

A BUSY SEPTEMBER! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fri, 9/11, 6pm: Movie for deaf people (NOT suitable for children!!!). "FEAR IN SILENCE- Forgotten Underdogs" about deaf people involved in 9/11. \$7/person to support Deaf Latinos.

Sat, 9/12, 9am, Liturgy meeting. Discussion of Advent/Christmas; Swine flu precautions; changes in the Roman Missal. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Coffee & rolls.

Sun, 9/13: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch and meeting. Discussion of 2011 Conference.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie. Refreshments. (Fr. Mike Depcik.)

Tues, 9/15: Hawthorne Fund-raiser Committee meeting. 5:30pm, food; 6:30pm. Meeting.

Sun, 9/20: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Mike). Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiard (Fr. Mike). Craft sale and Food Fundraiser!

Thurs, 9/24, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 9/27: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Mike). ANOINTING OF THE SICK after Mass.

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon (Fr. Joe). PICNIC after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Sun, Sept. 20, 11:30am-4pm: Joliet Deaf Catholic Picnic, Mantellate Servants of Mary, 16949 S. Drauden Rd (between Caton Farm and Renwick Rds.). Mass, 12:30pm. Bring food to share.

Wed, Sept. 16, 10am-3pm: Deaf Awareness Day, State of Illinois Bldg, 100 W. Randolph. FREE. Exhibits, services. 10am: special workshop, "No Interpreter-WHY?"

CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS is a beautiful retreat center located in the woods near Stockton, IL (3 hours from Chgo). The retreat center has several hermitages (small cabins) where a person can go for several days to spend peaceful time with God. www.citwretreat.com.

AA (Alcoholics anonymous) Meetings for Deaf & Hard of Hearing people:

a) FRIDAYS, 7:30-9:30pm, Sober Hands, 943 W. Washington, Chgo.

b) SATURDAYS, 8-10pm: Mustard Seed, 507 W. North Ave, Chgo.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH:

a) Women's Luncheon, 11am-4pm. Mass at 9am for those attending the luncheon. Bus will leave at 10:15am.

b) Men's Social, after Mass, till the bus returns from the Women's Luncheon. See Brian Swatek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...CHARLES LYONS, GRACE LISANTE, JIM SMUDZINSKI, LAUREL RACI, WILLE MAE BOYCE, JOYCE ALESS, JOHN HOBERG, TOM HOUSTON, JIM DIGNAN...EDWARD GIETL (94), the uncle of Fr. Joe, who died 8/27, in Denver, CO ... RON LINO (70), husband of LOIS ARRIGO, who died 8/25.

CHARLES LYONS is now in a nursing home for rehabilitation: CLARE OAKS, 829 Clarion Dr., BARTLETT, IL 60103.

ST. MARY OF VERNON is located on Rt. 45, just west of Butterfield Rd in INDIAN CREEK. Sunday, SEPTEMBER 27TH, we will have 4pm Mass that day at St. Mary's. Afterwards, a PICNIC and EVERYONE is invited to attend. If the weather is nice, we will be outdoors. If the weather is rainy, we will be indoors. Please bring a dish to share: salad, meat or vegetable.

FOOD STAMPS: the federal government has a new program to help people with low income get food stamps. The new program allows people to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. The program's name is SNAP: 1-800-221-5689.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

9/7: Colossians 1:24-2:3/Luke 6: 6-11

9/10: Colossians 3:12-17/Luke 6:27-38

9/8: Colossians 2:6-14/Luke 6:12-19

9/11: 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14/Luke 6:39-42

9/9: Colossians 3:1-11/Luke 6:20-26

9/12: 1 Timothy 1:15-17/Luke 6:43-49

H1N1 (Swine) FLU:

1) All children, all parents of small children, and all pregnant women are the FIRST to get swine flu shots. These people have the highest risk. Swine Flu shots will be available in October.

2) Fight the flu! Wash hands: soap and water. Use HYDROGEN PEROXIDE to wash down sinks, table & counter tops each day.

3) The flu shots to prevent the regular WINTER-TIME Flu are NOT THE SAME as the SWINE FLU shots. Swine flu shots will NOT protect you from the winter-time flu.

