

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of February 18/19

- 4:00 PM + Irene Zielinski - Family
 8:00 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife
 9:45 AM + Stella Jasek - Maccagnano Family
 11:30 AM + Raquel Chavez - Family

Monday, February 20

- 7:15 AM + Christine Michalik - Cindy Malone

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:15 AM + Rose Greskowiak - Daughters

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 AM + Helen Malewicki Stroberg - Ed & Carolyn Malewicki
 7:00 PM - For the Parishioners

Thursday, February 23

- 7:15 AM + Ed & Anne Kotulski - Joseph & Barbara Boberek

Friday, February 24

- 8:15 AM - Joseph & Barbara Boberek - 50th Wedding Anniversary
 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

- 7:30 AM + Purgatorial Society
 1:30 PM + Steven Vasquez & Melissa Almanza - Wedding
 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction
 4:00 PM + Mary Ann Piaskowy - Dolores Campagnolo

Sunday February 26

- 8:00 AM + Laura Copozzo - Dr. Joe & Adaline Nowak
 9:45 AM + Susan Lenart (3rd Anniv) - Family
 11:30 AM + Maria Terraza - Rosa Gonzalez

Week of February 19 - February 25

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Helen Slusarczyk - Pat, Bob & Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Helen Slusarczyk - Pat, Bob, & 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. Szeffc

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

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 25

4:00 PM R. Robles, D. Robles, N. Mooney

SUNDAY, February 26

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, A. Villanueva, R. Rodriguez
 9:45 AM N. Meduga, K. Best, 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

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 unirse 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. 20

Reading James 3:13-18
Gospel Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday - Feb. 21

Reading James 4:1-10
Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday - Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday

Reading I Joel 2:12-18
Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Gospel Matthew 6:1-16, 16-18

Thurs.- Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gospel Luke 9:22-25

Friday - Feb. 24

Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a
Gospel Luke 9:14-15

Saturday - Feb. 25

Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

Sunday Feb. 26 - First Sunday of Lent

Reading I Genesis 9:8-15
Reading II 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Mark 1:12-15

In Remembrance

Mark Prokop

February 8, 2012

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you concerning a most serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced on January 20 that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has seemingly ignored the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics must be prepared either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens because of their religious beliefs. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. All that has been built up over so many years in our Catholic institutions should not be taken away by the stroke of an administrator’s pen. This order reduces the Church to a private club, destroying her public mission in society. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same.

Therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

A letter similar to this is being sent to their people by diocesan bishops around the country. I thank you for your consideration of this unprecedented challenge to religious liberty. You and your families are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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!**

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 - Order due Fri. Mar. 9th and pickup is on
Fri., Mar. 16th. Profits earned last month: \$60.65.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

We will publish our offering collection next week.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$116.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is the Gospel message in action. I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison. And you cared.

St. Kevin's Chili Fest - You are invited to the St. Kevin Church third annual Chili Fest which will take place on Saturday, February 18th at 10509 S. Torrence Ave. Doors open at 5PM and food will be served at 6PM. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 yrs. Music provided by DJ Ric. For more information please call the rectory at 773-721-2563.

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. 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. 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.

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Rose Janecek at 8:30AM on Monday, February 27th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 23 Scouts (PMR) 6:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 6:00
Feb. 25 Bunco Night (Gym) 5:00
Feb. 26 Living the Eucharist—Youth Gathering (KH) 12:30
Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
Feb. 27 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00
Feb. 28 Faith Sharing (KH) 7:00

The Origin of Paczki Paczki (pronounced "ponch-key") originated as a specialty dessert as Polish housewives would use-up various rich ingredients such as oil, sugar and flour before the beginning of Lent and the accompanying fast. Over time, they became a featured attraction at pre-Lenten zapusty" or festive carnival gatherings both in Poland as well as in Polish émigré communities throughout the world. They have become a special feature in Polish specialty shops, church festivals and in Polish homes on "Tusty Wtorek" (Fat Tuesday) the day before Ash Wednesday and the official beginning of Lent.

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST & ABSTINENCE

Fasting: All the faithful in good health from ages 18 to 59 years fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by limiting themselves to one full meal each day. On such fasting days, they may also take two smaller meals, but nothing between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Note of Thanks from Parents Club: Special thanks to all of our Vendors who gave generously to the pancake breakfast. It would not have been such a success without you. Please thank Baltimore Foods, Cabrales Auto, Chop Shop Hair Salon, Doreen's Pizza, Georgia's Tavern, GFS, Glenwood Oaks, Holy Name Society, Lansing Cinema, Meat by Lintz, Mary Kay, Pete's Fresh Market, Pudgy's Pizza, Schoops, Sheila Blanco, Steve's Lounge, Strack Van Til, Torrence Liquors, Walmart, Warsaw Inn, and YMCA. I would also like to thank all of you who donated your time and talent again. It would not have been such a success without all of you!!!! Lisa Dejanovich