

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**JUNE 7, 2009**                      **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

THANKS, FR. MIKE! Fr. Mike Depcik is heading back to Michigan for the summer. He has a lot of responsibility at the DeSales Camp. We are ALL very grateful for his wonderful service to our community this past year. We will see him again in the Fall!

Throughout the summer, Fr. Mike will still do his weekly vlog: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

PRAY FOR ALL FATHERS; fill out the father's day envelopes and place on the altar. We will pray for all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, fathers-in-law throughout the month of June.

TUES, 7/9, this week: BIBLE STUDY with DEACON PAT GRAYBILL. 11am: lunch.  
12:30pm: Bible Study.

Fri, 6/19, 7pm: FREE workshop, "DUI Laws & Deaf People". NEIL LEVINE, defense lawyer who signs. SC-3 (meeting room in the back of the deaf center; enter by back door).

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY defends the rights of people who are deaf, people who are disabled, families with SPECIAL EDUCATION children. [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

FAMILY FUN at CATHOLIC PARISHES: JUNE 10-14

a) St. Bartholomew CARNIVAL, 4949 W. Patterson, CHGO.

b) Our Lady of Ransom FAMILY FEST, 8624 W. Normal, NILES.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Tues, 6/9: 11 am, BIBLE STUDY (see above).

Sun, 6/14: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments after Mass.

Tues, 6/16: 11am, Bible Study.

Fri, 6/19: 7pm, Workshop on "Deaf & DUI Laws" (see above).

Sun, 6/21: Father's Day. Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls (free for all men!).

Tues, 6/23: 11am, Bible Study.

Thurs, 6/25: 10am-3pm, Senior Citizen Social. (Bring your own lunch.)

**DEAF EVENTS:**

1) Deaf-Asian Picnic (everyone is welcome!), SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 10am-dusk.

Busse Woods, #4, Schaumburg. [Daaac07@yahoo.com](mailto:Daaac07@yahoo.com)

2) Annual meeting for PROGRESS CENTER, 6/20, 1-4pm. Mohr Center, 7640

Jackson Blvd, Forest Park. FREE. Refreshments. RSVP: 708-209-1826.

3) June 28, ISD Alumni Picnic, Argonne Park, Cass Ave, Darien, IL. 10am-dusk.

PRAY FOR...JIM SMUDZINSKI, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, ARLENE REDMOND, PHYLLIS WINTER, SEAN CIOLEK, JOYCE LEVIN, FRANK STEFANSKI, VITA HOLUBETZ, JEANNE SPANKNEBELL, ED CHRISTIAN, JOYCE LEVIN.

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: YEAR OF SAINT PAUL Mission Talk, 7 pm, Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street, Chicago. INTERPRETED.

**MASS at ST. JULIE BILLIART** Why not drive south on a Sunday to join us at St. Julie parish, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup>, for our Deaf Mass? Mass is at 4pm, air-conditioned, with a social afterwards. St. Julie is one block WEST of Harlem. Park behind the big church building, and come into the social center. You are always very welcome there! Masses: June 14 & July 19<sup>th</sup>!

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

6/8: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7/Matthew 5:1-12

6/11: 2 Cor. 4:1-6/Matthew 5:20-26

6/9: 2 Cor. 1:18-22/Matthew 5:13-16

6/12: 2 Cor. 4:7-15/Matthew 5:27-32

6/10: 2 Cor. 3:4-11/Matthew 5:17-19

6/13: 2 Cor. 5:14-21/Matthew 5:33-37

A) St. Paul's Second (2nd) Letter to the Corinthians is very powerful. Some of the questions Paul examines are "why do we suffer? What do we do when we suffer? How does FAITH help us to live everyday?"

b) The readings from MATTHEW 5-7 are the teachings of JESUS HIMSELF about how to live as a faithful follower...in OUR world..TODAY!

LOIS STACK now lives at Maryhaven Nursing Home with two other deaf ladies: Donna Taylor and Rosemary O'Donnell. Pay them a visit if you can!

## **SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:**

1) THANKS from me (Fr. Joe) & everyone to....

- ....FR. MIKE DEPCIK! We are so blessed by his work with us. He is truly a wonderful, faith-filled priest! He has helped many people. He will rejoin us in September!
- ....PATRICIA SLISZ, JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI for all the work they did with the decorations in our chapel from LENT till now. Many of the hearing people of St. Francis Borgia parish tell me how much they appreciate the way our deaf community makes the chapel a great place to offer Mass and pray.
- ....RICHARD & KATHY KUSH, STELLA HILL, PATRICIA SLISZ, BRIAN SWATEK spending many hours to plan the ICDA Conference in Schaumburg 2011.
- ....BRIAN SWATEK, the SWATEK FAMILY, TOM SISK & SHIRLEY EDLUND, BARB KEINER all did amazing work preparing the food and decorating the hall for FR. PAUL last Sunday. Fr. Paul signed that he was very grateful for the terrific welcome he received from everyone. By the way, the delicious pinwheel sandwiches we had? Thank BRIAN SWATEK for making them.

2) SHAME! Last weekend, the State of Illinois Representatives and State Senators failed to pass a budget for our state. This means that there will be MORE cuts for services for DEAF people, people with DISABILITIES, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, programs to help people with drug and alcohol problems, people with mental illness and their families.

This week, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center is hosting a meeting of deaf professionals to discuss what we can do to help people in our deaf community. More and more deaf people are out of work; some are losing their homes. The people in Springfield DO NOT CARE about us! We all pay taxes, but the State Representatives and State Senators think our lives mean nothing! Pray for the poor, hungry, and suffering people in Illinois!

I feel especially bad for parents of children who are deaf and/or have disabilities. The State of Illinois is cutting more and more help for these families. Many of these parents try their best to give their children a good education and healthy life. The government is wrong to reduce programs that help these families.

3) BE CAREFUL. Once again, we all need to be careful about WEST NILE VIRUS. You can help prevent this disease from spreading. How? Do not let mosquitoes breed. Do not let water, especially rain water, remain in birdbaths, pools, etc. near your home. If you have a children's pool, empty the water out each night and refill the next day. Turn the plastic pool over during the night.

If you go for walks, especially in the morning or at dusk, wear mosquito repellent on your arms, legs, and any other exposed part of your skin (especially the back of the neck).

4) I (Fr. Joe) will be gone for a few days this week (Mon-Fri.). If there is an emergency, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf immediately.

5) Sun, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1pm: White Sox vs. Cubs (\$75) ticket. Fundraiser for Deaf Seniors of America 2011 conference. Deadline is 6/13. Contact Mark Federer: [FundRaising@DSA2011-Chicago.org](mailto:FundRaising@DSA2011-Chicago.org)

6) Wed, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm: Deaf/hard of hearing support group, meets at Access Living, 115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago.

7) If a person lost his/her job after Sept. 1, 2008 AND that person does not have health insurance, the U.S. government will help pay for health insurance in the COBRA Program. Info at: [www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/fsCOBRAPremiumreduction.html](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/fsCOBRAPremiumreduction.html)