

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
FEB. 1, 2009 **4TH Sunday of Church Time**

WELCOME DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL! We are all very excited to have Deacon Pat with us. On Sundays, Feb. 8 & 15, he will be the Deacon at St. Julie Parish, 4pm Masses. On Sun, Feb. 22, he will be the deacon for Mass at St. Francis Borgia.

Sun, 2/15, there will be a "Welcome Deacon Pat" party at St. Julie. \$5: soup & salad, plus dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FR. MIKE DEPCIK will have a weekend retreat for Deaf Young Adults, March 13-15, 2009. This will be at the beautiful Camp DeSales in Michigan. See Fr. Mike for information or contact him at Depcik@gmail.com

Sun., March 1, 1-7pm. Join Fr. Joe Mulcrone for a special tour. During the Year of St. Paul, Pope Benedict has declared that people who make a pilgrimage to a church of St. Paul and offer prayers there, will receive a Plenary Indulgence. A Plenary Indulgence removes all punishments for our sins in Purgatory after we die. We will have a bus from St. Francis Borgia.

1pm: bus leaves St. Francis Borgia to go to St. Paul Church, 22nd & Hoyne.

1:30pm: arrive at the church for tour and prayers.

2:30pm: go to St. Adalbert church, 17th & Ashland, one of the oldest Polish churches.

3:30pm: enjoy excellent Mexican luncheon at one of the best Mexican restaurants in Chicago.

Bus back to St. Francis Borgia. Sign up for bus at Deaf center. If you wish to drive yourself, let Fr. Joe know.

St. Francis Borgia CAFÉ: wonderful talks each week on St. Paul's Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians. INTERPRETED. Free. Refreshments. Begins Wed., Feb.4th! 7:30pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Mon, Feb. 2: Building Foundation meeting, 8318 W. Addison. 5:30pm; meal, 6:30pm, meeting.

Wed, Feb. 4: 7:30pm, St. Francis Borgia CAFÉ (see above).

Sun, Feb. 8: Mass, 10:30am. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Parish, 7399 W. 159th, Tinley Park. Refreshments.

Mon, Feb. 9: Liturgy Meeting. Meal: 5:30pm. Meet: 6:30pm.

Wed, Feb.11: 7:30pm, St. Francis Borgia CAFÉ.

Sat, Feb.14, Noon-3pm: workshop for people to be Readers at Mass. Fr. Mike and Deacon Pat.

Sun, Feb. 15: Mass, 10:30am. Valentine day luncheon. 12:30pm, workshop.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Parish. Welcome Deacon Pat party (see above).

Wed, Feb.18: 7:30pm, St. Francis Borgia CAFÉ

Sun, Feb. 22: Mass, 10:30am. Deacon Pat Graybill. Coffee & rolls.

Wed, Feb. 25: ASH WEDNESDAY.

Thurs, Feb.26, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, Mar. 1. Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. 1pm: bus leaves for St. Paul tour.

EVENTS:

SAT, February 7:

- a) Lunar New Year, Year of the OX! Wonderful Buffet Dinner, Downers Grove. 7pm-midnight. Deaf Asian American group. Email: daaac07@yahoo.com, or see STELLA HILL at church.

- b) Valentine party by Deaf European American group. 6232 W. Addison. INFO:

daaac09@yahoo.com

SUN, February 8: 3:30pm, ISD Alumni meeting, Schaumburg Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg.

TUES, February 10: 5pm, "Does Your Interpreter have an INTERPRETER LICENSE?" New law in Illinois; learn about this new law and your rights as a deaf consumer. Chgo Hearing Society, 2032 N.

Clybourn, Polk Conference room (Anixter center). FREE. Refreshments. Must RSVP by 2/6: 773-248-

9104vp, keischen@anixter.org, 773-248-9174tty.

SAT, February 13: 7pm, Deaf Latino Valentine Party, 2150 S. Canalport. Adults only.

SAT, February 21: 7:30pm, WSAD Social Night, Glass Courts, 830 E. Roosevelt Rd, Lombard,IL.

