

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON

Nov. 2, 2008

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: please fill out the names of those you wish to pray for during November. Fr. Mike and Fr. Joe will remember these people at Mass throughout November.

Tues, Nov. 4: VOTE! There are many people running for State Representative/State Senator, Judges, also (Federal government) Representative, Senator, President. VOTE!

Wed, Nov. 5, 2pm: Deacon Casimir Fronczek will lead a group of people to visit the graves of the many deaf people, including Mary Jo Scanlan, who are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, 87th & Pulaski. Please meet at the cemetery office.

Sat., Nov. 8th, Noon-5pm, Hawthorne Race Track. Buy tickets today: \$35. At the door: \$40. Bus leaves St. Francis Borgia at 11:15am. Sign-up today!

Sun, Nov. 9th: MSGR. NELSON will offer Masses for the Deaf at:
AURORA, 9AM, St. Joseph Parish Center, lower level, 722 High St.
ELGIN, 11AM, St. Tomas More (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), 215 Thomas More Dr.
Schedule for Masses / Rockford Diocese at: www.DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com

Sat, Nov. 15, 8am-Noon: Flu Shot Health Fair (FREE). Gottlieb Hospital Professional Bldg, 5th & North Ave., Melrose Park. FREE flu shots. 708-450-4526 for RSVP.

Make sure you take a HOLIDAY EVENTS 2008 schedule today. Lots of important information. Remember: many of these events sell out early, so don't wait till the "last minute" to RSVP. Also pick up notes on not becoming a "Victim" of holiday crimes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Read CAREFULLY!

Wed, 11/5, 7:30pm: St. Paul workshop continues. FREE.

Sat, 11/8: Hawthorne Fund-raiser, NOON-5pm.

Sun, 11/9: Mass, St. Francis Borgia, 10:30am. Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

Wed, 11/12, 7:30pm: St. Paul workshop. FREE.

Sun, 11/16: Mass, 10:30am. "Hot turkey dinner" after Mass; CCE meeting.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie, 7399 W. 159th. CHRISTMAS PARTY tickets!

Wed, 11/19, 7:30pm: Last St. Paul workshop.

Thurs, 11/20, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 11/23: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. 12:30pm: workshop with Fr. Mike Depcik.

Mass, 4pm. St. Mary of Vernon. Refreshments.

Thurs, 11/27, 10am-1pm: FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone in our community.

FAMILIES: all PARK DISTRICTS (Chicago and suburbs) have many wonderful activities for families. Most of these programs are FREE! Contact your local Park District to find out what they are offering. Chgo Park District: www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS from the FLU. How? WASH YOUR HANDS.

Next Sun., 11/9, we cannot use the large hall for deaf social after Mass. Sorry!

OPEN ENROLLMENT: the US Government allows people on Medicare to switch Part D Drug Plans, 11/15-12/15. Please see the "Open Enrollment" flyer for information.

WHAT is MFP? MFP is an excellent program to train deaf people to do ministry in the Church. FR. MIKE DEPCIK & SR. RITA WIGGINTON direct the program. Are you interested in serving the Church? Want to learn more how to do this work? See Fr. Mike about MFP.

DRIVERS: now it is dark early in the afternoon. Watch out for children on the streets. Keep your own headlights/taillights clean. How? Each time you buy gas, take the squeegee you use to clean your windshield, and clean the lights, too.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

11/3: Philippians 2:1-4/Luke 14:12-14

11/6: Philippians 3:3-8/Luke 15:1-10

11/4: Phil. 2:5-11/Luke 14:15-24

11/7: Phil. 3:17-14:1/Luke 16:1-8

11/5: Phil. 2:12-18/Luke 14:25-33

11/8: Phil. 4:10-19/Luke 16:9-15

Traveling to Gallaudet/Washington, DC/Maryland? For info on SIGN-LANGUAGE interpreted Masses, go to: 301-459-7464v/tty, email: adwterprequest@aol.com.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) CARLOS MARTINEZ is a thoughtful member of our community. Recently, he talked about deaf history changing. In the past, there were many deaf “clubs”. These clubs gave deaf people the opportunity to meet, discuss, share experiences, AND help out one another. When I (Fr. Joe) began working in the community in 1977, there were a number of clubs: CCD (Chicago Club of the Deaf), NW Silent Club, 58th Club on South Western Ave., the FRAT, Lincoln Club. Most of these are gone or very small. Our CCE group continues to meet, but we are smaller than before. Now, there are other organizations: some are ethnic (Deaf Latinos, Asians, Europeans); some are focused on a specific issue (Deaf Culture). There are deaf gatherings (Duppies; Deaf Chat). Some people feel that with VP, there will be fewer deaf groups and organizations.

At the same time, deaf education is changing. Many state residential schools have closed, as have private schools (St. John’s, Milwaukee). (We still have a terrific school for deaf children here in Chicago at Children of Peace/ Holy Trinity!) Many deaf mainstream education programs in Illinois are changing. There are fewer deaf self-contained in one school and more mainstreamed at their local schools with an interpreter or itinerant teacher. ISD is facing big budget cuts. Are these changes good? The best thing for deaf children? What do you think???

2) THE “PRICE”: if something is valuable, it has a certain price. From 1936-1939, there was a terrible civil war in Spain. More than 6,800 bishops, priests, Sisters & Brothers, Catechists, and lay leaders were put in prison and killed. Why? Because they were faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. Their feast is November 6th.

Before and during World War II, the Nazis put 2,670 Catholic priests in concentration camps, such as Dachau. Over 600 of these priests died. The Nazis cruelly executed Deacon Bernard Lichtenberg of Berlin, a leader of that Church. Why? Because they were faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. (We should also remember the more than 6 million Jewish people and hundreds of thousands of innocent deaf, mentally ill, disabled, gay people and gypsies the Nazis murdered!)

In our world today, people in INDIA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA, VIET NAM, SUDAN, IRAQ, IRAN, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, RUSSIA continue to attack, rape, and murder Catholics. Even in so-called Catholic countries, such as GUATEMALA, we see good people suffering. Why? Because they are faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. Pray for these brothers and sisters of ours in Faith!

3) Fr. Cyril Axelrod is a deaf-blind catholic priest. He recently wrote a wonderful article, “The Signs We Give” in THE TABLET magazine, Oct. 4,2008. If you want to read that article, you can go to: www.thetablet.co.uk

4) Protect yourself and others: many hospitals and nursing homes now have anti-germ dispensers in their lobbies, hallways, and rooms. I always use these to clean my hands before I visit any patients. I always use these to clean my hands before I leave the hospital or nursing home.

5) PARISH CRAFT SALES:

Sat, 11/8,9am-3pm: St. Albert the Great, 80th & Central, BURBANK.

Sat, 11/8, 10am-3pm: St. Gilbert, Rt. 120 west of rt. 83, GRAYSLAKE.

Sun, 11/9, 9am-2pm: St. Pius, 4300 S. Oak Park, STICKNEY.

6) Tickets for the ST. JULIE CHRISTMAS PARTY are on sale 11/9 & 16 at St. Julie before and after the 4pm Mass.

7) Sat, 11/8, 10am-Noon: Bible Study, “Why Catholic?”, Diocese of Rockford Administration Bldg., 555 Colman Center Dr, Rockford. Refreshments afterwards. Voice/sign. 815-965-9840vp (Dawn Martin) or Cathy Signor at cathy.signor@yahoo.com

8) Sat, 11/8, 11am: Memorial Service for EVELYN NIEMEYER (husband: HENRY), Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2107 Three Oaks Rd, CARY, IL.

9) Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago Ave & State St, has MIDNIGHT MASS for Christmas. The only way to get in is with a ticket. There are a limited number of tickets available for deaf people for that Mass. The Mass is interpreted in sign-language. If you want a ticket, you must be at the Cathedral by 10:30pm and the Mass is not over till 1:30am. If you are interested, contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf.