

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 5/6

- 4:00 PM + Chester Debski (1st Anniv.) -Family
 8:00 AM + Richard Cholipski (Birthday Blessing) - Wife & Children
 9:45 AM + Gene Jendra - Morse Family
 11:30 AM + Javier Guajardo - Olivia Guajardo

Monday, March 7

- 7:15 AM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

Tuesday, March 8

- 7:15 AM + Vincent Ginalski - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Backofen

Wednesday, March 9 - Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 AM + Stella Stolarz - Helen Stolarz & Family
 7:00 PM - For the Parishioners

Thursday, March 10

- 7:15 AM + Marion Vargas - Members of St. Vincent de Paul

Friday, March 11

- 8:15 AM + Martha Bis - Daughter & Family
 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

- 7:30 AM + Marcie Zak - Family
 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction
 4:00 PM + Geraldine Zalewski - Tom & Lorraine

Sunday, March 13

- 8:00 AM + Mary Chwastecki - John & Adrienne
 9:45 AM + Christopher Kosiba - Mary Ann Segvich
 11:30 AM + Armando Garza - John & Adrienne

Week of March 6 - March 12

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Richard Cholipski - Wife & Children

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Richard Cholipski - Wife & Children

LECTORS

March, 2011

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| 4:00 PM | A. Bonczek |
| 8:00 AM | R. Kopaczewski |
| 9:45 AM | V. Maccagnano |
| 11:30 AM | C. Ramirez |

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, March 12

- 4:00 PM A. Villanueva, R. Robles, D Ranos

SUNDAY, March 12

- 8:00 AM J. Snodgrass, J. O'Keefe, A. Morales
 9:45 AM C. Haro, V. Velasco, A. Shea
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March, 2011

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| 4:00 PM | J. Gibbons
K. Gibson
L. Morse
B. Frjelich
C. Motkowicz
M. Cowperthwaite |
| 8:00 AM | S. Jezior
C. Michalik
E. Podsiadlik
N. Moll
B. Peak
P. Gadus |
| 9:45 AM | C. Malone
M. Czarobski
P. O'Rourke
P. Maccagnano
M. Piaskowy
D. Karczewski |
| 11:30 AM | I. Jimenez
A. Davila |

USHERS

March, 2011

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| 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, A. Bruder, |
| 9:45 AM | E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
T. Baker, M. Gasior, M. Aducci |
| 11:30 AM | F. Favela, J. Gonzalez |



Burning of Palms
Tuesday, March 8th
8:15 a.m. in the courtyard

Ash Wednesday
March 9th
(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

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

Prayer **12:30 p.m.** **3:00 p.m.** **6:00 p.m.**

Services: (in English) followed by confessions

Mass **7:00 PM** (Spanish)

Please Note: During the 3:30 Prayer Service, ashes will be given out both in Spanish and English.

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

New Words.

Deeper Meaning.

Same Mass.

The Prayer of Ash Wednesday

A good example of how the prayers of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal will be revised is found in the prayers on Ash Wednesday. Here are the Opening Prayers of Ash Wednesday and the Prayer of Distributing Ashes in the current form and what we will pray on Ash Wednesday next year. Note the difference in style, phrasing, and direction when we receive the cross of ashes.

Current Translation

Opening Prayer

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, Make this day holy by our self denial. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Distribution of Ashes

Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this Lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

New Translation

Opening Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Distribution of Ashes

O God, who are moved by acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to works of penance, lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out the grace of your blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son.

We pray for . . .



Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelijch, 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, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, 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, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Sophie Kapera, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Eleanor Wiencek, Michelle Kendra, Loretta Wopinski, Shirley Ostrowski, Marlene Kubiak, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Christine Michalik, Alfonso Soto, 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. 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

Reading Tobit 1:3, 2:1a-8

Gospel Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday - Mar. 8 - St. John of God

Reading Tobit 2:9-14

Gospel Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday - Mar. 9 - Ash Wednesday

Reading I Joel 2:12-18

Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs.— Mar. 10

Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Gospel Luke 9:22-25

Friday - Mar. 11

Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday - Mar. 12

Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

Gospel Luke 5:27-32

Sunday Mar. 13 1st Sunday of Lent

Reading I Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Reading II Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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.

The Three Pillars of LENT

Fasting - Almsgiving - Prayer

Three traditional Lenten disciplines—fasting, almsgiving and prayer—help us turn toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are form of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11), we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property, or power ahead of our relationship to God.

Lenten disciplines prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ's victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.

