

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of February 11/12

- 4:00 PM + Helen Zurawski -Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frjelich
 8:00 AM + Phillip Harris - Vasquez Family
 9:45 AM + Daniel Stevens - Mr. & Mrs. Kozyra
 11:30 AM + Roberto Lopez - Daughter

Monday, February 13

- 7:15 AM + George Shideler - Mary Ann Miceli

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:15 AM + Jean Twardosz - Family

Wednesday, February 15

- 7:15 AM + Ernest Wesolek - Sister, Arlene

Thursday, February 16

- 7:15 AM + Joe Zielinski - Drosos Family

Friday, February 17

- 8:15 AM + Christine Michalik- Peg Gadus

Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 AM + Laura Copozzo - Dr. & Mrs. Novak
 4:00 PM + Irene Zielinski - Family

Sunday February 19

- 8:00 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife
 9:45 AM + Stella Jasek - Maccagnano Family
 11:30 AM + Raquel Chavez - Family

Wedding Bann:

Steven Vasquez & Melissa Almanza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS February 2012

4:00 PM

J. Gibbons
 B. Frjelich
 A. Bonczek
 M. Cowperthwaite
 R. Haney
 L. Szefc

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
 I. Jimenez

Week of February 12 - February 13

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

READERS

February 2012

4:00 PM L. Morse
 8:00 AM K. Gibson
 9:45 AM D. Karczewski
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, February 18

4:00 PM M. Bensett, N. Mooney, D. Gackowski

SUNDAY, February 19

8:00 AM R. Robles, D Robles, B. Echevarria
 9:45 AM R. Rodriguez, D. Ranos, A. Shea
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

USHERS

February 2012

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, J. Young

9:45 AM

E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,

11:30 AM

T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci
 R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
 M. Suarez



Ash Wednesday
February 22nd
(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Mass: (English) 8:15 AM followed by confessions

Prayer Services: (in English) followed by confessions
 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

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

Please Note: During the 3:00 Prayer Service, ashes will be given out both in Spanish and English.

Burning of Palms

Tuesday, February 21st
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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 3:00 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM—3:30 PM

Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction

Saturdays during Lent at 3:30 PM

WELCOME TO...

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners in **Living the Eucharist**, an exciting new parish-based spiritual renewal experience.

Meet once a week during Lent with our Faith Sharing Groups which meet at the rectory on Monday afternoons at 1PM and Monday & Tuesday evenings at 7PM. A Spanish group also meets on Thursday at 6PM.

It is open to all of our parishioners and it is highly recommended for all of our liturgical ministers to participate in.

The Lenten series includes the following topics:

- 1) Bread and Wine in a Season of Fasting
- 2) The Presence of Christ in the Assembly
- 3) Eucharist: Meal or Sacrifice?
- 4) The Amazing Work of the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy
- 5) Full Conscious, Active Participation
- 6) Entering in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ

Make every effort to participate in this special series. It's a great way to meet with other parishioners and deepen our faith during the season of Lent.

Vive la Eucaristía

Te invitamos a unirte a los demás fieles en Vive la Eucaristía, una nueva experiencia dinámica de renovación espiritual para la parroquia.

La reunión es una vez a la semana durante la Cuaresma con nuestros gupos Compartiendo la Fe los cuales se reúnen en la rectoría los Lunes a la 1:00 p.m. Los Lunes y Martes a las 7:00 p.m. y los Jueves a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón Konsowski. Aprenden más acerca de los ritos y símbolos de la misa. Profundizar en tu fe católica.

Fortalecer a tu familia y comunidad de fe.
 Vivir más lentamente como un discípulo de Jesús cada día.



Be a part of a group just for young people

Our Eucharist is central to our identity as Catholics. But our understanding and experience may be less than it should be. Mass may be like watching a movie but not getting the plot. Sometimes we feel like something important just went 'over our heads'.

'Living the Eucharist' is about helping us to understand and celebrate the story of the Eucharist and merging that Story with our story. Living the Eucharist helps us watch the movie and not miss the plot. Our stories are shared with each other as we grow in our own spirituality.

Our teens and young adult 'Living the Eucharist' program will begin on Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 in Konsowski Hall. Join us as we meet once a week to watch a short video and discuss how to grow closer to God in the Eucharistic.

There will be refreshments!!!

May your experience of Living the Eucharist be FUN and may you grow in the love of the Eucharist!!

We pray for . . .



Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, 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 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, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Barbara O'Leary, Brenna Elizabeth Biedron, Bob Frjelic, Tom Best, Charlene Jones, 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. 13

Reading James 1:1-11

Gospel Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday - Feb. 14 - St. Cyril & Methodius

Reading James 1:12-18

Gospel Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday - Feb. 15

Reading James 1:19-27

Gospel Mark 8:22-26

Thurs.- Feb. 16

Reading James 2:1-9

Gospel Mark 8:27-33

Friday - Feb. 17 - Seven Holy Founders

Reading James 2:14-24, 26

Gospel Mark 8:34—9:1

Saturday - Feb. 18

Reading James 3:1-10

Gospel Mark 9:2-13

Sunday Feb. 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Reading II 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

In Remembrance

Estelle F. Bednar

February 4, 2012

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



2012 Mass Book

Please stop by the rectory to make arrangements for mass intentions in memory of your family members or friends.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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




BINGO
Every Sunday!
Doors open at 1:30 Games at 2:30

BINGO

SUPER RAFFLE
BINGO BASH!