COMPUTER training classes for deaf people and people with disabilities. (Also classes in SPANISH!) Community Service Options, 6845 S. Western Ave., Chgo. Very cheap prices to teach people how to use the computer or get open access (come to use computers, 9am-7pm). 773-471-4730x4701, 773-471-4770fax.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

2/2: Hebrews 11:32-40/Mark 5:1-20

2/5: Hebrews 12:18-24/Mark 6:7-13

2/3: Hebrews 12:1-4/Mark 5:21-43

2/6: Hebrews 13:1-8/Mark 6:14-29

2/4: Hebrews 12:4-15/Mark 6:1-6

2/7: Hebrews 13:15-21/Mark 6:30-34

The 11th chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews gives us the entire "History of FAITH" from the creation of time till Jesus. The 13th chapter of Hebrews is a beautiful and powerful teaching about how to live in the world TODAY!

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Last week, I had a good discussion with Dana Craig who is working on the IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) Conference in Bloomington, IL, June 11-13, 2009. The people organizing the Conference have some wonderful plans. There will be many people at the Conference representing State of Illinois and US Government agencies. These people will be there to answer your questions about: Social Security, Medicare, insurance, home foreclosures, debt, discrimination, etc. Many exhibitors for deaf products will also be there.

The plans for the Conference are very good. Bloomington/Normal is an easy two hour drive from Chicago on I-55, and the hotel is very nice. Their theme is "WE THE PEOPLE!"

2) JULY 16-22, 2009 is the ICDA (International Catholic Deaf Association) Conference in Cleveland, OHIO. Great fun trips, and excellent workshops. Mass everyday! Email at: CLEVCATHDEAF@aol.com. Drive, train, or fly! RENAISSANCE Cleveland Hotel is terrific.

3) PARENTS: looking for a safe, attractive FAITH resource for children ages 10-14? Have your child go to yfaith.co.uk. It is very good.

4) Our Deaf LENT MISSION is the weekend of MARCH 13-15. We have a wonderful, deaf presenter that weekend. Plan to join us at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center on Friday night at 7pm, Sat. beginning at 4pm with a pot-luck dinner, and Sunday morning for our 10:30am Mass.

5) Please pray for those who are sick, especially...CHARLES PECKHAM, DEANNE SEYMOUR, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, CONNIE KENNEDY, MARIE VOLPENTESTA.

6) TODAY, WE BLESS THROATS. WHY? Because on the feast of St. Blase, 2/3, we remember that St. Blase cured someone who was choking to death. So, we ask his help to keep us safe. The prayer the priest uses is: "By the help of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr, may the Lord keep you safe from all sicknesses of the throat and every other evil. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

7) A busy (and fun!) weekend: Sat-Sun, APRIL 25-26. Sat, 4/25, we will have a wonderful movie in ASL, "The Legend of the Mountain Man", showing at St. Francis Borgia. Then, Sun, 4/26, we will have an excellent women's Fashion Show at Holy Trinity School for the Deaf. (Mass at Notre Dame parish at 10 am that morning in sign-language.)

8) Wonderful programs for deaf and hard of hearing Youth and Teens from Chicago Hearing Society. http://chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Youth_calendar.htm, or contact June Prusak at 773-248-9121 v, 773-248-9174 tty, 773-248-9103 vp, jprusak@anixter.org

9) MINISTRY (God's work) IN OUR DEAF COMMUNITY. Fr. Mike Depcik will be with us in Chicago till June 2010, then he will return to Michigan. Our Deacons (and I, Fr. Joe) are getting older. Who will be our future leaders in the Church? We have two good training programs for people who wish to become leaders in the deaf Catholic Church community.

1) MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM teaches people basic skills in Church work. Talk to Fr. Mike Depcik about this program.

2) MINISTRY DEGREE PROGRAM at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL is a wonderful program.

You attend workshops there several times a year; the rest of the work is done on computers. Talk to

Deacon Ralph Hinch (a graduate) or Nancy Huber about this program. Scholarship money is available

and also help to pay for airfare!

10) Where can you find many different Bible translations? www.bibles.com

11) DSSP (Deaf Social Service Providers) will have their next meeting on Tues, 2/10, 9-Noon at Anixter Center, 2032 N. Clybourn. Topics include: Harper College Deaf Program and Legal Issues for the Deaf.

12) MEDICARE does not always cover all costs, such as, dental, vision, etc. There is a special plan, MEDICARE ADVANTAGE, that people can get to help with their costs. For more info, contact JENNIFER SCHEFFLER, 866-563-8695v/VP, 708-209-1827tty, or email her at: jscheffler@progresscil.org