

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**

**July 12, 2009**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Church time**

**WARNING: FIVE (5) SUMMER POISONING DANGERS**

- a) Lawn care products/pesticides. If you use fertilizer or pesticides on your lawn, stay off the lawn for two days or until it rains. These products can harm your skin or stomach.
  - b) Poisonous Plants: keep ALL houseplants out of the reach of children. Teach your children/grandchildren never to eat mushrooms, berries, leaves that are in the wild.
  - c) Pool Chemicals: these products usually come in tablet or powder. If you inhale the dust from these, you can become very sick. Store out of reach of children.
  - d) Bug Spray: WEST NILE VIRUS can harm us. Going outside, put on insect repellants. Most of these repellants use a chemical DEET. Products that have over 30% DEET can be harmful, especially to children.
  - e) Sunscreen: If someone swallows sunscreen, this is a poison.
- If you have an emergency or a question about poisoning, call the Illinois Poison Center IMMEDIATELY: 1-800-222-1222. This phone works 24 hrs/day! If someone becomes very sick, call 9-1-1!

**EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

- Wed, 7/22, 2-4pm: DATE/RAPE & DEAF COMMUNITY. FREE workshop, Progress Center, 7521 Madison, Forest Park. RSVP: 866-258-6494vp, Cnemecek@progresscil.org
- Thurs, 7/23, Noon: PHONE-BILL Clinic (learn how to reduce your monthly phone bill). FREE. Prisco Center, AURORA. Need interpreter? 312-263-4282.
- Fri, 7/24, 1-3pm: FREE Captioned movie, "Seven Pounds". Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai Hosp., 1500 S. California.
- Sat, 7/25, 8pm-1am: Deaf Latino Social, Koz on the River, 8114 W. Ogden, LYONS. \$10/adult.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Wed, 7/15: bus for State of Illinois Bldg leaves at 9:30am. Sign-up TODAY!**

Sun, 7/19: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

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

Thurs, 7/23, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social. Bring your own lunch!

Sun, 7/26: Mass, 9am, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Coffee & rolls. NO 10:30am Mass.

Mass, 11am, Catholic Deaf Picnic, Argonne Park, Darien. Cass Ave, south of I-55.

Wed, JULY 15, 10am-3pm: ADA Celebration (FREE), State of Illinois Bldg, 100 W. Randolph. Many exhibits and workshops. FREE workshop on how YOU can get a job with the State of Illinois, 1 to 4:30pm. Must RSVP: 888-614-2385tty, email: dhs.adacelebration@illinois.gov. Bus will leave St. Francis at 9:30am and leave downtown at 2:30pm. \$5/person.

**CATHOLIC DEAF PICNICS & PARTIES:**

Sunday, July 26, 10am-dusk. Argonne Park, Cass Ave., Darien, IL. Mass:11am.

Sunday, Aug. 2: Mass, Noon, followed by picnic, Christ the Teacher Church, DeKalb, IL.

RSVP: Cathy Signor, cathy.signor@yahoo.com OR Dawn Martin, 815-977-7640vp.

Sunday, Aug. 16: St. Julie Mass, 4pm, followed by our annual indoor "picnic". See

JOE KULA or JIM SMITH for information and tickets. BUS from St. Francis Borgia.

\$5/person; must sign-up. Leaves St. Francis at 2pm; leaves St. Julie at 7pm.

Sunday, Aug. 23: POLISH LUNCHEON after 10:30am Mass. See JOHN & VALENTINA

FOLERZYNSKI for tickets. ALWAYS a delicious, excellent meal!

AUG. 27-SEPT. 3: Silent Directed retreat for Deaf Adults. Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI (near Milwaukee). Beautiful place. Deadline to register is JULY 15. The retreat directors ALL a very skilled in American Sign-language! arvilla35@att.net, 414-395-2067vp. If a person needs scholarship money to help pay, see FR. JOE MULCRONE for help.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH CARNIVALS:**

7/15-19: St. Christopher Parish, 4130 W. 147<sup>th</sup>, MIDLOTHIAN.

7/18: St. Barbara Parish, 2859 S. Throop, CHICAGO.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 7AM-1PM: Farmer's market, Our Lady of the Brook Parish, 3700 Dundee, NORTHBROOK. Plenty of FREE parking.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

7/13: Exodus 1:8-22/Matthew 10:34-11:1

7/16: Exodus 3:13-20/Matthew 11:28-30

7/14: Exodus 2:1-15/Matthew 11:20-24

7/17: Exodus 11:10-12:14/Matthew 12:1-8/15:

7/15:Exodus 3:1-12/Matthew 11:25-27

7/18: Exodus 12:37-42/Matthew 12:14-21

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

1) Thanks to our DEACONS – FRONCZEK, GRAYBILL, HINCH – for taking care of business while I was on vacation last week!

2) A message from Deacon Pat Graybill:

“My dear friends, I want to express my sincere thanks for showing your kindness to me in more than one way. Honestly speaking, since I arrived in your town last February, I had no idea that I would feel so blessed and loved. After knowing you, I know that God has used you as a way of showing his love to me. God bless you. I am looking forward to seeing you again and again in the near future. Love, Deacon Pat Graybill”

3) Remember: every week, Fr. Mike Depcik has a wonderful message about our Catholic Faith: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

4) WHY IS OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TRUE & IMPORTANT? There are many people who do not know anything about our Catholic Faith. There are some people who say that Catholics believe in foolish teachings or false gods. Some people grew up Catholic but never learned the true meaning of our Faith. Some people “left” the Catholic Church and say that Catholic teaching makes no sense. Others say that the Catholic Church is “sinful” because of the actions of some people who abused children.

I (Fr. Joe) have been thinking about many of these ideas and complaints about the Church. It IS true that the Catholic Church is not perfect. Of course! Only God is perfect. However, our Catholic Church IS the “Body of Christ” on earth. Our Catholic Faith IS the TRUE teachings of Jesus Christ for the world. For these three Sundays of JULY, I want to explain why our CATHOLIC CHURCH is true, is faithful to the teachings of Jesus, and is our HOME!

Every Sunday, in the CREED (“I Believe in...”), we say/sign, “I believe in the Church: one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.” Where does this come from? In the year 381, the leaders of the Catholic Church met in Constantinople (TURKEY). They discussed and declared that the Catholic Church had these four qualities: unity, holiness, Catholicity, and connection to the Apostles. Without these four qualities, a church cannot call itself truly a Christian Church.

Our Catholic Church is ONE. ONE does not mean we are all the same. Recently, when I was in Mexico, I went to pray at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. There were all sorts of people there praying, going to Confession, celebrating the Mass. Yet, we were all there because we share the same faith that Jesus is present in Holy Communion; that the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego, a poor Indian, in 1531; that God forgives peoples’ sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); that God heals us in answer to our prayers.

Last summer, over 1,000 deaf people from all over the world came to Rome. Why? Because we wanted to join the Holy Father, our Pope, in prayer. Deaf people came from over thirty countries: young and old, men and women, some with disabilities, married/single. Our clothes, cultures, food, and sign-languages were different. There were thousands of hearing people with us in St. Peter’s Square. None of these things made any difference. We were there sharing the same faith; offering the same prayers (each in his/her own language); all united with the Church THROUGH the POPE who is the successor to St. Peter. Pope Benedict XVI recently wrote a powerful encyclical (teaching letter) about our world and the economy: CARITAS ET VERITATE (Charity in Truth). The Pope gives a very wise instruction about how there should be REAL justice for all the peoples of the world. The Pope of our Catholic Church is helping us – and the world – understand what God wants for His children, all of us!

Interesting: recently, scientists found a vault of bones where the Church said St. Paul is buried. The scientists were able to get a few bone fragments and use special tests to figure out how old the bones were. The bones found under the Church of St. Paul Outside the Walls are of a man who died as a martyr at the same time St. Paul died. The bones are the bones of St. Paul! The bones show that from the earliest years after Jesus, the Catholic Church has remained united to Jesus and His Apostles and their teachings. Throughout 2,000 years, the Catholic Church has been worshipping and praying as Jesus and His Apostles taught us. (Praying exactly at the place where the first Christians said St. Paul was buried.) This is the real meaning of being ONE (united) with God!

Next week: how is the Church HOLY & CATHOLIC?

THIS WED, JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, would have been my father’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. August 9<sup>th</sup> would have been mom’s 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. August 26<sup>th</sup>, their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I think about my parents everyday, and miss them terribly. Please pray for them, as I pray for all your loved ones who have died.