*(Our last Super Bingo
this school year — don't miss it!)*

Sunday - March 4, 2012
DOORS OPEN AT NOON
GAMES START AT 1:30PM
11:30 AM admittance with your ticket.

**\$25 admission includes your set-up
and luncheon buffet "Catered by Jimboo's"
(served from 12:00-1:30)**

RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES, AND MORE!
\$500 COVERALL

Call the school office (773-646-2868) or
stop in during school hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
to purchase your tickets.

ONLY 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE!
Join us for a great afternoon!



**Join us for a
Play Group
at St. Florian School!**

Beginning Feb. 15, 2012

What: "Play Group"
Who: Any mom or dad with a
2, 3, or 4 year old child
When: Wednesday's from 9:30AM-10:30AM
Where: St. Florian School
Cost: Free


St. Florian School would like to begin a "Play Group".
This is an opportunity for your child to socialize with
other children, and for you to begin networking with
other parents.

**PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE
TO REGISTER AND LET US KNOW
YOU ARE COMING: 773-646-2868**

Que: **"Grupo de Juegos"**
Quien: Todo papá o mamá que tengan hijos
de 2, 3, o 4 años.
Cuando: Los miércoles, de las 9:30am
hasta las 10:30am.
Donde: En la escuela San Florian.
Costo: Gratis.

A la escuela San Florian le gustaría formar un
"Grupo de Juegos". Esta es una oportunidad
para que sus hijos socialicen con otros niños
y para que ustedes comiencen a conectarse
con otros padres de familia.

**POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARA
LA REGISTRACION. LA PRIMERA FECHA
PARA LA REUNION DEL "GRUPO DE JUE-
GOS" SERA EL MIERCOLES FEBRERO 15
DE 2012. POR FAVOR LLAMAR ANTES DE
TIEMPO PARA QUE SEPAMOS SI USTED
VIENE. 773-646-2868.**



**IT'S BUNCO NIGHT
AT ST. FLORIAN!!!**

Saturday, February 25, 2012
(in the gymnasium—sponsored by St. Florian Parents Club)
Doors open 5:30 PM - Game starts at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 (advance sales only)
available at the school office (773/646-2868).
Ticket price includes dinner, dessert, 1 drink & game
For further info. Call Saira at 773/382-0090
or Ernestina at 773/405-3373.

All proceeds support St. Florian School & Parents Club

Aluminum Can Recycling - Please bring
your aluminum cans to the school parking lot
on Wed., March 7, by 8 AM.

Market Day - Pickup is on Friday, Feb. 17th. Profits
earned last month: \$60.65. Thanks for your support!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS**February 4/5, 2012**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,946.00
Loose	\$ 335.47
Energy	\$ 247.00
Children's Offering	\$ 57.45
Maintenance	\$ 227.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 98.00
Votives	\$ 86.00
Aunt Martha's Rent	\$4,541.92

Christmas Offering Report:

We are thankful for the generous response this past Christmas season — total offerings were \$18,585. Generous donations were also received from our Young at Heart Society, Knights of Columbus and Sukta Post #5414 VFW. Offerings for Christmas flowers amounted to \$1,228. Thank you for your constant support!

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$119.00

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to provide our food. The majority of us receive sufficient food. Others do not. We can be our Father's instrument by providing "bread" for the needy. You do this by your contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.

Winter Festival at St. John the Baptist - Friday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 19 Weekend activities include Latin Nite, Seniors Afternoon, Slovak ethnic food, DJ, raffle, children's game room, talent show, arts & crafts, silent auction and so much more. Call 219/659-0023 for more information. Chicken Dinner on Sunday — tickets \$12 each must be pre-purchased - call 219-659-3041 for tickets.

Vocations News - In today's second reading Paul's instructions are brief but powerful. "...whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Have you ever thought of a life in ministry devoted to the Lord? For information about priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org and go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For info on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu.

Food for Thought . . .

- A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing your eyesight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 12	Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
Feb. 13	Parents Club (PMR) 6:30 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Feb. 14	VFW (KH) 5:00 Youth Group (KH) 7:00
Feb. 15	Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00 Evangelization (KH) 6:00
Feb. 16	Faith Sharing (KH) 6:00 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Feb. 17	Market Day (Gym) 2:00
Feb. 19	Living the Eucharist—Youth Gathering (KH) 12:30 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
Feb. 20	Presidents Day—No School Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Feb. 21	Palm Burning (Courtyard) 8:15 Daisies (KH) 4:30 School Advisory Board (KH) 6:30

Note of Thanks from CCHD:

"The continuous generosity you extend to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection is deeply appreciated. To date, almost 90% of parishes contributed to this year's collection. St. Florian is part of this remarkable generosity having contributed \$950. On behalf of all those whose lives you touch through your kindness may our God of justice bless you abundantly."

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 - Cpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - Lt. Comdr. 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.