MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 3/4
4:00 PM + Birthday Blessings for Richard Cholipski - Wife & Children
8:00 AM + Laura Cappozzo - Ed Obrakta
9:45 AM + Sophie Kapera - Family & Friends
11:30 AM + Lucila Quintero & Josefa Herrera - Family
Monday, March 5
7:15 AM + Chester Debski - Barbara Sierszecka
Tuesday, March 6
7:15 AM + Josephine Premetz - Lottie Piekarczyk
Wednesday, March 7
7:15 AM + Alex Kaleta (3rd Anniv.) - Tom & Valerie Piotrowski
7:00 PM - Parish Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 8
7:15 AM + Stanley Kozyra - Walter Bednarz
Friday, March 9
8:15 AM + Rose Janesek - Rosary Ladies
3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 10
7:30 AM + Purgatorial Society
3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction
4:00 PM + Elizabeth Grzybczyk - Ceil Motkowicz
Sunday. March 11
8:00 AM + For the Parishioners
9:45 AM + Martha Bis - Daughter & Family
11:30 AM + Leticia & Agustine Chavez - Sandra Chavez

Week of March 4 - March 10

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Martha Bis - Daughter & Family

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
March 2012

4:00 PM
L. Morse
C. Motkowicz
A. Bonczek
M. Cowperthwaite
R. Haney
D. Karczewski
8:00 AM
S. Jezior
J. Gibbons
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
R. Oseguera
O. Cruz

READERS
March 2012

4:00 PM	J. Struzik
8:00 AM	P. Gadus
9:45 AM	N. Mooney
11:30 AM	L. Jimenez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, March 10
4:00 PM A. Villanueva, R. Rodriguez, B. Echevarria
SUNDAY, March 11
8:00 AM N. Meduga, D. Gaczkowski, M. Bensett
9:45 AM K. Best, A. Shea, J. O'Keefe
11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz

USHERS
March 2012

4:00 PM	C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci 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, T. Baker, M. Gasior,
11:30 AM	R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez M. Suarez

LENT

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent at 3:00 PM
& Wednesdays (March 14th and 28th) at 1:30 PM

Confessions
Saturdays 3:00 PM—3:30 PM

Parish Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, March 7th 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 in the book located in the back of church. The book will be brought up at the Presentation of the Gifts at every Sunday Mass during Lent.

COME PROUDLY AND WEAR YOUR RED AND/OR GREEN AND FEAST WITH THE

ST. FLORIAN HOLY NAME SOCIETY

ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH DINNER

Dinner includes: Corn Beef & Cabbage, Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mostaccioli & the Famous Meat Sauce, Salad, Rye Bread, Italian Bread, Desserts, & Refreshments

WHEN: **Saturday, March 17, 2012**
TIME: **5:00 p.m.**
WHERE: **St. Florian Gym**
ADULTS: **$8.00**
CHILDREN: **$5.00 (12 & Under)**

There will be music, and the featured cooks are Jimboo's Catering, Tony & Vince.

Tickets may be purchased after Sunday masses or contact the Rectory at 773-646-4877 or Vince at 773-646-4029.

The Other Side of Lent —

Welcoming the Elect

While we who are baptized received our ashes, fasted and abstained from meat, there is a whole other side of Lent — those who are not baptized and are preparing to be fully initiated into the faith on Holy Saturday.

Marianna Gomez, eighth grader here at St. Florian, is one such person. Having gone through the period of intensive study about our faith known as the catechumenate, Marianna celebrated the Rite of Sending last Sunday at the 9:45 Mass. This Sunday she will go to Holy Name Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election.

Last Sunday after an introduction by her catechist, she came forward with her godparent to affirm her readiness for the sacrament of initiation. Marianna signed the book of the Elect which she will take to the cathedral this Sunday. The Rite of Election begins a period of purification and enlightenment. Bishop Perry will preside at the service. Along with her godparent, mother, and catechist, she will participate in the Rite of Election with hundreds of others throughout the Archdiocese.

Marianna's next step will be the scrutinies. These are special Lenten prayers during the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. They are prayers intended to make Marianna more aware of her own sinfulness and her need for a Redeemer. Because she is not baptized yet, Marianna cannot go to confession during Lent. These scrutinies are meant to prepare her for the Easter Vigil, when she renounces sin and Satan, and professes her faith as a Catholic.

As we can see, there is quite a lot that takes place during Lent, whether we are baptized or not.

Fr. Jim

We pray for . . .

Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelich, 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 Trzupek, 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 Frjelich, Tom Best, Charlene Jones, Ken Baker, Barbara Anderson, 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 - Mar. 5
Reading Daniel 9:4b-10
Gospel Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday - Mar. 6
Reading Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday - Mar. 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity
Reading Jeremiah 18:18-20
Gospel Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs.– Mar. 8 - St. John of God
Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10
Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Friday - Mar. 9 - St. Francis of Rome
Reading Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday - Mar. 10
Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Mar. 11 - Third Sunday of Lent
Reading I Exodus 20:1-17
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel John 2:13-25

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
March 10/11, 2012

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

March 3-4, 2012

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After decades of oppressive communistic rule, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is challenged to provide the residents of this region the essential pastoral and human needs which are taken for granted by many throughout the world.

As an example, in the Republic of Azerbaijan Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity operate a homeless shelter which furnishes food, medical care and transitional housing to those in need. Additionally, the sisters visit the poor and elderly who are unable to travel, thus bringing the light of Christ to those living in the darkness of poverty, illness and loneliness.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe not only funds shelters and medical dispensaries but enables the formation of religious and lay ministers in order to foster the faith of future generations. On behalf of these ministers of the Gospel and those in need throughout Central and Eastern Europe, thank you for your generous support of this collection.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we strive to live with a deep sense of solidarity for the needs of others within our parishes, our Archdiocese, and throughout the Universal Church. You and your intentions are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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

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

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

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

Get the word out to all your friends who have children 2 and 3 years old. Our Play Group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30AM until 10:30AM in the school.

Market Day - Orders due Fri. Mar. 9th and pickup is on Fri., Mar. 16th. Profits earned last month: $98.10. Thanks

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

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!

Marion Catholic H.S.	Megan McDonald
Marist High School:	Mark Del Real

Go Blazers!!!!

ST. FLORIAN ALUMNI Men's Basketball & Women's Volleyball Tournament 2012

All Classes Welcome

Captains Meeting on March 4th. 2:00 PM at Club 81 Too, 13157 Avenue M. Start getting your teams together. Games begin March 19th. Championship Night March 30th. Refreshments, food and M.V.P. award. $30/player.
For more information call the school at 773/646-2868, Ken at 773/243-9548, or Steve at 773/646-0933.

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 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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
February 25/26, 2012

Sunday Envelopes	$3,242.00
Loose	$ 490.65
Energy	$ 117.00
Children's Offering	$ 52.29
Maintenance	$ 74.00
Bldg. Improvement	$ 56.00
Votives	$ 114.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - $195.00

St. Vincent de Paul… is a small organization of parish men and women who have joined together to help their neighbors in need. We have dedicated ourselves to visit the homes of families in need in our parish to assist them materially and spiritually.

Daughters of Isabella, Circle 859 will meet on Tuesday, March 6th at 1PM at the St. Columba Social Center. Coffee & Cake will be served after the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 3rd.

St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality to meet on Sunday, March 11th, in Konsowski Hall at 1:30 p.m.

Annunciata St. Patrick's Day Super Dabber Bingo - on Sunday, March 11th, doors open 12:30, dinner at 2:00, games begin 3:15PM. Tickets are $26 and include all your supplies, catered buffet dinner, door prizes. For more information call Ron at 773-734-3934.

St. Kevin Church Parish Mission - Fr. Joseph Jablonski, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, will be presenting parish missions at St. Kevin's, 10509 Torrence Ave., Chicago. IN ENGLISH, the mission will be Mon./Tues. March 5 &6 at 7PM: "Life's Healing Journey": IN SPANISH, the mission will be on Wed./Thurs., March 7&8, at 7PM - "El Camino de Senación." For more information, call the rectory at 773-221-2563.

March 4, 201 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
"'Here I am!' he answered." - Genesis 22:11
It is easy to say, *"Here I am, Lord,"* when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, *"Here I am, Lord,"* when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

Don't Forget . . .
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, Mar. 11th. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar. 4	Living the Eucharist— Youth Gathering (KH) 12:30
	Super Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 11:30
Mar. 5	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Mar. 6	Daisies (KH) 4:30
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Mar. 7	Parish Reconciliation (Church) 7:00
Mar. 8	Faith Sharing (KH) 6:00
	Scouts (PMR) 6:00
	Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
Mar. 9	Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
	Members 8:00
Mar. 11	Living the Eucharist — Youth Gathering (KH) 12:30
	Rosary Ladies (KH) 1:30
Mar. 12	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
	Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
	Parish Council (KH) 7:00

KC Spaghetti Dinner — If you like their Pancake Breakfasts then you'll love their Spaghetti Dinner!! The dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 10, from 4PM—7PM** at the St. Columba Social Center, 13323 Greenbay Ave. Dinner will include salad, bread & butter, dessert, coffee, milk, and "All You Care to Eat Spaghetti & Meatballs with Meat Sauce" all for just $8.00 per person, $5.00 for kids 12 and under. Bring your friends & family! Plenty of parking.

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.