

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of February 21/22

- 4:00 PM + Catherine Cap - Family
 8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kubicki - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wojcik
 9:45 AM + Helen Malewicki - Family
 11:30 AM + Roberto Lopez - Daughter

Monday, February 23

- 7:15 AM + Rina Rigoni - Sons & Daughters

Tuesday, February 24

- 7:15 AM + Stella Kwinta - Mr. & Mrs. Clem Gora

Wednesday, February 25 - Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 AM + Joseph Cygal - Richard & Judith Scanlan

- 7:00 PM + Deceased Parishioners of St. Florian

Thursday, February 26

- 7:15 AM + Don Betkowski - Susan White

Friday, February 27

- 8:15 AM + Pauline Pedersen - Eleanor Paszkewicz

- 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

- 7:30 AM + Helen Rudison - Mr. & Mrs. James Dutka

- 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction

- 4:00 PM + Rose Szczepanik - Robert & Andrea Meyers Family

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 AM + Evelyn Marszowski - Helen Aniol Family

- 9:45 AM + Richard Cholipski (Birthday Blessings) - Wife & Children

- 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of February 22 - February 28

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

Olga Pekala - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cowperthwaite

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of

Olga Pekala - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cowperthwaite

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March, 2009

4:00 PM

D. Karczewski
 B. Frjelic
 E. Boganski
 B. Peak
 M. Cowperthwaite
 M. Piaskowy

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 J. Gibbons
 S. White
 P. Gadus
 N. Moll
 C. Motkowicz

9:45 AM

C. Malone
 C. Michalik
 P. Maccagnano
 P. O'Rourke
 M. Czarowski
 K. Gibson

11:30 AM

R. Oseguera
 A. Davila

LECTORS

March, 2009

- 4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM R. Kopaczewski
 9:45 AM L. Morse
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, February 28

4:00 PM J. Lelo, B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria

SUNDAY, March 1

8:00 AM G. Bonczek, J. Carllassare, N. Mooney

9:45 AM D. Ranos, C. Haro, T. DeCook

11:30 AM M. Ortiz, M. Elizalde, B. Meyer

USHERS

March, 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

G. Villalobos, 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

LENT

Burning of Palm Branches for Ash Wednesday
Tuesday, Feb. 24
at 8:15 a.m. in the courtyard

Ash Wednesday
February 25, 2009
(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

8:15 a.m. Mass followed by confessions
 12:30 p.m. Prayer Service followed by confessions
 3:30 p.m. Prayer Service followed by confessions
 7:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish/English)

During the 3:30 Prayer Service and the 7:00 Mass, ashes will be given out both in Spanish and English.

Faith Sharing for Lent

All are welcome to join our faith sharing groups for Lent. The Lenten program is entitled "As I Have Loved You." Each session includes time for prayer, reflection, fellowship and service. Materials are concise and lively, and it is made for people with busy lives but open hearts. This is a great follow-up to all of you who attended "New Beginnings." The first session is named "Awakening: The Call of Jesus."

Faith Sharing Groups begin this week, Feb. 22, and continue through the week of March 29 as follows:

Sundays after 9:45 Mass	Konsowski Hall
Mondays at 1:00 PM	Konsowski Hall
Mondays at 7:00 PM	Rectory
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM	Rectory

We hope many of you come and join us.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 3:00 PM
 and Thursdays (March 5, March 29 and April 2) at 1:45 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM—3:30 PM

Lenten Prayer Service With Benediction

Saturdays during Lent at 3:30 PM

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.

BE IT RESOLVED . . .

The time honored disciplines of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be seen as resolutions to be carried out during Lent. Here are some thoughts to move us to action:

PRAYER

Resolve this Lent to pray. Avoid the excuse that there is no time for prayer. Each of us is called to communicate with God, but each person has his or her own favorite way of praying. Besides communicating with God as individuals, we are also called to communicate with God as a community of faith. That starts in the family and includes the church community.

FASTING

Resolve this Lent to fast. Fasting, going without food or something else for a period of time, is a way to put God first in our lives. Lent is a good time to think about how we serve God and others, either by doing something or by going without something.

ALMSGIVING

Resolve this Lent to remember the needy. We think of fasting as giving something up. Think of almsgiving as giving something back. Giving money to the poor has a long tradition. The early Church took care of the poor, the orphans, and the widows. This Lent, let us think of ways that we can help the poor, not by giving what we no longer want but by giving something that God has entrusted to us.

We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, John Noworyta, 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, Eugene Kupiec, Dorita De Cardona, Ed Kosmala, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Dolores Diaz, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Laseter, Chestine Trzupek, 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, Eugene Piekerczyk, Susan Lenart, 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.



In Remembrance . . .

Edward Walczak

February 17, 2009

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“He rose, picked up his mat at once and went away in the spirit of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this.’”

Mark 2:12

Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? He may not have to cure your paralysis if He has already given you the gift of mobility. But do we glorify and thank Him for such simple gifts as sight, and speech, and general health? Do we give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?

Fasting Satisfies Your Deepest Hunger

Pope Benedict XVI released this message of Catholics for Lent. He says: “Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being,” he said, “but for believers, it is, in the first place, a ‘therapy’ to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God.”

