PARISH STAFF
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Maintenance: Joseph Rivest

ST. FLORIAN PARISH OFFICE
1210 South 45 Street
Phone.................................. 383-3565, ext. 0
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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
Vice Chair: Mary Costello.......... 383-0513
Trustee: Russell Miller .............. 671-2385
Trustee: Sandy Kania............... 672-0364

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, May 18...................... 4:00 pm
Sunday, June 1....................... 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

[Jesus] said to him,
“Follow me.”
- John 21:19b

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
**CARMELITE QUOTE**

. . . How is it that when there is so little time . . .
to enjoy your presence
you hide from me?

~ St. Teresa of Avila

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**ETERNAL FLAME**

May 4 - May 10
In loving memory of:

† Robert Peters

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**CATHOLIC QUOTE**

"In the life of every Christian there are countless resurrections."

- Caryll Houselander

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."
Saturday, May 4 - Feast of St. Florian
2:00 pm .......... Bell Choir in Carmel Hall
2:30 pm .......... Confessions
3:00 pm .......... Celebration Choir in Fellowship Room
4:00 pm .......... Mass in Church with Special Priest Mass,
                 Birthday Blessings & Parish Patron Saint

Sunday, May 5
8:00 am .......... Mass in Church with Birthday Blessings

Monday, May 6
.............................. NO 5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel

Tuesday, May 7
.............................. NO 5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel

Wednesday, May 8
1:00 pm .......... Jubilation Choir in Fellowship Room
3:00 pm .......... Divine Mercy Group in Fellowship Room
5:00 pm .......... Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel
7:00 pm .......... Finance Council Meeting in Parish Office

Thursday, May 9
5:00 pm .......... Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel

Friday, May 10
5:00 pm .......... Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel

Saturday, May 11
2:00 pm .......... Bell Choir in Carmel Hall
2:30 pm .......... Confessions
3:00 pm .......... Celebration Choir in Fellowship Room
4:00 pm .......... Mass in Church with Mother’s Day Blessing
5:00 pm .......... Fr. Ralph’s Farewell Celebration Dinner in
                 the Cristo Rey HS/St. Florian Cafeteria

Sunday, May 12
8:00 am .......... Mass in Church with Mother’s Day Blessing

Party to Honor Father Ralph

While Fr. Fred is away on the
HEART of MARY Pilgrimage,
Fr. Ralph will be helping out at St. Florian.

Next Saturday, May 11,
following the 4:00 pm Mass,
the Parish will hold a
belated farewell Reception/Dinner
for Fr. Ralph in the School Cafeteria.

Please plan to join us.

If you plan to attend and
to determine how much food to prepare,
please RSVP to the Parish Office
at 414-383-3565 by
Monday, May 6 before 12:00 pm (Noon).

Thank you.

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible

Pat Balistrieri
Tom Beale
Catherine Becker
Diane Bersch
Mike Best
Brinley Bilke
Michelle Bilke
Kate Borchardt
Rhonda Brown
Joshua Catania
Maribeth Catania
Richard Centner
Beth Cesar
Chris Cesar
Sharon Craig
Judith Culver
Sr. Geraldine Dallman
Denise De Lopez
David Demos-Kuehli
Dorothy Dietrich
Barbara DiGiorgio
Steve Dufek
Dixie Fengier
James McGivern
Lillian Montgomery
Dorothy Dietrich
Gloria Gunderson
Ralph Haas
June Hankey
Arlene Horton
John Kischefsky
Richard Klabunde
Mary Ann Kania
Deneyl Karlovich
Richard Lannin
Kathy Kleisath
Marisa Kleisath
Klescewski
Michael Kolodzyn
Ruth Kressl
Rory Krygjel
Dennis & Nancy Kuhs
Kristopher Kyrola
Dorothea Lannin
Jerry & Rosie
Leannemann
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Russell Miller
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Ralph Haas
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You changed lives this Lent, and CRS
Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU
to all who donated. Watch for our
total soon, as we are still counting.

CASSINO NITE NEWS

Casino Nite is now two weeks away.
Do you have your sponsorships in?
May 6th is the deadline for them.
Time is also running out to get your pre-sales in.
Don’t miss out on an evening of food, fun & entertainment.
We have many interesting items for the silent auction tables
and we are sure there will be something that will catch your
eye. We have some really nice raffles too. But the only
way to find out is to check it out. So get your pre-sales in!

I’m sure Russ in planning on making some awesome
appetizers and the Christian Women will have their
delicious desserts, as always.

There will be plenty of gaming tables, 50/50 raffles,
the puzzle raffle, the meat raffle, and, of course,
the always popular, Chips n More game.
So don’t sit home on May 18th watching TV, come to where
all the action will be. Come on down to St. Florian’s 4th
annual Casino Nite and have some fun. We know you will.

See You All There!!!!
CELEBRATING ST. FLORIAN’S FEAST DAY, MAY 4 — OUR PARISH PATRON SAINT

St. Florian (c. 250-304 A.D.) was a commander in the Roman army serving under the Emperor Diocletian in present-day Austria. Among his duties was the organization of firefighting brigades. He was secretly a Christian and became famous for miraculously saving a town from being destroyed by fire; after he prayed and threw a single bucket of water on the blaze, it was extinguished. Word reached the Emperor that he was not enforcing the ban against Christianity in his territory, and under investigation he was found to be a Christian. He was then condemned to be tortured and executed for his Christian faith. Refusing to recant his faith, St. Florian was flayed alive and martyred by being dumped into the river. His body was later recovered and today his relics rest at a church named for him in Kraków, Poland. St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters, chimney-sweeps, brewers, drowning victims, and of Austria and Poland. He is often invoked when in danger of floods, fires, and battles. St. Florian, pray for us!

by Gretchen Filz

EXPLAINING THE MAY CROWNING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A solemn procession, during the month of May, at the close of which a statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland of roses or other appropriate ornament. There is a special honor attached to being chosen to crown the statue. A May crowning is often the high point of public devotion to Our Lady in a diocese, parish, or Catholic institution.

May Crowning may be considered out of date by some but, with the proper catechesis, they can continue to be a wonderful devotion and a way to bring us closer to Jesus. So what makes for “sound” Marian devotion?

In his apostolic exhortation on Mary, Marialis Cultus (To Honor Mary), Pope Paul VI outlined five characteristics that are required, saying that sound Marian devotions and good Marian theology must be:

1. Biblical—rooted in the testimony of Scripture
2. Liturgical—in tune with the great liturgical seasons
3. Ecumenical—in harmony with the agreements we have reached with fellow Christian churches
4. Anthropological—sensitive to the changing role of women in society (i.e. presenting Mary as a woman who was passive and subservient does not resonate with the perception of women in today’s society)
5. Theological—have God at the center—with Mary placed in relation to Christ and to the Church

You can celebrate a simple May Crowning by doing the following:

- Place a statue of Mary on a pedestal.
- Sing a hymn honoring Mary.
- Read a Scripture passage about Mary such as: Luke 1:26-38 (the Annunciation); Luke 1:39-45 (the Visitation); Luke 2:6-12 (the Nativity); Luke 2:41-50 (the boy Jesus in the Temple); John 2:1-12 (the wedding feast at Cana); Luke 23:27-29 (Mary meets Jesus carrying his cross); John 19:25-30 (Mary at the foot of the cross).
- Offer a brief reflection on the role of Mary as the first disciple (or, if you do this May Crowning for catechists, reflect on Mary as the model catechist).
- Walk in procession while singing or playing a Marian hymn.
- Place a garland of flowers on the head of the statue.

Pray the Hail Mary, the Hail, Holy Queen, or the Memorare.

MOTHER’S DAY ROSE SALE

Roses will be available after all Masses on the weekend of Mother’s Day, May 11th & 12th for $2 each. There will also be a second collection that weekend. The proceeds will be used by the Wisconsin Right-to-Life—Milwaukee Chapter for educational purposes and to support pregnancy help centers. Remember your MOM with a red rose, the symbol of Life.
You are invited to the
4th ANNUAL
ST. FLORIAN
"VIVA LAS VEGAS"
CASINO NITE
Saturday May 18, 2019
6:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Gaming Tables Open 6:30-9:30
Cristo Rey/ St. Florian Gymnasium
1215 So. 45th St. West Milwaukee
Games, Raffles, Silent Auctions,
Music, Light Appetizers, Desserts, Cash Bar

$20 ADVANCE* Donation Per Person
Includes 2 Raffle Tickets And $500 In Funny Money
Gift Awarded To Highest Chip Total Winner
Plus A Chance To Win a $100 Gift
**(Must Be Sent In By May 16th To Qualify)**
**OR**

$25 Donation Per Person At The Door
Includes 2 Raffle Tickets And $500 In Funny Money
Gift Awarded To Highest Chip Total Winner
***(Must Be 21 Years Or Older)***
Contact Gloria Gardner With Any Questions
414 801-7700 or Email: tubebnrd@aol.com

--FOR SILENT AUCTION PURCHASES ONLY, CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED--

Names or Name: __________________________________________________________

Email or Phone# __________________________________________________________

# Of Pre-sales Ordered: __________

**Pre-sale Check-In on the night of the event. There are no tickets.**

Please Return This Portion With Your Check Made Payable To:
ST. FLORIAN PARISH And Write "CASINO NITE" On The Memo Line
Please Mail To:
St. Florian Parish 1210 So. 45th St. West Milwaukee, Wi. 53214

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