary Lou Zurawski

**Friday, February 12**

8:15 AM + Walter & Sophie Brandys - Family

**Saturday, February 13**

7:30 AM + Emily Poradzisz - Lorraine Karcinski  
 4:00 PM + Ben & Mary Blaszak - Edward & Barbara Blaszak

**Sunday, February 14**

8:00 AM + Virginia Majewski - Young at Heart  
 9:45 AM + Alex Rzonca - Family  
 11:30 AM + Roberta Lopez - Daughter

**Week of February 7 - February 13**

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of  
 Peter Orzelski - Friends & Family

**LECTORS****February, 2010**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek  
 8:00 AM A. Simmons  
 9:45 AM K. Gibson  
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

**ALTAR SERVERS****SATURDAY, February 13**

4:00 PM E. Echevarria, K. Mallee, J. O'Keefe

**SUNDAY, February 14**

8:00 AM T. DeCook, D. Ranos, N. Mooney  
 9:45 AM C. Haro, V. Velasco, H. Walsh  
 11:30 AM S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****February, 2010**

4:00 PM

L. Morse  
 B. Frjelich  
 R. Abram  
 M. Cowperthwaite  
 M. Piaskowy  
 C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

S. Jezior  
 J. Gibbons  
 E. Podsiadlik  
 B. Peak  
 N. Moll  
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

P. Maccagnano  
 C. Michalik  
 C. Malone  
 P. O'Rourke  
 K. Gibson  
 D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

O. Cruz  
 A. Davila

**USHERS****February, 2010**

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite,  
 P. Krasinski, 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,  
 T. Baker,

11:30 AM

M. Gasior, M. Aducci  
 T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,  
 S. Gonzalez



## Come Home to the Catholic Church

*they left everything and followed him*

The Gospel for today tells the story of how knowing Jesus and listening to his word has the power to change a life (Luke 5:1-11). In the Gospel we hear about the exhausted disciples, who after a full night of hard work caught nothing. We imagine their disbelief when Jesus tells them to go out fishing again and their astonishment with a huge catch of fish. In this moment, Simon Peter saw his life of sinfulness and the experience changed him forever.

Jesus' words had power to transform people in his lifetime and still the Word of God continues to transform lives for those who read, pray and study the Scriptures. Have you ever wondered about the origins of the Bible? Maybe you heard the line in one of the Catholics Come Home TV ads: "Guided by the Holy Spirit, we compiled the Bible."

The Bible as we know it today really began with the life and teachings of Jesus. The earliest followers of Jesus passed along stories by word-of-mouth and then later, they were written down by these people of faith. Pope Damasus (366-384 C.E.) listed the books of today's canon, which was repeated by Pope Innocent I in 405 C.E. Then, in 393 E.C. the Council of Hippo created the list of the Old and New Testament books, which is the same as the Roman Catholic Church lists today. Through the Council of Florence in 1441 we receive the definitive list of canonical books.

From the life of Jesus, to repeated stories to the written books of the Bible, the Word of God reaches us today. With Lent coming soon, find the time to read the Gospel of Luke and get to know Jesus better. His words still hold the power to change a life.



### Burning of Palms

**Tuesday, Feb. 16 8:15 a.m. in the courtyard**

You may bring your old palms and place them in the basket in back of church. Please make sure there are no ribbons, rubber bands or plastic bags as we are not able to burn anything but the blessed palms.

### **Ash Wednesday February 17**

**Mass (English) 8:15 AM** followed by confessions  
**Prayer Services (in English)** followed by  
confessions are as follows:

12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

**Mass (Spanish)** at 7:00 p.m.

Please Note: During the 3:30 Prayer Service, ashes will be given out both in Spanish and English.

### **The Color Purple**

Purple was the color of royalty at the time of Christ. While mocking Jesus as "King of the Jews," the Roman soldiers "clothed him in a purple cloak" and crowned him with thorns (Mark 15:16-19).

Through the ages the Church has associated purple with penance. As human beings we need visible reminders of our spiritual attitudes, especially during Lent. Thus, priests wear purple vestments to remind us that Lent is a penitential season.

### **Small Group Faith Sharing Begins Next Week**

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, is fast approaching. Our Faith Sharing Groups are offering the time and place to reconnect and share our faith with a renewed purpose and meaning. All the groups are open to those who are parishioners and those who have benefited from Catholics Come Home. All are welcome to join one of these groups to rediscover the value of our faith. Each group will meet weekly throughout Lent. Here is a rundown of the beginning dates, times, and where it will take place:

Thursday, Feb. 11	(in Spanish) Parish Meeting Room (KH—2nd fl) at 6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 14	Konsowski Hall after the 9:45 AM Mass
Monday, Feb. 15	Konsowski Hall at 1:00 PM and also at 7:00 PM at the Rectory
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Rectory at 7:00 PM

The Monday 1:00 group in Konsowski Hall will discuss how we can awaken our faith this Lent. The Sunday morning group and the evening groups on Monday and Tuesday will use the Discipleship Series that is geared for people with busy lives but open hearts. It begins with the question, "Who is my Neighbor?" and ends with "Whoever Loses His Life for My Sake." The Thursday evening group (in Spanish) will use Daybreak (Un Nuevo Comienzo). Each group will meet six times. We hope that many of you take advantage of these small group faith sharing sessions.

If there are any questions about the groups, don't be afraid to see or call me.

Fr. Jim

## We pray for . . .



Helen Golden, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, Helen Kasper, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzupsek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, 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, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Christen White, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Ed Ronczy, Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, 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 - Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

Reading 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13  
Gospel Mark 6:53-56

### Tuesday - Feb. 9

Reading 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30  
Gospel Mark 7:1-13

### Wed. - Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica

Reading 1 Kings 10:1-10  
Gospel Mark 7: 14-23

### Thursday - Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Reading 1 Kings 11:4-13  
Gospel Mark 7:24-30

### Friday - Feb. 12

Reading 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19  
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

### Sat. - Feb 13

Reading 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Gospel Mark 8:1-10

### Sunday Feb. 14 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 17:5-8  
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

## In Remembrance . . .

Gladys Piaskowy

January 18, 2010

### Preparing Before Lent Begins

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. "What does God want to give me this year?" This question may require that I slow down a bit and listen to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We can give God more of a space to touch our hearts if we begin to establish some simple patterns. We could wake up each morning, and for something like a half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps we need to ask for specific helps or graces to get ready to begin Lent. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before I go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.

Taken from the *Praying Lent* pages of Creighton, University Online Ministries

### 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.

# 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  
 in the gym  
 at 131st & Houston

**Sponsors Needed for our Monthly Tuition Raffle!!!**

Each month school families are offered an opportunity to win a free month's tuition by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each.

If you would like to sponsor a monthly raffle, or know of someone that would like to sponsor a month, please notify the school office at 773/646-2868.

**January's Raffle Sponsor -**  
*Patricia K. Mosser - Alumni*


**February Raffle Sponsor -**  
*George L. Tamvakis, Ltd.*

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., March 3, by 8 AM.

**Market Day** - Orders due Friday, Feb. 12th and pick up is on Friday, Feb. 19, from 2-3PM. Profits earned last month: \$124.08. Buy three times and earn a free Mite 'n Mighty Stool. Details on order form. Thank you for your support!

**Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!**

**Mother McCauley:**  
 Kaila Morin, Natalia Szyller



**Go Blazers!!!!**


**ST. FLORIAN ALUMNI  
 Men's Basketball Tournament  
 & Women's Alumni Volleyball**

All Classes Welcome 1960's - 2009

*Start getting your teams together!*

Games will begin March 15 and Championship Night is March 26. Refreshments, food and M.V.P. awards will be available. \$30.00 per player. For more information, please call the school at 773-646-2868, Ken at 773-243-9548 or Steve at 773-646-0933.

*Sponsored by St. Florian Athletic Association*




**“WINDY CITY WRESTLING “**  
 is coming to our St. Florian Gymnasium!  
**Saturday, February 20th**

**Doors open at 6:30 PM**  
**Show begins at 7:30 PM**

Tickets prices as follows:

\$15.00 front row ringside  
 \$10.00 ringside/floor  
 \$7.00 bleachers



Tickets available at the school office.  
 Call 773/646-2868 for further information.

**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.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS****Jan. 30/31, 2010**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,288.00
Loose	\$ 520.00
Energy Assistance	\$ 44.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,852.00
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 81.00
Maintenance	\$ 47.00
Children's Offering	\$ 48.51

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$102.51**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** We have received so much from the good Lord that we wish to encourage others to experience His love for them through our ministry of assistance.

**Cursillo de Christiandad** (A Retreat for Spanish speaking Catholic Ladies) will be held on Feb. 11th through Feb. 14th at 1445 S. Hoffman St., Hammond, IN. For more information call Rev. Eduardo Malagón, Spiritual Director at 219-962-8626, Maria Czarobski at 773-731-2581 or José Del Real at 708-289-8772.

**Cursillistas** (Se les invita a un Cursillo Católico para mujeres) Del 11 al 14 de febrero de 2010. Lugar: 1445 S. Hoffman St., Hammond, IN. Para información llamar al: Rev. Eduardo Malagón, Director Espiritual. Tel. (219) 962-8626 ó con Maria Czarobski (773) 731-2581 José Del Real (708) 289-8772.

**Iglesia San Florian**
**Invitación a la Misión Parroquial  
Proclamador: Padre Alejandro Marca**

Domingo, 07 de Marzo, 2010  
(durante la misa de 11:30 a.m.)  
Lunes, 08 de Marzo, 2010  
a Miércoles, 10 de Marzo, 2010  
Horario: 7:00 p.m.

***"Un amor que puedes compartir"***

Temas:

1. "El Principio"
2. "El Buque del Amor"
3. "Un Manto de Amor"
4. "Amor Inagotable"

**Paczkowy Bal (Doughnut Dance) at St. Andrew's** — Come dance to the sounds of Gerry Tarka's Midwest Sounds on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 11 PM in the gym at St. Andrew's Parish in Calumet City. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Polish food and Paczki available for purchase. Call 708/862-4165 for tickets or information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Feb. 7	Annual School Fund Collection Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Feb. 8	Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Feb. 9	Parent/Teacher Club Mtg. (PMR) 6:30 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00 Youth Group (KH) 7:00
Feb. 10	Evangelization (KH) 6:00 PM
Feb. 11	Scouts (KH) 6:00 Liturgy Meeting (Rectory) 6:00 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00 Choir (Church) 6:30
Feb. 12	Holy Name Society (PMR)
Feb. 14	Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45 AM Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30


**COME JOIN THE  
ST. FLORIAN CHOIR!**

If you would like to join the choir, please call the rectory at 773-646-4877 or Judy at 773-646-4773. Practices will continue on February 11th and 25th at 6:30 p.m.

**'Til Death Do Us Part - Late Nite Catechism 3** - Annunciata Church will host the presentation of 'Til Death Do Us Part on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and will include dinner (cash bar) following the performance.

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. 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, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force

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