

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
January 11, 2009 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

HOW TO HELP: in these difficult economic times, there is a lot of stress. Sometimes, people are looking for help, but do not know where to go for assistance. The Catholic Office of the Deaf has a good information sheet with listing of many "deaf" organizations and agencies (the list is also on the table in the deaf center). Please take copies and give to your friends.

In addition, if someone has NO health insurance and gets sick, what to do? Go to the nearest HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM. Even though the person has no insurance, the EMERGENCY ROOM must give that person medical care. If a person has problems with MEDICARE, MEDICAID, contact Jennifer Scheffler at PROGRESS CENTER for INDEPENDENT LIVING (offices in Forest Park and Blue Island). Jennifer is deaf and understands the rules about Medicare, Medicaid, and Prescription Drug Part "D".

Lent BEGINS Feb. 25th. Our LITURGY TEAM will make plans for Lent/Holy Week/Easter. You can join us for our Liturgy planning meeting on Mon., 1/12 at St. Francis Borgia. We are happy to have new people join us. Meal: 5:30pm; meeting, 6:30pm.

Wash your hands! Fight the flu! Parents: make sure your children wash their hands!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Mon, 1/12: Liturgy planning meeting (see information above).

Sun, 1/18: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

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

Thurs, 1/22: Senior Citizen Social, 10am-3pm.

Sun, 1/25: Mass, 10:30am. Pancake Breakfast ALL MORNING. 12:30pm: workshop with Fr.

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

Sun, 2/1: Mass, 10:30am. Blessing of Throats after Mass.

The CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF HAS MOVED. Our NEW address and phone numbers are: Catholic Office of the Deaf, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chgo, IL 60653-1402. Phone numbers: 312-534-7899 v, 312-751-8368 vp/tty, 312-751-0394 fax, cathdeafch@archchicago.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO...MARK & KATE KUBEY who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary 12/27 at St. Barnabas Parish (where they were married!); DONNA (Binotti) MATTINI became a grandmother, again, on 12/17.

PRAY FOR...FR. ANDREW WYPYCH who will have surgery this week...DEANNE SEYMOUR who has cancer...FR. JOE McNULTY, priest for the deaf in Cleveland, OH who is very sick.

Do YOU know someone who has an ADDICTION to ALCOHOL or DRUGS? There is a beautiful booklet you can order, "Prayers for Addicted Persons and Their Loved Ones"(English or Spanish). Send you name and address to NCCA (National Catholic Council on Alcoholism), 1601 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360 and request a copy of the booklet.

FR. DEPCIK will have a workshop about our Catholic Faith on Sunday, 1/25, at 12:30pm.

If YOU or someone you know has been the victim of a violent crime, the State of Illinois can help you...pay bills...get free counseling...buy assistive equipment. Call the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office: 800-228-3368 v/tty.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

1/12: Hebrews 1:1-6/Mark 1:14-20

1/15: Hebrews 3:7-14/Mark 1:40-45

1/13: Hebrews 2:5-12/Mark 1:21-28

1/16: Hebrews 4:1-11/Mark 2:1-12

1/14: Hebrews 2:14-18/Mark 1:29-39

1/17: Hebrews 4:12-16/Mark 2:13-17

The Gospel of Mark is the earliest Gospel written (probably between 66-70 AD). Mark knew St. Peter and St. Paul. He listened to their stories about Jesus. Then, he wrote this Gospel. Something very important in this Gospel is the question, "why do we suffer, especially good people?" Read the Gospel of Mark and see the answer.

Jan. 25, all morning: ANNUAL BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST at St. Francis Borgia.

12:30pm: FR. MIKE DEPCIK will give a workshop on our Catholic faith.

PROTECT CHILDREN - REPORT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT (Proteger a los ninos - Reportar abuso de ninos). CONFIDENTIAL (Confidencial). 1-800-252-2873 v/English & Spanish. 1-800-358-5117tty.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Each year, I look back at the season of Advent/Christmas/New Year's and ask, "what did we learn?" Each year, I continue to learn how amazingly generous all of you are! Our deaf center donated...warm clothes for children who suffer sexual abuse and neglect...wonderful gifts to deaf people with multiple-disabilities at the Mabley Center in Dixon (special thanks to RICHARD KUSH & DEACON CASEY FRONCZEK & MSGR. GLENN NELSON)...shoeboxes filled with helpful items for homeless people in Chicago.

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells us what the end of the world will be like and says, "whatever you did for the poorest of your brothers and sisters, you did for me (Jesus)." God will reward you for your generosity to those who are poor and forgotten.

2) Over Christmas, we had a lot of help at St. Julie's parish. On Sunday, 12/21, over 100 people attended the Christmas party. Special thanks to: Joe & Mary Ann Kula, Jim Smith, Tony Greco, Nick Kulasa, Tom Sisk, Shirley Edlund, Penny Hendee, Barb Keiner, Nancy Cistaro, Susan Murphy, Meg Lo, Jim Kreis, Theresa Duranczyck, Robert Depcik, Peg Smudzinski, and Pat Mancuso. Special thanks to Brian Swatek for helping out a couple of stranded drivers back at St. Francis Borgia. Wed, 12/24, we had 34 people at St. Julie for the 8pm Mass. Thanks again to the Kulas, Jimmy Smith, Nick Kulasa, Meg Lo, Susan Murphy, and Jim Kreis.

3) POLICE WARNING: make sure you lock your car doors, even if you are only running into a store for a moment. Car thieves who find an unlocked car door can steal your car in that moment! Even in our parking lot here at church, lock your doors.

4) A NEW PROBLEM: recently, one of our deaf members showed me a \$5 bill he had received. It was counterfeit! It "looked" real, but it was not. The best way to check if a bill is real or not is to hold it in the light and look for tiny blue and red threads in the paper. If you do not see the threads, take the bill to a bank and ask the people there to check.

5) PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. On the other side of the paper, I printed the numbers to call to report child abuse and/or neglect. Sometimes, child abuse can happen in our own families or our neighborhood. Maybe we see that a child we know is never clean, always wears dirty clothes, or always seems hungry. Maybe we are suspicious because we notice bruises or wounds, and the parents deny anything is wrong. Do we ever notice that in a home, we see XXX (sex, nudity) magazines, videos, etc. and children watch them?

You must - MUST - report these things to the State of Illinois "hotline"(phone numbers on the other side of this page). You do NOT have to give your name. However, we must do this to protect our children, all children, from harm!

6) 2008 TAX LETTERS: we will send out letters to everyone who donated (in Church envelopes) during 2008. You can use these letters for tax purposes. When you get a letter, if there is a problem, please see CAROL MCGINNIS or DEACON RAPH HINCH immediately.

7) ICDA (Deaf Catholic) Conference in 2011 in...SCHAUMBURG, IL. Our 2011 Committee has already started making plans including a spectacular 3 hour dinner cruise on Lake Michigan on the biggest and best boat at Navy Pier. This Conference will be July 10-15, 2011!

ICDA Conference 2009 will be in Cleveland, OH. Beautiful hotel near airport!

8) HOSPITALS must provide sign-language interpreters (and TTYs) for deaf people if a deaf patient OR deaf family member requests these services. If the hospital refuses to do this, please contact HOWARD ROSENBLUM at EQUIP FOR EQUALITY immediately: 800/610-2779 tty, contactus@equipforequality.org

9) Center Glen One at Center on Deafness in Northbrook is in desperate need of new couches (sofas). If you know of anyone that would donate one or a place where we can get them please contact Frank Adams at fadams@mentalhealthanddeafness.org