

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 7/8

- 4:00 PM + Walter P. & Mabel Zakrzewski - Family
 8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Sophie Urban
 9:45 AM + Denice Feltman - St. Florian School Staff & Faculty
 11:30 AM + Rebeca & Domingo Contreras - Rose Contreras

Monday, March 9

- 7:15 AM + Joseph Cygal - Martin Kuc

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:15 AM + Anthony Cudak - Stephanie Runge

Wednesday, March 11

- 7:15 AM + Martha Bis - Daughter & Family

- 7:00 PM - Parish Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 12

- 7:15 AM + Penny Dobronics - Children

Friday, March 13

- 8:15 AM + Eugene A. Mezydlo - Loretta Borowski

- 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

- 7:30 AM + Josephine Dombrowski - Mary Ann Drosos

- 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction

- 4:00 PM + Charles Anderson - Laverne Kozlowski

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 AM + Josephine Iwan - Pugliese Family

- 9:45 AM + Joseph & Helen Fialkowski - Ed & Gloria Murphy

- 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of March 8 - March 14

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
 Martha Bis - Daughter & 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 14

4:00 PM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, K. Mallee

SUNDAY, March 15

8:00 AM G. Bonczek, B. Meyer, N. Mooney

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

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

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 19 and April 2)
at 1:45 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM—3:30 PM

Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 11th at 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:

A Time of Purification and Enlightenment

Our catechumens, Cynthia Bahorich and Briana Martin have returned from St. Rita chapel where Bishop Francis Kane has accepted the testimony of their godparents and received them as members of the elect to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at this year's Easter Vigil.

Their final stage of preparation is a special series (three) of Lenten prayers called the scrutinies. These prayers uncover and heal what is weak and sinful in their life and strengthen what is strong and good in their life.

The scrutinies also include an exorcism. Why? Underlying the exorcism is the assumption that baptism makes a difference in our life. After we are baptized, we have the gift of God's grace every day of our life. The Holy Spirit helps us make good decisions based on the Christian life we share.

Life is different for the unbaptized. They have not enjoyed the benefits of God's grace as we have. The baptized who sin seek forgiveness. The unbaptized who sin receive an exorcism. Remember, exorcisms were a part of Jesus' ministry.

The prayers that are prayed over the elect sum up why this period of final preparation for the sacraments of initiation is called purification and enlightenment. They purify Briana and Cynthia from what is evil in their life and enlighten what is good.

Continue to pray for our elect, Cynthia and Briana and their godparents Emily Powell and Lisa Hernandez. The scrutinies begin next weekend with the Third Sunday of Lent and conclude on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Fr. Jim

P.S. The Book of the Elect that Briana and Cynthia signed at the 9:45 Mass last Sunday and stamped with a seal by Bishop Kane appears in our church at the foot of the statue of St. Florian in the sanctuary.

2nd Sunday of Lent

"I know how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.." Genesis 22:12

Abraham was so devoted to God that he was willing to sacrifice his only son. How does our own devotion compare? Do we withhold time, talent and treasure from the God who sacrificed His only Son for us?

"SATURDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS"

Join us for our Special "Soup of the Day"

March 14
Cheesy Chicken Rice Soup
Beef Barley Soup

March 21
Mushroom Soup
Chicken Soup

March 23
Tortilla Soup
Cream of Chicken Rice 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 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.

We pray for . . .

Helen Golden, John Noworyta, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelijch, 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 Trzupke, 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, 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 . . .

Chester Bieniek
Lucila Quintero

February 27, 2009
March 2, 2009

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe March 14/15

In the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics face many challenges. The strength of this Church is based on its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love, which has sustained it through trials and energized it for change. Stand in solidarity and make a difference to your Catholic brothers and sisters in Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Latvia, Belarus, and other distant places. Please be generous in next week's Collection with your gifts to this unique and faithful part of the Church. Learn more at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR LENT

Monday - Mar. 9 - St. Frances of Rome

Reading Daniel 9:4b-10
Gospel Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday - Mar. 10

Reading Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Wed. - Mar. 11

Reading Jeremiah 18:18-20
Gospel Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday - Mar. 12

Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Friday - Mar. 13

Reading Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. - Mar. 14

Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Mar. 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I Exodus 20:1-17
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel John 2:13-25

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!!!

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



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!



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.

SUPER BINGO!

 (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!
 Catering by Jimboo's!!

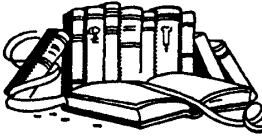
Save General Mills, Tyson, Nestlé Pure Life Water, & Campbell Soup Labels !
 The school continues to save:
General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons
Tyson Project A+ "Support Your School" labels
Campbell's soup labels - Submit the UPC code with the Campbell Kid LogO next to the UPC located on back 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.

March 2009 Book Rack Selections

Stations of the Cross According to St. Paul, Parish Edition by Ronald D. Witherup, SS
Mystical Prayer Is For (Almost) Everyone by Ernest J. Fiedler
Beginning to Pray by Archbishop Anthony Bloom
Dealing With Difficult People by Charles J. Keating
Teaching The Faith by Kim Duty
With An Everlasting Love by William A. Barry, SJ
Why Did I Do That? by James A. May and Dianne May
Saints Off the Pedestal by Amanda M. Roberts
Stations of the Resurrection by Raymond Chapman



WEEKLY OFFERINGS Feb. 28/Mar. 1	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,040.57
Loose	\$ 420.40
Energy Assistance	\$ 353.00
Actual Received	\$3,813.97
(vs. Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 118.00
Maintenance	\$ 300.50
Children's Offering	\$ 39.30
Votives	\$ 205.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$251.47

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.

Christmas Update:

We are thankful for the blessings of so many this past Christmas season. The total Christmas offerings received is \$21,287. We also received very generous donations from the Young at Heart Society and our Knights of Columbus for which we are very grateful. The donations for Christmas flowers and decorations amounted to \$1,213. Thank you for your constant and generous support!

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 Pat-
- rick 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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 Parents' Club Mtg. (PMR) 8AM & 5:30
Golden Agers (KH) 1:00
Brunch Mtg. (Rectory) 2:00
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
- Mar. 13 Brownies/Daisies (KH) 2:30
Holy Name Officers (PMR) 6:30
Holy Name Mtg. (PMR) 7:30
- Mar. 14/15 Collection for Central &
Eastern Europe
- Mar. 15 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Mar. 16 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00

Come to the KC's Pancake Breakfast

with the Easter Bunny! - The KC's of Hegewisch will host a Pancake Breakfast with the "Easter Bunny" on Sunday, March 22nd, from 8:00 - 1:00 at the St. Columba Social Center. Adults \$7, kids 10 and under \$3. Free gift and photo with the Easter Bunny for all the kids. For more information call John Rydzewski at 708-841-1904.

Annunciata St. Patrick's Day Super Dabber Bingo

Start your St. Patrick's Day celebration with us Sunday, March 15th at Annunciata Parish Center, 3750 E. 112th St. No supplies are needed to play. Tickets are \$26 which includes all your supplies, plus catered buffet dinner including corned beef and cabbage, dessert, coffee, door prizes and more! Doors open at 12:30, dinner is served at 2:00PM and Bingo begins at 3:15PM. For more information call Ron at 773-734-3934 or see us at our regular Wednesday bingo.



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.