4) If you have the flu, stay home! Do not come to church or go to school or work. If you become very ill and need help, dial 9-1-1.

5) Stop smoking!

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) AMAZING! Even though the economy is not doing well, you were VERY generous contributing backpacks and school supplies for children who were victims of sexual abuse. The staff at the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center was amazed at how much we collected. Thank you so much! So many of these children feel that no one cares about them. Your donations show them that there ARE people who care about them and want them to be healthy and whole again.

2) SUMMER: even though the weather was "so-so", we had many good times together this past summer. I am very grateful to so many people who worked hard all summer to help us.

COLLEEN CURRY, the Office Manager at the Catholic Office of the Deaf, handled many calls for interpreters; answered the questions from many people; kept people informed.

MAGGIE SWATEK worked over the summer to get ready for the religious education program.

NANCY HUBER, even though she is retired, continues to help us on a weekly basis.

DEACONS FRONCZEK & HINCH were very good about visiting those people who are sick or in nursing homes.

CCE PICNIC: it was a wonderful fun day for over 400 people. Thanks to BRIAN SWATEK, CHARLES BRIGHT, and the CCE volunteers.

ST. JULIE PICNIC: over 100 people this year! JOE & MARY ANN KULA, JIM SMITH, NICK KULASA and their helpers gave us a great time.

POLISH LUNCHEON: once again JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI and their co-workers fed us very, very well. They raised over \$700 to be donated to St. Francis Borgia!

TOM SISK & the Senior Citizen volunteers hosted over 100 people each month this past summer.

BARB KEINER, CAROL MCGINNIS, MARY ANN GASZYNSKI, PATRICIA SLISZ – all worked on Sundays to make us feel at "home" at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

We ALL should be very grateful for the wonderful efforts and time these people give to make our community strong and faithful.

3) MEDITATION by MOTHER TERESA:

"SILENCE produces PRAYER. PRAYER produces FAITH. FAITH produces LOVE. LOVE produces SERVICE. SERVICE produces PEACE."

4) THREE SPECIAL CONFERENCES:

a) Sat, 9/26, 9:30am-5:15pm: "Consenting to Divine Love Through Contemplative Prayer" with Fr. Thomas Keating. Wyndham Hotel, 6810 N. Mannheim, Rosemont. Register at: www.contemplativeoutreach.org/2009conference. Fr. Keating is a great teacher of prayer.

b) Sat, 10/17, 8:30am-4:30pm: all day workshop for counselors and family members of those who have committed SUICIDE. Dominican University, RIVER FOREST. \$75/person. 773-484-0581, [dickeyservices@hotmail.com](mailto:dickerservices@hotmail.com)

c) Fri-Sat, 10/16-17: Catholic FESTIVAL OF FAITH, Convention Center, ROSEMONT, IL. Many excellent workshops on the Catholic Faith. www.CatholicFest.org.

The Catholic Office of the Deaf will provide sign-language interpreters for all of the above events. However, you must contact the Deaf Office as soon as you register!

5) \$18,000-guaranteed prizes (10), including two (2) prizes for \$3,000! Only 400 tickets sold. All the profits support the Catholic Office of the Deaf!

6) Sat, October 10, 2009: special all day workshop for sign-language interpreters on changes in the prayers of the Catholic Mass. Contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf for information. Presenter: Ms. Mary O'Meara from Washington, DC.

7) Sat, 9/12, 11am-3pm: Chicago, NW Indiana, Joliet, Michigan ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults) PICNIC. Centennial Park, 9701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN. Must RSVP by Mon., 9/7: Kimiam265@aol.com

8) Thanks for your prayers and support. On Monday, several of my family and I flew out to Denver, CO to celebrate the funeral Mass for my uncle, EDWARD GIETL, 94, who was married to my dad's sister, MARY. This was the 5th funeral in our family in less than a year.

9) We very much need help in our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM this year. If you can help us, please see MRS. SWATEK who is with us every Sunday at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. We will have a "Protecting God's Children" workshop on September 10, this Thursday beginning at 7 pm, so you will be able to teach our children when classes begin.