The pope sketched the tradition of fasting in our tradition, all the way back to the Garden of Eden—after all, God told Adam and Eve “not to eat” the prohibited fruit.

In the New Testament, he said, Jesus sheds light on the true motive for fasting; not simply a pharasaically scrupulous observance of the law, but to be enabled to do God’s will.

The pope also traced the tradition of fasting in the early Church, where it was recommended by Church Fathers and saints as a way to avoid sin and grow in intimacy with God through prayer.

“Denying material food which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by his saving word. Through prayer and fasting, we allow him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God,” he said.

At the same time, he said, fasting is a way to open our eyes to the plight of our poorer brothers and sisters.

“By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother and sister in need is not a stranger,” he said.

The pope urged parishes and “other communities” (families?) to make fasting a key part of their Lent.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR LENT

Monday - Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp

Reading Sirach 1:1-10
Gospel Mark 9: 14-29

Tuesday - Feb. 24

Reading Sirach 2:1-11
Gospel Mark 9: 30-37

Wed. - Feb. 25 - Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday - Feb. 26

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

Friday - Feb. 27

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

Sat. - Feb. 28

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

Sunday Mar. 1 - First Sunday of Lent

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

More Motivation to Fast and Pray this Lent

Pro-life supporters throughout the country will spend most of Lent praying and fasting to end abortion. The 40 Days for Life’s campaign runs Feb. 25 through April 5, and will involve prayer and fasting, along with community outreach programs in about 120 U.S. cities. Visit www.40daysforlife.com for information.

“SATURDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS”

In the spirit of Lent in eating less and giving to those in need, we will once again have our Simple Suppers in Konsowski Hall on the following Saturdays after the 4:00 PM Mass:
March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

The menu will include two kinds of soup, bread, a cookie, and a beverage.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a Simple Lenten Supper.
The suggested donation is \$5.00.

Watch next week’s bulletin for a menu of our delicious soups!



**St. Florian School
Happenings . . .**

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

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BINGO

Every Sunday
Doors open at 1:30
Games begin at 2:30
in the gym
at 131st & Houston



**Save General Mills, Tyson, Nestlé Pure Life Water,
& Campbell Soup Labels !**

The school continues to save:
General Mills “Box Tops for Education” coupons
Tyson Project A+ “Support Your School” labels
Campbell’s soup labels - Submit the UPC code with the Campbell Kid Logo next to the UPC located on back of label. Other Campbell products include Franco American, Prego, Nestle Pure Water labels and Pepperidge Farm.

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.

◆ Refreshments
◆ Souvenirs
◆ Audience Participation

**The Harlem Wizards are coming to town!
Tricks, Hoops & Alley Oops!**

**Monday - February 23, 2009
7:00 PM — St. Florian Gymnasium**
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Harlem Wizards vs. St. Florian All Stars

Tickets available
at the school office, rectory and after the weekend masses.

Advance Tickets \$12 / \$15 at the door
(availability not guaranteed)

(Presented by St. Florian Parents Club)



Be sure to join us for a fun-filled and entertaining basketball game starring the Wizards and St. Florian’s All Stars!!!

Limited Tickets Available!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Feb. 14/15	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,416.00
Loose	\$ 336.60
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Actual Received	\$3,902.60
(vs. Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 163.00
Maintenance	\$ 115.00
Children's Offering	\$ 24.12
Votives	\$ 138.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$81.84

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

SVDP St. Florian Pantry distribution day will be **Thurs. Feb. 26** (not Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25).

Coming Soon!

St. Florian Spring Brunch!!

We're gathering items for our raffle prizes this year. If you can help, we'd really appreciate donations of new and unused items for our raffle table and mystery booth. Items may be dropped off at the rectory Monday-Friday during business hours.



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 "Tłusty Wtorek" (Fat Tuesday) the day before Ash Wednesday and the official beginning of Lent.

St. Kevin's Announces a New Service - St. Kevin Bereavement Group is expanding its outreach services to those who grieve. This new addition is called "Acompañado en el Sufrimiento (Accompanied in Suffering). The first session will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the basement of the rectory. The sessions will run for six consecutive Tuesdays starting Feb. 24 through Mar. 31. These sessions are available at no charge and will be given in Spanish. Light refreshments will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 22 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Feb. 23 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Harlem Wizards (Gym) 7:00
- Feb. 24 Palm Burning (Ctyd.) 8:15 AM
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Feb. 28 Simple Supper (KH) 5:00
- Mar. 1 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
Ladies Rosary Sodality (KH) 1:30
- Mar. 2 Music Mtg. (Rectory) 9:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Parish Council (KH) 7:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

Come to the KC Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 28th! - If you like their Pancake Breakfast, then you'll love their Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will include Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Milk and "All-you-care-to-eat Spaghetti with Meat Sauce" for just \$7.00 per person, \$5.00 for kids 10 & under. The dinner will be on February 28th at the St. Columba Social Center from 4PM-7PM. Contact John Rydzewski at 708-841-1904 for more information

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. Comdr. 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 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, PFC 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.