

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Weekend of February 28/March 1

- 4:00 PM + Rose Szczepanik - Robert & Andrea Meyers Family  
 8:00 AM + Evelyn Marszowski - Helen Aniol Family  
 9:45 AM + Richard Cholipski (Birthday Blessings) - Wife & Children  
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

### Monday, March 2

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Virginia Majewski

### Tuesday, March 3

- 7:15 AM + Stella Kwinta - Henry Abram

### Wednesday, March 4

- 7:15 AM + Sally Slavik - Krencel Family

### Thursday, March 5

- 7:15 AM + Stanley Marcisz - Richard Marcisz  
 1:45 PM - Stations of the Cross

### Friday, March 6

- 8:15 AM + Franciszek Juszcak - Family  
 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 7

- 7:30 AM + Olga Pekala - Chris Wopinski  
 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction  
 4:00 PM + Walter P. & Mabel Zakrzewski - Family

### Sunday, March 8

- 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Sophie Urban  
 9:45 AM + Denice Feltman - St. Florian School Staff & Faculty  
 11:30 AM + Rebecca & Domingo Contreras - Rose Contreras

### Week of March 1 - March 7

**The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of**  
 Casimir Frystak (3rd Anniv.) - Family

**The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of**  
 Casimir Frystak (3rd Anniv.) - Family

### 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, March 7**

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, J. Carlassare, B. Meyer

#### **SUNDAY, March 8**

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, M. Elizalde  
 9:45 AM C. Haro, T. DeCook, J. Lelo  
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

### 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

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 3:00 PM  
 & Thursdays (March 5, March 19 and April 2)  
 at 1:45 PM

## Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM—3:30 PM

**Parish Reconciliation Service**  
 Wednesday, March 11th 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Prayer Service  
 With Benediction**  
 Saturdays during Lent at 3:30 PM

## Lenten Almsgiving

Our parish almsgiving for Lent will benefit the charitable works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. What we give up for Lent, we give in monetary form as our almsgiving. The St. Vincent de Paul boxes will be in more prominent places throughout the church during Lent. May all of us be faithful in our almsgiving throughout these forty days.

## Prayers and Petitions

During this season of Lent we ask you to offer your petitions by writing them down and placing them in one of the baskets located in the back of church. The petitions will be brought up at the Presentation of the Gifts at every Sunday Mass during Lent.

## RCIA Update: The Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election

This Sunday at the 9:45 Mass, our catechumens (those who are unbaptized and wish to become Catholic), Cynthia Bahorich and Briana Martin, will take part in the rite of election. This is the second major step of the catechumenate (the first being the rite of acceptance celebrated a month ago here at St. Florian).

The parish takes part in the rite of election by witnessing the catechumens sign their name in the Book of the Elect. Their sponsors now assume the role of godparents and give them testimony about the catechumens' attitude, example and readiness conducted in a question and answer form. By entering their names in the Book of the Elect, the catechumens state their intention to complete their formation. In this Rite of Sending, we as a parish family, send them to the bishop where he receives their witness and declares the catechumens, "the elect". By "elect" the church means Cynthia and Briana are to be remembered among God's chosen people. Bishop Francis Kane will preside at the Rite of Election at the chapel of St. Rita High School. (Normally this rite takes place at Holy Name Cathedral. Due to the recent fire all the ceremonies for the Rite of Election have been moved to St. Rita.)

After the ceremony, the Book of the Elect is returned to the parish and displayed in front of the statue of St. Florian. The next step for our Elect will be the scrutinies on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. May our Lenten prayer include the elect with their godparents.

### 1st Sunday of Lent

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God . . ."* Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

### 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.

### 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 Trzuppek, 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.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR LENT

#### Monday - Mar. 2

Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

#### Tuesday - Mar. 3 - St. Katherine Drexel

Reading Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Gospel Matthew 6: 7-15

#### Wed. - Mar. 4 - St. Casimir

Reading Jonah 3:1-10  
 Gospel Luke 11:29-32

#### Thursday - Mar. 5

Reading Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25  
 Gospel Matthew 7:7-12

#### Friday - Mar. 6

Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28  
 Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

#### Sat. - Mar. 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
 Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

#### Sunday Mar. 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
 Reading II Romans 8:31b-34  
 Gospel Mark 9:2-10

### “SATURDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS”

Join us for our Special “Soup of the Day”



#### March 7

Vegetable Noodle Soup  
 Meatball Soup (Albóndigas)

#### March 14

Cheesy Chicken Rice Soup  
 Beef Barley Soup

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 -

Saturdays after the 4:00 PM Mass:  
 March 7, 14, 21, 28  
 and Monday, March 23 at 6:00 PM.

