

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 24/25

4:00 PM + Ted & Frieda Nawracaj - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

8:00 AM + Daniel Stevens - Mr. & Mrs. J. Turman

9:45 AM + Irene Zielinski - Family

11:30 AM + Jose, Alfredo, Isidro Barraza - Jose Barraza

Monday, March 26

7:15 AM + For all Mothers

Tuesday, March 27

7:15 AM + Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, March 28

7:15 AM + Michael Garcia - Gibson Family

Thursday, March 29

7:15 AM + Stanley Kozyra - Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Drosos

Friday, March 30

8:15 AM + George Cramer Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nasca

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31

7:30 AM + John Rymarczyk - Bob & Mary Ann Sulch

4:00 PM + Marion Vargas - Family Friends

Sunday, April 1

8:00 AM + Stanley Kozyra - Kim McBride

9:45 AM + Rose Greskowiak - Daughters

11:30 AM + William Hayes - Ted & Irene Kryzyn

Week of March 25 - March 31

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Christine Michalik - Nancy Moll

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Stephanie Lickus - Family

READERS

Palm Sunday

March 31/ April 1

4:00 PM	A. Bonczek
8:00 AM	R. Kopaczewski
9:45 AM	V. Maccagnano
11:30 AM	O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, March 31

4:00 PM N. Mooney, M. Bensett, J. Laskowiecki,
J. Laskowiecki

SUNDAY, April 1

8:00 AM J. O'Keefe, R. Rodriguez, N. Meduga, R. Robles
9:45 AM A. Villanueva, K. Best, A. Shea, D. Gaczowski
11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz, B. Echevarria, D. Ranos

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Palm Sunday

March 31/ April 1

4:00 PM	L. Morse C. Motkowicz A. Bonczek M. Cowperthwaite R. Haney J. Gibbons
8:00 AM	S. Jezior E. Podsiadlik 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 I. Jimenez

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



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent at 3:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 PM—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.

Holy Week Confessions
Wednesday after Tenebrae Service
Holy Thursday after morning prayer
Good Friday after The Way of the Cross
Holy Saturday after Blessing of Baskets

Bright sadness is the true message and gift of Lent.

Little by little we begin to understand, or rather to feel, that the sadness of Lent is indeed “bright,” that a mysterious transformation is about to take place in us. It is as if we were reaching a place to which the noises and the fuss of life, of the street, of all that which usually fills our days and even nights, have no access—a place where they have no power. All that which seemed so tremendously important to us as to fill our mind, that state of anxiety which has virtually become our second nature, disappear somewhere and we begin to feel free, light, and happy. It is not noisy and superficial happiness which comes and goes twenty times a day and is so fragile and fugitive; it is a deep happiness which comes not from a single and particular reason but from our soul having, in the words of Dostyevsky, touched “another world.” And that which is has touched is made up of light and peace and joy, in an inexpressible trust.

Alexander Schmemmann
(From *Great Lent: Journey to Paschal*)



Schedule of Worship

**Palm Sunday
April 1**

(Solemn Entrance with a representative group at each Mass)

Saturday 4:00 PM (English)
Sunday 8:00 AM (English)
9:45 AM (English)
11:30 PM (Spanish)

**Wednesday of Holy Week
April 4**

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae—A celebration of Holy Week’s shadows and darkness

Holy Thursday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00PM
Communal Night Prayer at 10:30PM

Good Friday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Traditional Way of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (English)
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Spanish)

Holy Saturday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:30 p.m. Blessing of Baskets (in Church)
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil (fulfills the Easter Sunday obligation)

**Easter Sunday Liturgies
April 8**

8:00 a.m. (English)
9:45 a.m. (English)
11:30 p.m. (Spanish)



We pray for . . .

Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, 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 Trzuppek, 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, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Barbara O'Leary, Brenna Elizabeth Biedron, Bob Frjelic, 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.



Palms

Paul Turner

The Catholic faithful use palm branches at Mass on Palm Sunday and bring them home for devotional purposes. "Palm Sunday" is the popular name for the Sunday before Easter, though its full title is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Two Gospel passages are proclaimed at Mass that day: One tells of people waving branches or spreading cloaks to welcome Jesus in triumph to Jerusalem, and the other tells of his Passion and death.

Any branches may be used in the liturgy, but parishes usually provide palm branches, as mentioned in John's Gospel (12:13). The faithful hold them at the beginning of the Mass for the blessing and procession.

After Mass, people may bring the branches home as a sacramental. Various customs have developed. Some place branches behind a wall-mounted crucifix or other religious image. Others cleverly fold them into crosses. Still others incorporate blessed branches into improvised prayers for protection during harmful weather.

Used palm branches are burned the following year, and the ashes are placed on the heads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. Some parishes burn their own ashes. People who wish to dispose of old palm branches may offer them back for burning or dispose of them at home in some reverent manner. Palm branches appear in religious art as a symbol of martyrdom. In the Book of Revelation (7:9), a great multitude praises God with palm branches in hand. In the apocryphal Gospel of pseudo-Matthew (20-21), a palm tree miraculously bends over to nourish the Holy Family on the flight into Egypt, and an angel plants one of its branches in paradise, making the palm of victory in any contest.