Fasting expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us as we give away some of our wealth out of love for God and for neighbor. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

Prayer changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

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. Florian School Happenings . . .

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



Mr. McKenna to Retire

We wish to announce that our school principal, Terry McKenna, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Besides being principal of our school for the last six years, he has spent many years in the Archdiocese of Chicago as a teacher and principal. The process of looking for a new principal has already begun. We ask all parishioners to keep the students, their parents and faculty in your prayers as we go through this process.

Fr. Jim

BINGO! – Every Sunday! Doors open at 1:30

SUPER RAFFLE **BINGO BASH!**

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

Sunday - March 20, 2011

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 (served from 12:00-1:30)

"Catered by Jimboo's"

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!

Market Day - Orders due on Friday, Mar. 18th and pickup is on Friday, Mar. 25th. Profits earned last month: \$97.54. Thanks for your support!

"WINDY CITY PRO WRESTLING"

is coming to our St. Florian Gymnasium!



Saturday, April 9th

Tickets go on sale March 1st
 Contact the School at 773-646-2868 for info.

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.



Frequently Asked Questions About the Catholic Faith

Why should I confess my sins to a priest who is a sinner just like me and maybe an even bigger one?

It's true that the priest to whom we confess our sins may be a sinner just like us and, perhaps, an even bigger one. But the fact begs the question. The real question here has to do with the power of forgiveness which belongs only to God. The fact is that God has entrusted the power to forgive sins to his Church. The priest does not forgive sins, but God forgives sins *through* the priest who pronounces the words of forgiveness or absolution in the name of Jesus Christ. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles and the gospel of St. John says: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* (John 20:21-23)

From a very human perspective, we need to be able to give voice to our sorrow and regret for our sins by confessing them. Again from a human perspective, we need to hear the comforting and reassuring words, "You are forgiven." All this happens through the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS February 26/27, 2011	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,248.50
Loose	\$ 362.61
Energy Assistance	\$ 71.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,682.11
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 177.00
Maintenance	\$ 77.00
Children's Offering	\$ 80.87
Votives	\$ 156.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar. 6 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
 Rosary Ladies Sodality (KH) 1:30
- Mar. 7 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
 Parish Council (KH) 7:00
 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 8 Scouts (KH) 2:45
 VFW Meeting (PMR) 5:00
 Parents Club (KH) 6:30
- Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 10 Scouts (KH) 6:00
 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Mar. 11 Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00
 Members 8:00
- Mar. 13 Bingo (Gym) Doors open 1:30
- Mar. 14 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
 Ministry of Care (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 15 Athletic Mtg. (School) 9:00
 School Board (Rectory) 6:30
 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$83.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Help! - We will again be applying for a grant from the **Alan Feinstein Foundation** to aid the food pantry. The foundation distributes a yearly allocation of funds to those applying. The amount we receive is dependant on the contributions received locally-monetary or food-during March and April. We are asking for your help to maximize our award. Lent is an excellent opportunity to share in a special way with those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

El Grupo "Compartiendo la Fe" - Se reunira durante la cuaresma los Juéves siguientes a las 6:00 p.m.

- 3 de Marzo, 2011 31 de Marzo, 2011
- 17 de Marzo, 2011 7 de Abril, 2011
- 24 de Marzo, 2011 14 de Abril, 2011

Ladies Rosary Sodality - St. Florian Ladies Rosary Sodality meeting will take place on Sunday, March 6th at 1:30PM in Konsowski Hall. Members are encouraged to attend. Any ladies interested in joining the Sodality are also invited.

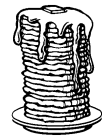
Please pray for our
Service Members:



- 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 - 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, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army -
- 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.

ACS Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 13 from 8AM-12:30PM



The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and will be held at the St. Columba Social Center 13323 Greenbay. "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs to order, Sausage, Coffee, Juice and Milk. \$7.00 adults - \$3.00 kids 10 and under, and ages 3 and under are free.

Become a Member of the Knights of Columbus –

The Knights of Columbus General Pulaski Council #3323 is looking for a few good men, 18 years or older, who are of Catholic origin. Throughout the year the KC's hold fundraisers to help those in need. Some of the individuals and organizations we try to help include members of our church/school communities, our youth and seniors, the disabled and mentally challenged, and those in the armed forces. If you would like to be a part of this Catholic organization, please call Grand Knight Gene Slusarczyk at 219/365-4307 or 773/418-2260.

Don't Forget . . .

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, Mar. 13th. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour!