Saint Florian
Staffed by the Discalced Carmelite Friars
1233 South 45 Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53214-3614

March 10, 2019 ~ First Sunday of Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Parish Office is Closed on Fridays

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Chairperson: Kate Klister ............. 350-9217
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MUSIC DIRECTORS
Joseph Carpenter - 4:00 pm Sat. choir….. 430-3425
Diane Bersch - 8:00 am Sun. choir……. 541-8109

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFICE
Within St. Rita Parish, 2318 South 61 Street, West Allis, WI 53219
High School/Confirmation Program
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
Contact the DRE - Director of Religious Education,
Barbara Krieger ....................... 541-7515, ext. 39

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

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

Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, March 16...................... 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 7 ......................... 8:00 am

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 to register.

"Please Remember St. Florian Parish in your Will."

MASSES
Saturday (Anticipated).................. 4:00 pm
Sunday .................................. 8:00 am
Monday through Friday ............... 5:00 pm
(celebrated in Our Lady’s Chapel)
Evening before Holy Day (Anticipated) ................................................. 7:00 pm
(celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 pm Mass)
Holy Day ............................... 8:00 am
(celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 pm Mass)

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays .................................. 2:30 - 3:30 pm
(or upon request at the parish office)

FOOD PANTRY
3rd Monday of each month .......... 5:00 - 6:00 pm
(in Carmel Hall)

HELPING HANDS
Outreach for the elderly and the homebound.
Elaine Croft............................ 615-7124

Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy
(Our Parish Cluster School)
1435 South 92 Street • West Allis, WI 53214  476-0751

1st Sunday of Lent
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “if you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” - Lk 4:1-3
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.
**Lenten Reflection - 1st Sunday of Lent**

St. Louise de Marillac

God calls us in every stage of life. This week's feast of Louise de Marillac. As a young girl, she felt called to the religious life. However, she received advice to marry instead. Her husband died 12 years into their marriage. In the wake of her husband's death, she met St. Vincent de Paul. She was greatly inspired by his work with the poor, and he became her spiritual director. She began a training center out of her own home to train other young women to serve the poor and sick. This became the Sisters of Charity. The religious order began to grow, as slowly more sisters joined to work in hospitals and orphanages across France. The Sisters of Charity now serve worldwide. When your life takes an unexpected turn, consider where God might be calling you!

**Catholic Quote - Words to Inspire the Faithful**

"You are a pilgrim in this life on a journey home."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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**ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT FORM**

Administrator Contact Forms are in the back of church. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, comments, or would like to discuss anything, please complete the form and place in the blue box at the back of church.

Fr. Fred will call soon to talk with you.

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

There will be a Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

All are welcome to attend!

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**CASINO NITE NEWS**

There will be a Casino Nite Meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office.

All are welcome to attend!

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN/HOLY NAME**

The Christian Women/Holy Name Breakfast & Meeting will be Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. in Carmel Hall.

All are invited!

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**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Just a reminder, the Finance Council Meeting for March will be Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.
HUMAN RIGHTS & THE ENVIRONMENT—
Key Issues with Sumudu Atapattu, Director of the UW Law School Research Center
Tuesday, March 12, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Peace and International Issues Committee of the INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE.
A Luncheon/Lecture Series held at First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee. $20.
Representatives from organizations working with immigration & refugee issues will be at tables with information and what you might do to help.
A suggested reading list on these topics will be available, as well as opportunities for purchasing presenter’s books.
Parking can be difficult in this area now. There is a HOP stop right at the corner of Ogden & Astor. It’s free to ride!

JOSEPH BOWLS SUPPER
Thursday, March 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
at St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee.
The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to join them for their annual fundraiser. The meal includes a simple supper with a choice of soups (all-you-can-eat), breads, and desserts, and a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted bowl. The suggested donation is $25, though any amount is appreciated, and supports the sisters’ food program on the El Paso-Juarez border, and the work of Sisters Program South in Milwaukee. All are also invited to join the sisters at 4:00 p.m. for Mass in St. Joseph Chapel before the supper. For more information, please call Catherine Alexander at 414-385-5343.

First Week of Lent
Encounter Norma
In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Place your daily loose change in the Rice Bowl each of the 40 days of Lent and see how much of a difference all of us can make for others.

Your neighbors live across the street and the country, across oceans and hemispheres. As millions of God’s children flee war, persecution and poverty, Pope Francis, Caritas Internationalis, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services invite you to share their journey by walking with them in prayer and support.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARM YOUR HEART CHILI & VINTAGE JEWERY SALE
Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
at St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, 2801 E. Morgan Ave., Milwaukee.
Turn up the heat to see winter out! Come enjoy chili—many kinds, donated by generous local restaurants and home chefs—and shop an extensive collection of vintage jewelry at super prices at this popular fundraiser.
Chili will be sold in flights for sampling or by the hearty bowlful, both with all the trimmings. Also available: Freshly made Native American fry bread!
The event will feature sales from more than two dozen local vendors of produce, tasty snacks and handcrafted gift and décor items, plus live music and free chair massages.
All proceeds support the care of people of all ages and abilities served at St. Ann Center.
Do you have jewelry to donate? Our volunteers will clean and repair as needed for periodic sales.
Drop off between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call Ross for pickup at 414-977-5040.

THRIFT SHOP CLEARANCE
St. Jude Thrift Shop, 822 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa, has announced its end-of-winter clearance sales.
All merchandise will be half off Saturday, March 16 & Wednesday, March 20.
Everything in the store will be $1 on Saturday, March 23 & Wednesday, March 27.
Store hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays & Saturdays.
A $3 per bag sale will be Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Bags will be provided at the door.
2019 Lenten Fish Fries:  Friday, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
Regular Fish Fry:  May 3
(Held on the First Friday of the Month, October thru May; Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays during Lent)

MENU:  Beer Battered Fried Cod, Heart-Healthy Baked Cod, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Parsley-Buttered Potatoes, Salad Bar, Clam Chowder, Rye Bread, Milk - Coffee, Dessert
** NO Chicken Tenders During Lent, the substitute is Smelt **

COST:  Adults - $12 (no carry-outs)
Children Ages 3 to 10 - $7.50

TAKE-OUTS ARE AVAILABLE!

SERVING TIME:  4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.)

LOCATION:  St. Florian/Cristo Rey School Cafeteria (Elevator Available)
            (Located 1 block North of Greenfield Avenue on South 45 Street)

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UPCOMING EVENTS:  

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN DINNER
Sunday, March 24 – 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY
Sunday, April 14 – 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

CARD SOCIAL
Friday, April 26 – 6:00 - 11:30 pm

CASINO NITE
Saturday, May 18 – 6:00 - 11:00 pm