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.

### Current Church Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

- Fasting is required of all Catholics age 18-59 only two days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (it is recommended that the Good Friday fast carry over to Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil service, as well).
- On these days only one full meal is allowed, with two smaller meals as needed.
- Eating solid food between meals is not allowed.
- Abstinence from meat is required of all Catholics over age 14 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well.

These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.



### A Compassionate Experience of the Crucifixion Monday, March 23rd 7:00 PM in Church

The St. Florian Youth Group will host Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, a well-known minister of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who will show and demonstrate the instruments of torture used in the Crucifixion of Jesus. This presentation is suitable for teenagers and adults. Please join us.


# 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

**Fill the Ark** - During Lent the students of St. Florian School will be making small sacrifices and putting their money in the Ark Bank. "Fill the Ark" is a Heifer International animal and training program. Give a family an animal and then they may share the offspring with other families and have food such as eggs, meat or milk to give hope to the hungry around the world. One half of the funds collected will go to Heifer International and the other half will be shared locally with St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

**Market Day** - Orders due Fri. Mar. 13th and pick-up is on Fri. Mar. 20th, 2-3 PM in the School Gym. Profits earned last month was \$144.25. Thank you for all your support!

**Aluminum Can Recycling** - Please bring your aluminum cans to the school parking lot on Wed., Mar. 4th by 8 AM.

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 \* **SUPER BINGO!** \*  
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 \* (Our last Super Bingo this school year — don't miss it!) \*  
 \* **Sunday, March 29** \*  
 \* **Doors open at Noon - Games at 1:30** \*  
 \* Tickets available at the school office and at regular Sunday Bingo. \*  
 \* \$25 admission includes your set-up and luncheon buffet! \*  
 \* Join us for a great afternoon! \*  
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**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.*

When we find ourselves drawn toward other people, when we want to know more about them and make ourselves known to them, we are responding to God's call . . .

—Pope Benedict XVI in his 2009

World Communications Day message on new communications technology

<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS Feb. 21/22</b>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,065.00
Loose	\$ 328.75
Energy Assistance	<u>\$ 132.00</u>
Actual Received	\$3,525.75
(vs. Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 80.00
Maintenance	\$ 38.00
Children's Offering	\$ 55.57
Votives	\$ 124.00

**St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$259.36**

**How Do We Care?** - We visit people at home, in hospitals. We give advice, money food and clothes to those in need. We reach out to the lonely and alienated... We are members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Coming Soon!  
St. Florian Spring Brunch!!  
Sunday, April 19**

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a fabulous feast and a fun-filled time!



**Raffles**

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.

**Mystery Prizes**

This was a huge hit last year! We're looking for items (valued at \$5 and \$10) that we'll wrap and include in our mystery booth.

**Children's Prizes**

We also need items for the kids. Anything from values of 50 cents to \$5.00.

All items may be dropped off at the rectory Monday-Friday during business hours.

**Bake Sale**

We need cakes, cookies, pies, breads and more! If you choose to bake in advance, we can store items in our freezer! Just drop them off at the rectory during business hours.

Thank you!!!

**Marian Catholic High School Mother's Club** presents "Saturday Afternoon Fever", the annual Mother's Club Senior Showcase on Saturday, March 14th at Georgio's Banquets of Orland Park at 10:30AM. Doors will open early for socializing, viewing of raffle prizes and purchase of raffle tickets. Donation is \$50.00/ticket or \$500/table of ten. Reservations are accepted on a first come basis. Secure your reservations early! For more information contact Loretta Krydynski at 708-403-7395.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 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  
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 3 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 4 Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Mar. 5 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00  
Choir Practice (Church) (6:30)
- Mar. 8 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45  
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Mar. 9 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00  
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00  
Parish Council (KH) 7:00
- Mar. 10 Golden Agers (KH) 1:00  
Brunch Mtg. (Rectory) 2:00  
Parents' Club Mtg. (PMR) 5:30  
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00  
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 11 Parish Reconciliation (Church) 7:00
- Mar. 12 Scouts (KH) 6:00  
Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00  
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30

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. 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.*

Good endings come from  
prayerful beginnings