

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
March 8, 2009 **2nd Sunday of LENT**

Did you remember to...CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARM? When we switch our clocks, we need to install new batteries in our home smoke alarms. If you do NOT have a smoke alarm, go to your nearest fire house and ask for one/two for your home. Recently, the City of Chicago got 30,000 smoke alarms! The Fire Dept. will give you as many as you need, same for the suburbs!

GIVE GOD YOUR TIME THIS LENT! How? Come all three (3) days for our parish Mission. We have a wonderful young deaf man coming to help us find God in our lives. He is an excellent signer and has an important spiritual message for us. (We will also have voice interpreting.)
Friday, 3/13, 7pm: talk. Refreshments after talk.
Sat., 3/14: 4pm, talk. 5:30pm, Pot-Luck Dinner. 7pm, talk.
Sun, 3/15: 9am, meet Latino parents. 10:30am, Mass and talk. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

Tues, 3/10:

- a) BIBLE STUDY, St. Francis Borgia. 11am, bring your lunch. 12:30pm, Bible discussion.
- b) "ALL ABOUT HOSPICE CARE", 7PM (come early for refreshments). Voice/sign. FREE.
Hoffman Estates. Must RSVP: 847-884-1560tty/vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

INCOME TAX HELP for Deaf People: March 14 & 21, 9am-3pm. Chgo Hearing Society, 2001 N. Clybourn, Chgo. Must RSVP: 773-248-9174tty, 866-948-2207vp, keischen@anixter.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Mon, 3/9, Building Foundation Meeting. 5:30pm,pizza. 6:30pm, meeting.

Tues, 3/10: Bible Study program (see above).

Wed, 3/11: Learn about St. Paul's Epistles (Letters), 7:30pm. Interpreted. St. Francis Borgia.

Thurs, 3/12, "St. Paul: The Spirit and the Flesh" (Free, Interpreted talk). St. Mary Parish, 2233 W. Erhart Rd., Mundelein, IL. 7pm.

Fri, 3/13, 7pm: Talk, St. Francis Borgia Parish Mission.

Sat, 3/14: Mission talk, 4pm. Pot-luck dinner, 5:30pm. Talk, 7pm.

Sun, 3/15: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee and rolls after Mass.

Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Parish. NO social after Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...OLGA TIEDMAN (87), who died 2/23. She was the mother of IRMA HASHKE, IRENE DILLNER, & GERDA SHANK...KAREN CROMIE (59) who died in AZ 2/21...CHRISTINE SCHULTZ (51), sister of PAM (RON) CACHEL, who died 2/23...CHRIS COSTA (52), brother of DAVID COSTA & TONY CITTA, who died 2/26...people who are recovering: ED SCHULTZ, RICHARD IOVITO, CONNIE KENNEDY, DEANNE SEYMOUR, WILLIE MAE BOYCE...ARLENE REDMOND, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rzasz and Principal of Holy Trinity Deaf School. She is recovering from very serious surgery...FR. JOE who will have cataract surgery on his right eye 3/13...MIKE KORNACKER will have eye surgery on 3/9...DEACON TOM RYAN, Louisville, KY, who has Parkinson's Disease.

Sun, March 29...annual St. Joseph Table. Delicious pasta, fresh salads, good Italian bread, coffee/tea/pop/wine: \$8/adult, \$4/children 12 and under. Dessert Table: \$3/person.

TRINIDAD/TOBAGO are two beautiful islands (always warm!) in the Caribbean. There is a wonderful Catholic deaf community (TOUCH OF CHRIST) on those islands. If you ever want to travel to meet this deaf Catholic community, email to: tocdef@tstt.net.tt

DRIVERS: mornings are dark. Watch out (SLOW DOWN!) for young people on the way to school or running to get on school busses. Also remember, in Illinois, drivers must...

...STOP if a school bus has flashing lights and STOP sign displayed;

...pull over if fire, ambulance, or police cars with flashing lights comes down the street.

