

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of March 31/April 1 Palm Sunday

- 4:00 PM + Marion Vargas - Family Friends
- 8:00 AM + Stanley Kozyra - Kim McBride
- 9:45 AM + Rose Greskowiak - Daughters
- 11:30 AM + William Hayes - Ted & Irene Kryzyn

Monday, April 2

- 7:15 AM + John & Rita Sury - Carl & Rita Abram

Tuesday, April 3

- 7:15 AM + Veronica Biscan - Ed & Carolyn Malewicki

Wednesday, April 4

- 7:15 AM + Sophia Culotta - Eleanor Paszkewicz
- 7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper - For the Parishioners

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)
- 7:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

Saturday, April 7 - Holy Saturday

- 8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
- 7:30 PM - Easter Vigil - For the Parishioners

Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday

- 8:00 AM + Helen Zurawski - Lorraine Sapinski
- 9:45 AM + Ed. Borowski - Wife & Family
- 11:30 AM + Para Lidia Barraza - Sus Padres Hermanos

Week of April 1 - April 7

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Helen Zurawski - Richard & Pam Campagnolo

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Helen Zurawski - Richard & Pam Campagnolo

Wedding Bann:

John Klobucar & Lena Ferrantelli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Easter Sunday
April 7/8, 2012**

7:30 PM

- L. Morse
- P. Maccagnano
- J. Gibbons
- M. Cowperthwaite
- N. Moll
- K. Gibson

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

- A. Davila
- R. Oseguera

READERS

**Easter Sunday
April 7/8, 2012**

8:00 AM L. Wopinski

9:45 AM V. Maccagnano

11:30 AM O. Guajardo

USHERS

April 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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, April 7

4:00 PM D. Ranos, N. Mooney, J. O'Keefe, B. Echevarria
R. Robles

SUNDAY, April 8

8:00 AM D. Gackowski, R. Rodriguez, N. Meduga

9:45 AM K. Best, A. Shea, A.. Villanueva

11:30 AM M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez, M. Bensett



Wednesday of Holy Week April 4

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

The honor of your presence is requested for the Church's solemn commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

the SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil

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:
the RESURRECTION of the LORD

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

New Pastor Assignments Announced:

We have recently received the official letter of assignment from Cardinal George announcing the appointment of Fr. Jim Mezydlo to be the new pastor of St. Walter Parish in Chicago.

St. Florian's newly appointed pastor will be Fr. Robert Marchwiany from St. Luke's Parish in River Forest. Fr. Robert was ordained in 2003 and will become a pastor for the first time as he begins his assignment on July 1st here at St. Florian.

Please keep Fr. Jim and Fr. Robert in your prayers as we bid a fond farewell and a warm welcome as well.

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

Regulations for Good Friday and Holy Saturday

1. Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.
2. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday "so joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind."

TRIDUUM PRAYER

*Almighty God,
 You gather your Church in solemn celebration of the mystery of our Redemption.
 Open our hearts and minds as we remember the dying and the rising of Jesus so that we may appreciate more deeply the mystery of our own baptism.
 May these days remind us that we are not alone in our suffering nor without hope.
 May the joy we share strengthen us to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the year.
 We ask this in the name of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

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 Trzupsek, 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, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday of Holy Week

Reading Isaiah 42:1-7

Gospel John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Reading Isaiah 49:1-6

Gospel John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday of Holy Week

Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reading I Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Reading II 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel John 13:1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Reading I Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reading II Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Reading II Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9

In Remembrance:

Stephanie Gabrys

March 24, 2012

What Do You Do with a Blessed Palm and Other Questions About Holy Week

Many display the palms received at this liturgy behind a crucifix or religious picture in their home. It is traditional for some to weave the palms into the form of a cross. An old Italian custom worth reviving is to present your palm branch to someone you have offended as a sign of reconciliation.

"You Will Always Have the Poor with You"

In Bethany, Judas criticizes Jesus for allowing this "waste" of expensive oil. Jesus reminds him—and us—that we will never lack opportunities to serve the poor. Almsgiving is one of the traditional observances of Lent. We give of ourselves in imitation of Jesus. Many find this last week of Lent leading up to the Triduum to be a good time to redouble our efforts and, in some way, share more of the gifts we've been given with those in need.

The "Easter Duty" or "Paschal Precept"

Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, preferably during the Easter Season. In the U.S., this extends from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday. Since we must approach Christ in the Eucharist worthily, and none of us is sinless, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of our preparation. Catholic churches offer opportunities for celebrating the Sacrament during this week.

"My Appointed Time Draws Near"

Tenebrae (meaning "shadows" or "dusk") is a prayer service that has ancient roots and is growing in popularity in many churches. The Church recommends its celebration as an adaptation of Morning Prayer, on Holy Saturday during the Triduum.

During Tenebrae, a candleholder with fifteen lit candles is set up in the sanctuary, and a series of psalms and readings from Lamentations are proclaimed. After each psalm or other Scriptures passage is read, a candle is extinguished, until only one remains; it is then placed behind the altar. A loud noise is made to symbolize the earthquake at the time of Jesus' death, the candle is brought out to show that the light of Christ still shines through death, and the service ends.

Three Days that Changed the World

The liturgies from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday are referred to as the "Triduum," meaning "three days." These are the days in which we are given the opportunity to share in the mystery and power of the Father's love as lived out in the suffering of Jesus, his Son. It is perhaps most helpful to think of these days, not as separate celebrations, but as one continuous remembrance in which we meet and follow Jesus.

"There was Darkness Over all the Land"

Spending time in prayer between the hours of noon and three o'clock, particularly the Stations of the Cross, is a good way of joining yourself to Jesus' suffering. In many communities, Jesus' Passion is re-enacted dramatically, even outdoors. Many people spend between noon and three o'clock in total silence. We also bring our bodies into our Good Friday prayer, as we are called to fast and abstain from meat on this day.

"They Returned and Prepared Spices and Ointments"

During Lent, we have fasted; on Holy Saturday, we prepare to feast. One of the more widespread customs in the Catholic world from ancient time was the blessing of food for Easter on Holy Saturday. The Polish tradition, for example, involves specially decorated baskets, and blessings specifically for meat, eggs, cakes, and bread.


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

Congratulations Alumni - Honor Roll!
Marian Catholic: Brittany Maloney, Megan McDonald, & Adrianna Varela
Brother Rice: Hector Macias & Melville Escalmilla
De La Salle Institute: Alex Arnold, Olivia Bensett, Brianna Echevarria, & Alex Morales



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 on Friday, April 20th and pickup is on Friday, April 27th. Profits earned last month: \$47.60. Thanks for your support!

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.

