

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 14/15

- 4:00 PM + Charles Anderson - Laverne Kozlowski
 8:00 AM + Josephine Iwan - Pugliese Family
 9:45 AM + Joseph & Helen Fialkowski - Ed & Gloria Murphy
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Monday, March 16

- 7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Harriet Brodzik

Tuesday, March 17

- 7:15 AM + Victims of Inland and Kensington Steel Explosions

Wednesday, March 18

- 7:15 AM + Denice Feltman - Harry Makara Family

Thursday, March 19

- 7:15 AM + Stella M. Bonczek - Charlotte Drozdowski
 1:45 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20

- 8:15 AM + Frances Gargas - Family
 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

- 7:30 AM + Walter Krawczyk - Wife, Leona Krawczyk
 3:30 PM - Lenten Prayer Service with Benediction
 4:00 PM + Richard Waicunas (13th Anniv.) - Wife

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife
 9:45 AM + Irene Zielinski - Family
 11:30 AM - For the Parishioners

Week of March 15 - March 21

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Eugene A. Mezydlo - Dom Squillaci

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Dorothy "Tiny" Orzelski - 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 21

4:00 PM G. Bonczek, N. Mooney, B. Meyer

SUNDAY, March 22

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, J. Lelo
 9:45 AM C. Haro, J. Carlassare, T. DeCook
 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

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 Scrutinies

Our elect, Cynthia Bahorich and Briana Martin begin their final stage of preparation in a special series (three) of Lenten prayers called the scrutinies this weekend. 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 continue next weekend with the Fourth Sunday of Lent and conclude on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Fr. Jim

3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth..." — Exodus 20:4

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sports, fashion, travel, or anything else that we value more than God and His Word to us.

FIGHT FOCA POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

POST CARD SIGNING DAY! Next week our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. The text of the postcard is as follows:

At this time of serious national challenge, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn. The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), the most radical and divisive pro-abortion bill ever introduced in Congress, would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would have to support. FOCA would overturn many existing widely-supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortions and taxpayer funding of abortion.

Please oppose FOCA or any similar measure and retain existing laws against funding and promotion of abortion. As your constituent, I would appreciate a response telling me how you would vote in these matters.

These postcards come from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and are meant to express our concern as citizens about a law that would go beyond Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision allowing abortion, and would invalidate laws on things like informed consent, parental involvement, physician licensure, clinic safety, and taxpayer funding. FOCA also threatens to remove language that protects physicians and hospital personnel from doing something that violates their own conscience and moral principles. I invite you next weekend to join me in signing these postcards on this important issue.

Fr. Jim

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 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, 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. 16
Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Gospel Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday - Mar. 17 - St. Patrick
Reading Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. - Mar. 18 - St. Cyril
Reading Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Gospel Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday - Mar. 19 - St. Joseph
Reading I 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Reading II Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday - Mar. 20
Reading Hosea 14: 2-10
Gospel Mark 12:28-34
Sat. - Mar. 21
Reading Hosea 6:1-6
Gospel Luke 18:9-14
Sunday Mar. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Reading I 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Reading II Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel John 3:14-21

In remembrance . . .
Mikell Davy March 10, 2009



First Reconciliation
March 18, 2009

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they celebrate their first reconciliation:

Nadia Arnold, German Barraza, Jessella Barraza, Christopher Bender, Maya Bensett, Corina Cabrales, Nadia Carrasco, Daniela Cazarez, Stefanny Cazarez, Luis Chavez, Jennifer Dejanovich, John Drosos, Augustine Fuentes, Gregoria Garcia, Leonardo Garcia, Danille Gaczkowski, Brisa Gallarzo, Miriam Gallarzo, Matthew Gonzalez, Katelyn Grabowski, Edward Haddad, Agustin Herrera, Chirstopher Kocielniak, Jailene Laboy, Joshua Laboy, Jozef Laskowiecki, Irene Lopez, Katelyn McGivney, Sebastian Meyer, Tyboly Meyer, Karli Miller, Kiley O'Keefe, Fatima Orozco, Carlos Padilla, Gilbert Quintero, David Robles, Ivelis Rodriguez, José Rodriguez, Jeffery Slater, and Cortney Zbindin

Coming Soon!
St. Florian Spring Brunch!!
Sunday, April 19 9:30AM - 12:30PM
(Doors open at 9:00AM for bake sale, coffee, & raffles)
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>

INSERT
LOGO

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



Market Day - 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!

St. Florian Parents Club
Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser
Saturday March 28, 2009

Olympia Lanes
 4150 S. Calumet Ave.
 Hammond, IN (219) 933-6677
9:30PM - Check In
9:30PM to ? - Dinner Buffet
10:30PM - Bowling

The cost is \$25.00 per person (Adults only) for Dinner & Bowling (including shoes), \$30.00 at the door, or \$15.00 per person (Adults only) for Dinner only. Forms available at the school office. Fee and forms due by March 25th. Any questions, please contact Aisha Miller at 773-646-2937

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

Sunday, March 29, 2009

DOORS OPEN AT NOON
GAMES START AT 1:30PM
11:30 admittance with you 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
ADMISSION \$25.00. Make checks payable to ST. FORIAN SCHOOL.
Call the school office (773-646-2868) or stop in during school hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) to purchase your ticket.

ONLY 150 TICKETS SOLD!

Join us for a great afternoon!

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.

"SATURDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS"

Join us for our Special "Soup of the Day"



March 21
Mushroom Soup
Chicken Soup

March 23
Tortilla Soup
Creamy Vegetable Soup

March 28
Minestrone Soup
Vegetable Beef 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 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS March 7/8	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,323.00
Loose	\$ 250.14
Energy Assistance	\$ 88.00
Actual Received	\$3,661.14
(vs. Budgeted Goal)	\$5,250.00)
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 177.00
Maintenance	\$ 163.00
Children's Offering	\$ 35.80
Votives	\$ 150.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$260.15

An Old Irish Greeting - These things I warmly wish for you: someone to love, some work to do, a bit of sun, a bit of cheer and a guardian angel always near.

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

Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe need your help to continue to revitalize the Church and to foster the Spirit of Love in their parishes and communities. In 28 countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Collection funds vital pastoral and social projects and contributes to programs that promote Catholic life. Please be generous in today's Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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 (Rectory) 1:00
Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 17 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 18 First Reconciliation (Church) 7:00
- Mar. 19 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
Choir Practice (Church) 6:30
- Mar. 20 Market Day (Gym) 2:00
- Mar. 21 Simple Supper (KH) 5:00
- Mar. 22 Faith Sharing (KH) 10:45
Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Mar. 23 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Simple Supper (KH) 5:00
- Mar. 24 Faith Sharing (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 Ryzdewski at 708-841-1904.

Easter Baskets for SVDP

Some of our school children are putting together Easter Baskets for the children of SVDP. We already have baskets that range in size from small to medium. We would appreciate donations for some of the following items to fill these baskets for the children: small bottles of bubbles, any new small toy, boxes of crayons and/or markers, sidewalk chalk, packages of pencils or pens, or any kind of small wrapped Easter candy. You can place these items in a box in back of church or drop off at the school office. All items need to be donated by March 23rd. These baskets will be given to the children on March 25th at the monthly SVDP food pantry. All donations are greatly appreciated!



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

The St. Florian Youth Group will host Fr. Terry Defenbaugh, 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.