

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
MARCH 1, 2009 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

IMPORTANT NOTE re: Bible Study This Tuesday, March 3rd! Because of the special election in the 5th Congressional District, the election will be in the large hall. The Bible Study with Fr. Mike Depcik will be in the large BACK room. Please do NOT come into the large hall. Enter by the door on the other side of the deaf center.

11am: bring your lunch; we will have coffee, tea, pop. Bring a dessert to share.

12:30pm: Fr. Mike will discuss the readings for NEXT SUNDAY.

Next Saturday, March 7th, before bed, turn your clocks AHEAD one hour: daylight savings time.

Every Wednesday, 7:30pm, excellent talks on St. Paul's Epistles (interpreted) St. Francis Borgia.

Fri-Sun, March 13-15 (yes ALL three days!), come to our Deaf Parish Mission! A deaf young man who is studying to become a priest, GREG YUBARA, will give our Mission.

Fri: 7pm: Talk, refreshments after talk.

Sat: 4pm, talk.

5:30pm, Dinner (mostaccioli and chicken). Bring SALAD or DESSERT to share.

7pm: talk.

Sun: 9am, meet with Latino parents. 10:30am, Mass. Coffee & rolls after.

BE VERY CAREFUL! If you get any letters in the mail (or email or VP) that look "official" about "stimulus plan", "please contact us about your money", etc, BE VERY CAREFUL! Do NOT sign anything! Do NOT send money or give them any of your financial information.

Everyone will get money from the government (people working; people on SSI and SSD). You do NOT have to pay any fee to get this money. In addition, re: the new mortgage plans and help to prevent foreclosures, you should contact your bank or mortgage company directly. Do NOT become fooled because of letters you get promising you "special deals", "reverse mortgages", etc. If you have questions, please talk to your family, your banker, or bring the letter to show Fr. Joe. There are many criminals trying to steal your money.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 3/3, 11am: Bible Study with Fr. Mike (see above).

Wed, 3/4, 7:30pm: interpreted talk on St. Paul's Epistles (Letters).

Fri-Sun, 3/6-8: MFP (Ministry Formation Program).

Sat, 3/7: clocks turned AHEAD one hour for day light savings time.

Sun, 3/8: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch and meeting. Learn about ICDA 2011 Chicago!

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Billiart, TINLEY PARK. Refreshments.

Mass, 5pm, St. Patrick, LEMONT. (Fr. Joe will celebrate this Mass; voice/sign.)

Mon, 3/9: Building Fund meeting.

Tues, 3/10: 11am, Bible Study with Fr. Mike.

Wed, 3/11: 7:30 pm, St. Paul's Epistles (interpreted).

Fri-Sun, 3/13-15: Parish Mission for the deaf community (see above).

Retreat for young adults (Fr. Mike Depcik & Deacon Pat Graybill).

PLEASE PRAY FOR...FLORENCE WERKMEISTER (84) who died 2/22...HUGH SMITH, Jim Smith's dad, who died 2/19...FR.JOE who will have cataract surgery this week, GEORGE SUNDLING, RICHARD IOVITO, DEANNE SEYMOUR, CONNIE KENNEDY, VITA HOLUBETZ, ED SCHULTZ.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

2/2: Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18/Matt. 25:31-46

2/5: Esther C: 12-25/Matthew 7:7-12

2/3: Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

2/6: Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matt.5: 20-26

2/4: Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

2/7: Deuter. 26: 16-19/Matt.5:43-48

PARENTS:

1) Your local LIBRARY has many excellent programs for children. Also, all libraries must provide a sign-language interpreter for deaf children if you request it.

