

# Saint Florian

*Staffed by the Discalced Carmelite Friars*



1210 SOUTH 45TH STREET • WEST MILWAUKEE, WI 53214



**FEBRUARY 22, 2015**

*First Sunday of Lent*

## Parish Staff

Pastor, Fr. David Centner, O.C.D.  
Associate Pastor,  
Fr. Ralph-Elias Haddix, O.C.D.  
Administrative Director, Krystal Carroll

## Holy Assumption Parish Office\*

Hours .... Mon., Wed., Fri. 12:00pm-5:00pm  
Tues., Thur. 9:00-5:00pm  
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Email.....haparish@archmil.org  
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Receptionist, JoAnna Borchardt  
Trustee, Kathleen Dagenhardt.... 327-5454  
Trustee, Larry Horning ..... 778-1156

*\* Parish Office Hours can be adjusted if appointments are made.*

## Saint Florian Parish Office

Hours .... Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00am-5:00pm  
Tues., Thur. 12:30pm-5:00pm  
Phone .....(414) 383-3565  
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Email.....stflorian@archmil.org  
Website ..... www.stflorian.org

Trustee, Russell Miller..... 671-2385  
Trustee, Sandy Kania..... 672-0364

## Masses

### Holy Assumption

Weekend ..... Saturday 4:00 pm;  
..... Sunday 10:30am  
Weekday ..... Monday-Saturday 8:00am;  
Holy Day ..... 8:00am, 7:00pm

### Saint Florian

Weekend ..... Saturday 4:00pm;  
..... Sunday 8:00am  
Weekday (at Our Lady Chapel)  
Mon.-Fri. 5:00pm  
Holy Day ..... 7:00pm (Anticipated), 12:10pm

## Confessions

### Holy Assumption - Chapel

Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm

### Saint Florian

Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm  
(or upon request at the parish office)

## Baptism

Parish registration and parental instruction required. Please contact the parish office.

## Marriage

Please arrange for a date and instructions at least 6 months in advance at the parish office. Parish registration is required.

## Anointing of the Sick

### Holy Assumption 2015 Schedule

April 12, 2015 at 10:30am

June 13, 2015 at 4pm

### Saint Florian 2015 Schedule

March 15, 2015 at 8am

May 9, 2015 at 4pm

## Perpetual Help

Tuesday following 8:00am Mass at Holy Assumption's Holy Family Chapel

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Holy Assumption (Holy Family Chapel)

Discontinued

### Saint Florian (Our Lady Chapel)

Discontinued

## Pastoral Council

### Holy Assumption

Chairperson, Rick Bigus ..... 453-2647

Vice Chair, Kate Borchardt.... 453-6385

### Saint Florian

Chairperson, Bob Gottheardt . 383-3565

Vice Chair, Mary Costello ..... 383-0513

## Christian Formation Office

1210 S. 45th St. • West Milwaukee, WI 53214  
DRE - Director of Religious Education  
DYM-Director of Youth Ministry  
High School/Confirmation program  
Barbara Krieger..... 541-7515 ext.39  
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children  
Barbara Krieger..... 541-7515 ext.39

## Classes

*Located in the St. Rita school building.*

### Grade School (K-grade 8)

Sunday 9am-10:10am

### High School (grades 9-11)

Sunday 6:30pm-8:00pm

## Mary Queen of Saints

### Catholic Academy

#### Greenfield Ave. Campus

1435 S. 92nd St. • West Allis, WI 53214

(414) 476-0751

## Food Pantry

### Holy Assumption (south parking lot)

Every Thursday 5-7pm

Every Friday 12-3pm

### Saint Florian (north parking lot)

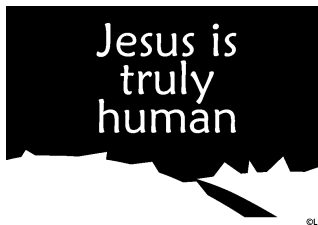
3rd Monday of month 5:00-6:00 pm

## Helping Hands

*Outreach for the elderly & homebound.*  
Elaine Croft..... 645-7981

## Parish Membership

Each family or single adult 18 years old or older living at home or alone is invited and expected to be registered in our parish family at the parish office. Please call the parish office.



## 1st Sunday of Lent

"And he remained in the desert for forty days." Lent is meant to be like our journey into the desert. Just as Jesus spent these days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up his spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us. We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle. When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving--when it is truly generous--also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." What a contrast! The brutal, vicious, bloodthirsty beasts and the pristine, heavenly angels were both there at the same time: each with radically different intentions. And so it is with us. Our reality is also marked by the contrast between the brutality and vice of sin and the grace and goodness of faith. During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness. This season of purification can help each of us to become a better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF February 22, 2015****Saturday, February 21 Vigil Mass**

4:00pm + Justin Cesar

**Sunday, February 22 First Sunday of Lent**

8:00am The Cmok, Medich, Simunovic Families

**Monday, February 23 Saint Polycarp**

5:00pm Intentions of Michael Jennaro

**Tuesday, February 24 Lenten Weekday**

5:00pm Intentions of the Parish Community

**Wednesday, February 25 Lenten Weekday**

5:00pm Monastery Intention

**Thursday, February 26 Lenten Weekday**

5:00pm Monastery Intention

**Friday, February 27 Lenten Weekday**

5:00pm Monastery Intention

**Saturday, February 28 Vigil Mass**

4:00pm + Johanna Sem

**Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00am + Dorothy Leister

**Sanctuary Candle:**

The Blessed Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for Holy Souls in Purgatory.


**Schedule for the Eternal Flame of  
the St. Florian Memorial Prayer Room:**

The Week of: February 21 - 27, 2015

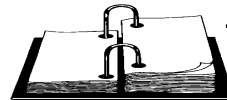
Virginia Abram



Tom Beale, Diane Bersch, Brinley Bilke, Michelle Bilke, Kate Borchardt, Joshua Catania, Richard Centner Jr., Dolores Costello, Sharon Craige, Judith Culver, Sr. Geraldine Dalhman, David Demos-Kuehl, John DeVane, Dorothy Dietrich, Gregg Dufek, Steve Dufek, Susan Dufek, Janean Enriquez, Dennis Fengier, Adeline Flintrop, Elaine Fugger, Frank Hoefler, Camille Ginski, Rita Godejohn, Kathy Grabowski, Rita Graf, Gloria Gunderson, June Hankey, Jill Jeneer, Pat Karashinski, Denyel Karlovich, Kathy Kleisath, Marisa Kleisath, Julia Lannin, Andrew Litter, Greg Milo, Isabelle Novak, Val Peters, Mary Philbert, Hermina Poheim, David Potter, Patrick Redmond, Sally Redmond, Jim Rendon, Joseph Rice, Sue Robertson, Delores Roeker, Mary and Jim Shawlin, Carolyn Toby, Betty Vogel, Dorothea Wais, Gilbert Walter, Victoria Zaeske, Gloria Zelazek, Bernie Zimney.

**Weekly Contributions**

Contributions needed per week	\$ 3,846.15
Received week of February 15th	<u>\$ 2,459.00</u>
Short of expectations by	\$ 1,387.15


**The Week Ahead**
**Monday, February 23**

Legion of Mary Mtg at 4 PM at Holy Assumption

**Tuesday, February 24**

CYM BB at 5 PM in the Gym

**Wednesday, February 25**

Jubilation Choir Practice at 1 PM in the Fellowship Room

Divine Mercy Group at 3 PM in the Fellowship Room

**Thursday, February 26**

CYM BB at 5 PM in the Gym

**Friday, February 27**

Fish Fry from 4 to 7 PM in the Cafeteria

**Saturday, February 28**

CYM BB Games at 8 AM in the Gym

Celebration Choir Practice at 3 PM in the Fellowship Room

**Sunday, March 1**

Bible Study at 6:30 PM in Carmel Hall

**Readings for the Week of February 22, 2015**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Eternal Flame and Masses for 2015:**

There are many openings for the daily Masses for 2015. Please book your dates now before the dates that you are looking for are gone. Please contact Krystal at 414-383-3565 or stop in at the Parish Office.

**Quick Breads Needed**

Quick Breads are needed for the Holy Assumption monthly Southside Meal Program. Please bring the Thurs., February 26, 1:30pm. If the cafeteria isn't open, please bring the breads to the parish office. *Thank you!*



## **MQSCA - Saints in Training**

A special congratulations to the Forensic Team for receiving red ribbons at the Nature Hill Intermediate Meet on Saturday, February 7th. Robin H., Abby B., Desiree D., Michaela S., Joey K., Sean M., Brandon R., and Hunter T.

This past Ash Wednesday the students, faculty, and staff were marked with the blessed ashes as we entered the season of Lent. The school practices the three pillars of Lent - fasting, praying, and almsgiving, in various ways. As we pray for our parishes this season, please keep the school in yours.

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is now open. We offer a Catholic education that strengthens the faith of our students. Their immersion in a Christ-centered environment provides the foundation for success today, tomorrow and for the future. Registration is open for all grades. Next year, we will be offering a full-day or half-day option for our K3 program.

Also, the school will be applying for the **Wisconsin School Choice Program**. If you think you meet the requirements, please go to <http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-staterwide> to complete the online application. The open application period runs from February 2nd – April 20th.

Contact us to learn more about Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy. It's an education you can have faith in!  
Mrs. Nicole Kuehne, Principal  
414-476-0751; [www.MQSCA.org](http://www.MQSCA.org)



### **Have a Heart for the Homeless:**

The Human Concerns Committee is asking for your assistance to help stock the St. Vincent de Paul shower room. The shower room provides a place for people to shower and wash their clothes. The following items are needed:

Towels/Washcloths	New Socks	New Underwear
Soap/Shampoo	Laundry Soap	Deodorant
Sleeping bags/Blankets	Toothpaste	Toiletries

We will collect items in the bins at the back of church during the month of February. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### **All-You-Can-Eat Lenten Fish Fries**

1215 S. 45th Street ~ [stflorian.org](http://stflorian.org) ~ 414.383.3565

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Friday, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

Menu: Heart-Healthy Baked Fish, Beer Battered Fish, Smelt, Salad Bar, Clam Chowder, French Fries, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Rye Bread, Milk, Coffee, & Dessert (NO Chicken during Lent)

Serving: 4-7pm, Take outs available

Cost: Adults \$10.00 / Children (under 10) \$7.00



### **Bible Study Groups forming**

Enrich your Lent by participating in one of our parish Bible Study groups. Our topic this season is The Our Father. The book is from Loyola Press, Six Weeks with the Bible, and will take us deeply into this most important gift from our Savior, Jesus. Sign up to join a group to meet seven times or to order a book for yourself to study alone. Sign up sheets are in church. Groups meet at various locations and times. Invite a friend and join the group that meets your needs.

- Sunday mornings, Holy Assumption, 9am-10:15am  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12, 19
- Sunday evenings, St. Florian, 6:30pm-8pm  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12, 19
- Wednesday evenings, Holy Assumption, 6:30pm-8pm  
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15
- Thursday evenings, St. Augustine, 7pm-8:30pm  
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 23

Discussions are friendly and led by lay facilitators. The emphasis is on applying the Scripture to one's life. All are welcome. Call Mary 771-9256 with questions.

## **A note from your Pastor:**

Dear Friends,

It is Lent already--forty days, in memory of Christ's fast of forty days in the desert, aimed at turning our lives around.

The scriptures tell us that the Holy Spirit "drove" Jesus out into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Why would God do that?

In the language of Jesus' time, the same word could make do for a temptation, for a trial, or for a test. Psalm 66, 10 reads, "You tested us, O God, tried us as silver tried by fire." The image of God refining his people like silver and gold is common in the later prophets and repeated in the New Testament as well. I Peter 1, 6-7 reads, "In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." We may want to add another connotation to these meanings, that of *tempering*. The Holy Spirit tempered Jesus so that, by turning away human temptations, he might be fitted as the New Adam to win for us salvation on the Tree of the Cross.

It would be wrong for us knowingly to put ourselves in the way of temptation. It would be foolish of us to walk into situations that would try us to the breaking point. Yet life is messy and it throws temptations and trials at us. Jesus was not exaggerating when he said, "Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Mt 6, 34). We are going to be tempted. We are going to face trials.

Many trials are good for us. We vaccinate people by controlled exposure to germs. We vaccinate ourselves against sin by voluntarily embracing hardship for the love of Christ

Love is crucial. Jesus wants more for us than our best behavior. He wants to make us members of God's own family by opening our hearts to receive and give God's own love. Before he could do that for us, however, it was fitting that he himself should undergo the temptations that get in the way of God's love. God put him to the test and tempered him. We can learn from him how to deal with trial and temptation.

First of all, Jesus fasted. Most societies face times of food shortage and famine. Fasting is normal in the spring as winter stores run out. When food is unavailable, we quickly lose our illusions of self-sufficiency and realize that our life depends on God and on others. In Biblical times, people fasted as an expression of that dependence on God. Today, we suffer from malnutrition caused by overeating the wrong kinds of food. Our health gurus tell us of the benefits of fasting. It seems to me, however, that our fasts should aim at putting us in our place in relation to God and others. Our fasts should hurt, whittle away our self-sufficiency, and make us put God's love above all else.

Secondly, Jesus spent the time in prayer. In prayer we commune with God and open ourselves to the guidance of the Spirit at all times, especially in times of trial and temptation.

Finally, Jesus turned away Satan's perverted suggestions by invoking the word of God. An attitude of profound obedience to God, nurtured by the scriptures, will keep us safe in time of temptation and trial.

Think about it. Do more than think about it.

*Father Dave*

### **Day of Recollection**

Fr. David Centner, OCD, will present the First Saturday morning of recollection in Holy Family Chapel in the school building of Holy Assumption Parish from 8:00 A.M. to Noon on Saturday, March 7th. The day will begin with the celebration of Morning Prayer and the Eucharist. It will include time for private prayer and reflection, a conference on "Three Shortcuts to Holiness." The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

## ***St. Florian/Holy Assumption Schedule of Lenten Devotions***

### **Stations of the Cross**

- St. Rita - Wednesdays at Noon
- St. Florian - Wed. March 11 following the 5pm daily Mass in the Chapel
- Holy Assumption - Fri. March 13 following the 8am daily Mass in the Chapel
- St. Augustine - Fridays at 7pm

### **Communal Penance**

- Thursday, March 12 at 7pm at St. Augustine
- Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm at Holy Assumption
- Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm at Mary Queen of Heaven

### **Easter Triduum**

- **Holy Thursday** - 7pm Holy Assumption Church (only)
- **Good Friday** - 2pm Holy Assumption Church  
4pm St. Florian Church
- **Easter Vigil** - 7:30pm Holy Assumption & St. Florian Churches

## **Taizé Prayer and Concert**

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Chapel, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. (Greenfield Ave. at 27th St.), Milwaukee

Start your Lenten reflection on Wednesday, March 4, with “The Beatitudes: Living Christ’s Call in the Maze of Daily Life.” Using the ecumenical prayer style of the brothers of Taizé, France, there will be readings, songs, silent reflection and prayers of intercession beginning at 6 p.m. At 6:45, a concert by David Magoon, recorder, and Sister Mary Jane Wagner, piano, will extend the prayer. The focus of both the prayer and the concert will be on the Beatitude “Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.” For more information, call Sister Mary Jane Wagner at 414-385-5246.

## ***The de Chantal Society***

Ladies, we invite you to take a short respite that promises silence, prayer and spiritual formation...time for YOU. The de Chantal Society is a group of women who are passionate about supporting vocations, families and their own spirituality. We gather a few times per year in the peace of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary for Eucharistic adoration, formation and benediction.

Our February gatherings will be led by Fr. Ryan Pruess. Please join us at whichever time works best for you:

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Thursday, February 26, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Gatherings are held at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, 3257 South Lake Drive, St. Francis. RSVP to [newheartnews@spirit@sfs.edu](mailto:newheartnews@spirit@sfs.edu) or 414.747.6463.

## **“The Creation of Religious Icons”**

Wednesday, March 4 – 2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. (Greenfield Ave. at 27th St.), Milwaukee

Join Wisconsin artist Katherine de Shazer, whose icons are being featured in the current Alfons Gallery exhibition “Axis Mundi: Connecting Heaven and Earth,” for a free presentation on the creation of religious icons on Wednesday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this presentation, which will explore the spiritual journey of iconographers and religious painters, and the symbolism inherent in these types of artwork.

## ***Consultation for the 2015 Extraordinary Synod of Bishops***

In October of 2014, the Extraordinary Synod was called by Pope Francis to focus on marriage and the family. The Extraordinary Synod drew on responses from a global consultation, as well as from testimonies from married couples from around the world, on the joys and challenges of family life in our times. In the spirit of dialogue, Pope Francis wishes to receive further feedback from Catholics on the outcome of the Extraordinary Synod, to help the Church prepare for the Ordinary Synod on the Family that is scheduled for October 2 - 25, 2015. This Ordinary Synod will consider the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and contemporary world, and will produce specific guidance on the pastoral care of families in our times.

Archbishop Listecki invites you to participate in a consultation process in preparation of his report to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by participating in a survey to share your views on modern-day family life. You are encouraged to read the preparatory document for the context of the questions, which you may access at the archdiocesan website ([www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org)).

The Archbishop asks that you prayerfully consider the prepared questions, and if you are interested in participating, complete the online-consultation on the Archdiocesan website at [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org).

A short response time has been given to us. In order for the Archdiocese to gather the information and forward it to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, please respond by Sunday, March 1, 2015.

## ***Hungering for a Better Life***

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?

## ***Important! Asian or Pacific Island Catholic Questionnaire***

Are you an Asian or Pacific Island Catholic? Do you work in ministry to/with Asian and Pacific Island Catholics? If you answer yes to one or both questions, your input is needed! We invite you to complete this BRIEF (15 minute) QUESTIONNAIRE about your experiences:

<http://bit.ly/NSAPICUS>

Your responses will directly inform a National Pastoral Plan for ministry to Asian and Pacific Island Catholics. Analyzed results will be posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) once the research project is completed. The questionnaire will remain open until February 28, 2015.

This is the moment to make your voice heard as Catholics in the U.S. Church - please, add your voice to the conversation!

## ***Lenten Day of Reflection at Holy Hill:***

***“Fix your eyes on the Crucified and everything will become small for you.”***

Please join us at the **Basilica of Holy Hill, Saturday, March 21, 2015**, for a day of prayer, reflection and inspirational talks led by Frs. Michael Berry OCD, Thomas-Mary Gilbert OCD, and Don Brick OCD.

Conference begins at 9:30am and concludes with Mass at 4:30pm. Registration fee: \$25, includes lunch and refreshments. To register, please call Holy Hill at 262-628-1838 or download a registration form at [www.holyhill.com](http://www.holyhill.com). All are welcome!

## ***Gospel Music Workshop, March 14***

The faith community of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1927 N. 4th St., Milw. invites you to a Gospel Music Workshop on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Held from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., the guest composer and clinician is M. Roger Holland, II. Cost: \$15 per person includes continental breakfast, music materials and lunch. To register before the March 6 deadline, call (414) 374-5750, ext. 10, or email [sfrancismil@gmail.com](mailto:sfrancismil@gmail.com).