*Ministry and Liturgy
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Mar. 26 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10

Reading II Hebrews 10:4-10

Gospel Luke 1:26-28

Tuesday - Mar. 27

Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Gospel John 8:21-30

Wednesday - Mar. 28

Reading Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92-95

Gospel John 8:31-42

Thurs.- Mar. 29

Reading Genesis 17:3-9

Gospel John 8:51-59

Friday - Mar. 30

Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Gospel John 10:31-42

Saturday - Mar. 21

Reading Ezekiel 37:21-28

Gospel John 11:45-56

Sunday Apr. 1 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II Hebrews 2:6-11

Gospel Mark 15:1-39

Church Regulations Regarding Fast & Abstinence

Fasting: All the faithful in good health from ages 18 to 59 years fast on Good Friday by limiting themselves to one full meal. 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 Good Friday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

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
 in the gym at 131st & Houston
Please Note: Due to the Easter Holiday, there will be
 no Bingo on Easter Sunday, (April 8)
 & April 22nd due to the Spring Brunch




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

Games played Mon.-Fri., March 26-30
 Championship Night March 30th.
 Refreshments, food and M.V.P. award.



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.

Aluminum Can Recycling - Wednesday, April 4th at 8AM in the parking lot.

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.



Spring Brunch!
Sunday, April 22, 2012
9 AM - 12 PM
(in St. Florian's Gymnasium)
Brunch Tickets
 \$10 Adults and \$5 Children (4 -10)
(available at the Rectory & school office)

Grand Prize Raffle -
\$1,000!
 plus five - \$100 prizes
 and ten - \$50 prizes
 Only \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 12 for \$10.00
Don't forget to pick up your tickets in the back of church.

Raffle Prizes Needed! Items may be dropped off at the rectory during business hours.

Sponsors: Please consider a monetary donation to help defray expenses.

Workers Needed - We need set-up/decorating help on Friday, April 20 and volunteers for the day of the Brunch to help work the kitchen, sell raffle tickets, clean-up, etc. Please call the rectory at 773-646-4877 and let us know if you are available.

Please Bake - Cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. Items may be brought to the rectory during business hours for storage in the freezer or dropped off at the gym early in the morning on Brunch day.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
March 17/18, 2012	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,126.00
Loose	\$ 472.83
Energy	\$ 33.00
Children's Offering	\$ 53.51
Maintenance	\$ 66.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 59.00
Votives	\$ 52.50

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$185.00

Reaching Out During our liturgy, you extended your hand and said "Peace be with you." After liturgy, you stretched out your hand to the Poor Boxes and by this action again you said "Peace be with you."

*Help us put a touch of
Springtime in our Church!*



Help us decorate our Church this Easter season with the beauty of spring flowers. Please use your Easter Flower envelope to make a suggested donation of at least \$10 per family. We encourage others who haven't contributed in the past to please do so this year.

A note of thanks from our Holy Name Society:

We thank all the people that attended and supported the St. Patrick-St. Joseph Banquet Dinner on March 17th. We had 191 people here celebrating the feast for both saints. Everyone enjoyed the food, drink and fraternizing with friends and neighbors. We thank the Caring Club of St. Florian School for providing the beautiful decorations on the tables and around the gym. Many thanks to Ken Mooney for providing us with the music; also, to Monica Lowery and Pat Maccagnano for their hard work the entire day. We want to thank the bakers for providing us with delicious desserts. And, to all that helped us clean up and put away the chairs, we appreciate your work immensely.

In conclusion, the celebration proved that with everyone working together as a team, anything is possible. God Bless in Jesus Name,

- Vince Maccagnano, President
St. Florian Holy Name Society

Community Blood Drives:

Our Lady of Knock Church, 501—163rd St., Calumet City, will be holding a Blood Drive on Palm Sunday, April 1, from 8AM to Noon. Call the Rectory at 708-862-3011 for information. You can also schedule a time online at www.heartlandbe.org.

Lebanon Lutheran Church, 13100 S. Manistee, Hege-wisch will host a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 14, from 9AM-3PM. For appointments call Phyllis at 773/646-2367. Walk-ins welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar. 25 Living the Eucharist —
Youth Gathering (KH) 12:30
Bingo (Gym) 1:30 / Games 2:30
- Mar. 26 Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Mar. 28 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30
- Mar. 29 Choir Practice (Church) 6:00
Faith Sharing (KH) 6:00
Palm Weaving (PMR) 6:30
- April 1 Bingo (Gym) 1:30 / Games 2:30
- April 3 Daisies (KH) 4:30
- April 5-13 School Closed / Easter Break
Classes resume April 16
- April 6 & 9 (Friday/Monday) Rectory Office Closed

Join us for Palm Weaving - Thurs., March 29 at 6:30PM in the Parish Meeting Room (2nd fl. Konsowski Hall). Bring scissors and tape. We will use some of the palms to help beautify our Church for Palm Sunday!

Come to the KC's Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! - Sunday,



March 25, from 8AM-Noon at the St. Columba Social Center. Free gift from the Easter Bunny for all the kids! "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Eggs to order, Coffee, Milk, and Orange Juice. \$7.00/adults and \$3.00/children 10 and under.



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.