2) The ART INSTITUTE of CHICAGO is one of the finest art museums in the world! The Art Institute has many wonderful programs for children and families. Info: www.artic.edu/aic/kids. Or you can call: 312-857-7161, email at: familyprograms@artic.edu

3) If you suspect child pornography on your computer or the computer of another person, you can contact: www.cybertipline.org

4) If you suspect that a child is suffering from NEGLECT, PHYSICAL (beating, slapping) or SEXUAL ABUSE, you can contact help for that child at: 1-800-358-5117tty,

1-800-252-2873 (English/Spanish). CONFIDENTIAL.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) WE ARE BLESSED. We have three deaf deacons; a deaf priest. We have a very good Religious Education Program for our children. We have wonderful volunteers (deaf and hearing) who are always willing to help. Many cities in our country have no Catholic deaf ministry. In many places in the world, there is NO ONE to work with deaf Catholics. Thank God for all those who are a part of our Catholic Deaf community in Cook and Lake counties.

2) EYE SURGERY. Recently, NANCY HUBER had special eye surgery. Nancy reports that she is feeling a lot better. My eye doctor found that I have cataracts on both my right and left eyes. I will have surgery on my left eye March 6th; my right, March 13th. St. Lucy is the patron saint of people with eye problems. Please ask her to help me get through the surgery.

3) Sometimes, people ask me why I get so concerned re: scams in the deaf community. There is a long history of deaf people losing money because of scams. Over 30 years ago, many deaf lost thousands of dollars because of an organization CCA (Consumer Club of America). This “Club” promised all sorts of prizes if you joined. In the end, some people lost over \$5,000! Then, years later, there was another organization, “Pilot”. A number of deaf people convinced other deaf people to give their money to this group. Again, the deaf people lost lots of money.

On Sat., 2/21, there was a big article in the “Chicago Tribune” Business Section. (Thanks to Deacon Ralph Hinch for finding this!) The article showed that a man, MARVIN COOPER, had taken \$1.4 million dollars from 125 investors –ALL OF THEM DEAF!!! – to buy HIMSELF electronics equipment, flying lessons, and a \$1 million dollar home.

The sad thing is that many of the deaf convince each other to join these scams. Some of the worst people are deaf people calling other deaf on VP or EMAIL to join these programs that promise “big profit”, “fast return on investment”, etc. These are ALL lies, fraud. If someone contacts you about joining any group to make lots of money, tell the person you want his/her name and address. Then, contact the Attorney General Office in Illinois to report this scam: 1-800-964-3013tty, 312-814-5684v, www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov

Years ago, there was a great guy in our community, RON SLISZ. Ron was terrific about noticing scams and letting us know what was going on in our community. I still miss Ron!

4) NEED YOUR HELP:

a) Need some people to help with hospitality for the Mission, 3/13-15, especially Sat. night for the pot-luck dinner. Please let me or BARB KEINER know if you can help.

b) TONIE SUNDLING has volunteered to help run the St. Joseph Table on 3/29. Can you volunteer to help with the food or dessert tables? See TONIE.

5) LENT is a wonderful time for us! LENT is a time for everyone to become closer to God. How? Read Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), especially chapter 2. The person who wrote this book of the bible wrote it hundreds of years BEFORE Jesus. This book is filled with great JEWISH wisdom about living the right way with God and one another.

6) TRAVELLING THIS SPRING? If you are going to another city and want to know about interpreted Masses or the Deaf Center, contact our Catholic Office of the Deaf for information.

7) WOMEN! Sunday, April 26th – Holy Trinity Fashion Show at Holy Trinity Deaf School. FREE bus from St. Francis Borgia. Excellent meal; fashions from Cold Water Creek. Advertising available next week!

8) DRIVERS: PAY ATTENTION. Next Saturday, 3/7, we start Day Light Savings time. In the morning, it will be dark. Watch out, especially for children going to school!

9) CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION): Fr. Mike Depcik will be available in the chapel, Noon-3pm, on Sat., March 21st! Fr. Joe will be available in the chapel, Sat., April 4th, 4-5pm. Come to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness of your sins.

10) Thursday, March 12, 7 pm: “Paul and the Call to Understand Spirit & Flesh” – Mission Talk at St. Mary of the Annunciation church, 2233 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein. Interpreted.