



# Saint Florian

Staffed by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

1233 South 45 Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53214-3615

March 22, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

## PARISH STAFF

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## ST. FLORIAN PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Parish Office is Closed on Fridays

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Kate Klister ..... 350-9217  
 Vice Chair: Sue Jens ..... 328-4042  
 Trustee: Russell Miller ..... 671-2385  
 Trustee: Sandy Kania..... 672-0364

## MUSIC DIRECTORS

Joseph Carpenter - 4:00 p.m. Sat. choir.....430-3425  
 Diane Bersch - 8:00 a.m. 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 - (subject to change or by request)**

Sunday, May 17..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 13 ..... 4:00 p.m.

## 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 CANCELLED THROUGH 4/3/2020 -

(subject to change)

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

## CONFESSIONS WILL CURRENTLY CONTINUE

Saturdays ..... 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
 (*or upon request at the parish office*)

## FOOD PANTRY

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month..... 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 (*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

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

~ John 9:35



# MASS INTENTIONS

**March 21, 2020**  
through  
**March 29, 2020**

Fr. Fred will still celebrate Mass **without an assembly**, including the Sunday *“pro populo”* Masses as required by canon law. Missa *pro populo* (Latin: "Mass for the people") is a term used in liturgical texts and rules of the Catholic Church. It refers to the requirement of all ordained pastors to say **Mass** for the people of their parish.

**Sat., March 21** - *Anticipated Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
The Parishioners of St. Florian

**Sun., March 22** - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
The Parishioners of St. Florian

**Mon., March 23** - *Lenten Weekday*  
† JoAnne Gannon

**Tues., March 24** - *Lenten Weekday*  
† Scott Grapatin

**Wed., March 25** - *The Annunciation of the Lord*  
The Parishioners of St. Florian

**Thurs., March 26** - *Lenten Weekday*  
† Doris Mueller

**Fri., March 27** - *Lenten Weekday*  
† Gayle Croft

**Sat., March 28** - *Anticipated Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
† Paul Klister

**Sun., March 29** - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
† Clara Satorius

## SUNDAY MASSES ON TV/RADIO/INTERNET

Two Sunday Masses at the Cathedral will still be celebrated, but without an assembly. The 11:00 a.m. Mass is live-streaming on the Cathedral's website at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrw\\_JySXFU94eYPgE\\_ILoKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrw_JySXFU94eYPgE_ILoKQ)

The 9:00 a.m. Mass is on the radio at AM 920.

Other TV Masses are available on WITI Fox 6 at 5:30 a.m. and WVTM (Ch. 18) & My24 at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Mass can also be accessed via the internet by visiting [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of

what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear,

## CARMELITE QUOTE

“Keeping Christ present is what we of ourselves can do.”

~ St. Teresa of Avila

## Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54  
Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Thurs: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

St. Patrick's Day Special Drawing  
March 17, 2020

*Congratulations* **\$100 - Lucas Brisingamen**

Regular Weekly Drawing  
March 17, 2020

**\$25 - Richard Zuder**

## CATHOLIC QUOTE

“My heart is listening, Lord.”

~ St. Augustine

## ETERNAL FLAME

March 21 - March 27, 2020

In loving memory of:

† **Richard P. Adams**



*Mark Your*  
**CALENDAR**



**In March,  
Please Pray For . . .**

**Saturday, March 21**

2:00 pm.....Bell Choir in Carmel Hall  
2:30-3:30 pm ... Confessions  
3:00 pm..... Celebration Choir in Fellowship Room  
3:30 pm..... Stations of the Cross in Church  
4:00 pm Mass in Church **CANCELLED**

**Sunday, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am..... Stations of the Cross in Church  
8:00 am Mass in Church **CANCELLED**  
11 am-3pm All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner in the Cristo Rey School Cafeteria **CANCELLED**

**Monday, March 23**

12:00 pm..... Staff Meeting in Parish Office  
5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**

**Tuesday, March 24**

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**

**Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**  
11:00 am..... Jubilation Choir in Fellowship Room  
12:30 pm..... Divine Mercy in Fellowship Room  
7:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**

**Thursday, March 26**

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**  
7:00 pm Communal Penance & Reconciliation **CANCELLED**

**Friday, March 27**

4:30-7 pm Fish Fry in school Cafeteria **CANCELLED**  
5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel **CANCELLED**

**Saturday, March 28**

2:00 pm.....Bell Choir in Carmel Hall  
2:30-3:30 pm ... Confessions  
3:00 pm..... Celebration Choir in Fellowship Room  
3:30 pm..... Stations of the Cross in Church  
4:00 pm Mass in Church **CANCELLED**

**Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am..... Stations of the Cross in Church  
8:00 am Mass in Church **CANCELLED**

**Private Masses will be celebrated without an assembly.**

Michael & Catherine Becker	Ruth Kressl	Mary Prieue
Gregg & Susan Dufek	Helen Markowski	Patrick & Rose Redmond
Helen Guszowski	Bernie & James McGivern	Carolyn Toby
Arlene Horton	Betty	Edie Wurcer
Joyce Johnson	Michalowski	Gloria Zelazek
Ed Keever	Candy Netterfield family	Bernie Zimney

Please note changes to the Calendar on the left.

\* AS OF THIS TIME, ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

\* OUR CHICKEN DINNER IS CANCELLED SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

\* OUR FISH FRIES WILL BE CANCELLED THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

\* THE COMMUNAL PENANCE & RECONCILIATION IS CANCELLED THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious**

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up & act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road & fail to meet people full of joy & welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Born to Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers...

† **Leroy F. Krygiel**

Passed away Friday, March 13  
at the age of 102.

His funeral was held privately Friday, March 20.

Please keep his family members & friends in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.*



Individual Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Church or by appointment by calling the Parish Office or Father Fred.

The Communal Penance service that had been scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Florian Parish has been cancelled.

### CASINO NITE NEWS

Do to the circumstances that are beyond our control, I am putting a hold on the weekly donation request list until things are back to normal again. Thank you to the people that have stepped up to help. I hope everyone stays in good health and I hope that with all the steps we are taking to stop this virus, it ends soon.

Take care.  
Gloria Gardner.

### FATHER FRED WANTED TO SHARE WITH PARISHIONERS DURING THIS TIME A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS AS PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and  
to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and  
to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are  
our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love  
of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



### PRAYER & WORSHIP NEWS

With the Church open for Confessions and during this difficult time, we will still have at the back of Church a selection of daily Lenten reflection booklets available for you to take and use during your Lenten prayer this season.

You are also welcome to privately do the Stations of the Cross while the Church is open during Confessions.

From Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI. Let us hold each other in prayer during this time of concern, asking Mary Help of Christians to intercede on our behalf. Together we can pray this Spiritual Act of Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Posted on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, composed a prayer asking Mary, Health of the Sick, to intercede for us during this pandemic. Please join us in prayer.

### Prayer to Mary, Health of the Sick

O Mary, you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.

You, Mother of the Divine Physician,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection,  
we seek refuge,  
Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are  
in trial, but deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Effective  
Wednesday, March 18  
through  
Friday, April 3, 2020,  
there will be no public  
celebration of the  
Weekday & Weekend  
Masses.**

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**Until further notice,  
All St. Florian Parish  
Events are Cancelled.**

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**\* Things are subject to  
change by the Archbishop.**