SAT., NOV. 14,2009...HAWTHORNE PARK FUND-RAISER for DEAF OFFICE!

Wed, 3/18, 7pm: Sorenson "Get Connected" Event. Schaumburg. Go to:
www.sorensonvrs.com/connected.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

3/9: Daniel 9:4-10/ Luke 6:36-38

3/12: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Luke 16:19-31

3/10: Isaiah 1:10-20/Matthew 23:1-12

3/13: Genesis 37:3-28/Mathew 21:33-46

3/11: Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matt. 20:17-28

3/14: Micah 7:14-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) THANKS to....PATRICIA SLISZ for the great Lenten decorations in the chapel. Many of the hearing parishioners and parish priests also commented how appropriately we decorate the chapel...JOAN CHRISTIAN for handling all the money collections for our pilgrimage last week...BRIAN SWATEK for helping get people on and off the busses...so many of you who keep asking me about my foot, my knees, my arthritis, my eyes. I appreciate your concern. The orthopedic (bone) doctor told me that the fracture of my foot was deeper than the first x-rays showed. I have to wear the boot for another four weeks!

2) During the week of 2/22-3/1, I participated in 6 wakes and/or funerals (some deaf; some hearing). A few thoughts:

a) if you are deaf, it is helpful to have sign-language interpreters for the wake and funeral. The Catholic Office of the Deaf can help you, also CHS (Chicago Hearing Society).

b) it is good for families to pre-plan the wake, funeral, and cemetery services. When someone dies, it is very stressful. If you have made plans beforehand, this saves you a lot of stress.

c) if you are Catholic, you should have a funeral Mass. Or, you can have a Mass (Memorial) later. Mass is our way to ask God's mercy on the soul of the person who dies. The Mass also strengthens your family.

d) at the funeral Mass, it is wonderful for the children and grandchildren to share in the Mass as Readers, those who read the Prayers of the Faithful, those who bring up the gifts of water, wine, and bread.

e) the Catholic Office of the Deaf has a very good email alert system to inform people about news, such as wake/funeral info. If you wish to be on that email system, contact us at cathdeafch@archchicago.org. We do NOT share that private information with anyone.

3) DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL will be conducting more workshops to help people improve their sign-language skills to read at Mass. Maybe you attended one workshop and think "enough". No! Deacon Pat has much more to teach. He will also offer workshops on the southside for people to develop good skills for signing Sunday Mass readings.

4) OUR PARISH MISSION: LENT is a time for ALL of us to become closer to Jesus. Next FRI-SUN, 3/13-15, we will have a wonderful DEAF young man giving our Mission. It is really important for people to come ALL three days for this Mission. If you only come Sat and/or Sunday, you miss the FULL meaning of the Mission.

Please make every effort to come. We will have plenty of refreshments all three days for everyone who attends. However, the BEST refreshment will be for your SOUL!

5) This past week, I sent a letter to GOVERNOR PAT QUINN. I wrote that I was very concerned re: the cuts to all the programs in the State of Illinois. We are spending all sorts of "Bail-out" /"Stimulus" monies on banks, mortgage companies; also money for building roads, bridges, etc (infrastructure). However, we need monies for programs about mental health, domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse, etc. The government wants to rebuild buildings. However, that will not help unless we rebuild families and mentally healthy individuals. I will let you know what response I get from the Governor.

6) Before you leave St. Francis or St. Julie on Sundays, why not...stop in the chapel or small prayer chapel (SFB) for a few moments? Ask Jesus to help you and your family in the coming week. Ask the Lord to protect your family. Ask the Lord to heal those who are sick and suffering. Ask the Lord to bless you, help you, forgive you.

7) Personal Assistants and CNAs are needed throughout Suburban Cook County to provide assistance to men & women with disabilities; in their homes with daily tasks. Flexible hours and Full time or Part time, no experience necessary. Contact Rhychell Barnes at 708-209-1827 tty to learn more.