

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**APRIL 12, 2009** **EASTER SUNDAY. ALLELUIA!**

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASSES: the Bible classes will continue each Tuesday with DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL. Class continues starting THIS WEEK! 11am: lunch. 12:30pm: class.

**FUN WEEKEND:**

Sat, 4/25, 2pm: "Legend of the Mountain Man", ASL movie. \$10/person. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

Sun, 4/26, 11am-2pm: FASHION SHOW to support HOLY TRINITY DEAF SCHOOL. 1900 W. Taylor. ColdWater Creek fashions. Delicious hot brunch. \$40/person. FREE bus from St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. (Sign up for bus today.)

DRIVERS: many schools are out this week for Spring Break. Please...SLOW DOWN!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Tues, 4/14: BIBLE STUDY (see above).

Sun, 4/19: Mass, 10:30am. Celebrate Mitch Raci's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday after Mass!  
Mass, 4pm. St. Julie Church, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments.

Tues, 4/21: Bible Study class.

Thurs, 4/23, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sat, 4/25, 2pm: ASL Movie (see above).

Sun, 4/26: Mass, 10am, Notre Dame Church, 1334 W. Fluornoy (Fr. Joe).  
Mass, 10:30am, St. Francis Borgia (Fr. Mike). Coffee & rolls.  
Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, Indian Creek (Fr. Joe).

Tues, 4/28: Bible Study.

PRAY for those who are sick...ARLENE REDMOND, DEANNE SEYMOUR, FRANK STEFANSKI, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, ED SCHULTZ, JIM SMUDZINSKI. FLORENCE RABELHOFER (96) died 3/28. MICHAEL CANTAFIO (25), brother of CARRIE CANTAFIO, died 4/1.

INTERESTING WAY TO READ THE BIBLE: Flashdrive for any computer with entire New Testament. Go to: [www.soul-center.com](http://www.soul-center.com).

Learn about our Catholic Faith every week...in sign-language: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

**EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Wed, April 15, 1-3pm, "DEAF RIGHTS" by Howard Rosenblum (deaf lawyer), Access Living, 115 E. Chicago Ave, Chgo. 312-640-2163tty/vp.

Saturday, April 18:

a) DSA 2001 Dinner, 2pm: Kona Grill, Lincolnshire. \$25/person. [www.DSA2011-Chicago.org](http://www.DSA2011-Chicago.org)

b) Deaf Volleyball Tournery, 9am-5pm: Harper College, Bldg. M Gym. [www.harperevents.com](http://www.harperevents.com)

MON, 4/20, 6:30pm: "What YOU Need to Know about Drugs", Hoffman Estates, by Maria Hernandez (deaf presenter). RSVP: 847-884-1560tty/vp, [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

WED, 4/22, 5:30pm: Victim Rights Awareness Night (voice/ASL), 5:30pm, CHS, 2001 N. Clybourn. RSVP: 773-904-0104vp, [mcunningham@anixter.org](mailto:mcunningham@anixter.org)

SAT, 4/25, 7pm: ILDA "Wild West" party, La Cabanita, 8114 W. Ogden, LYONS. Info: [www.IDLA2008.org](http://www.IDLA2008.org). 773-639-1164vp, 224-520-9760vp, [jao888@hotmail.com](mailto:jao888@hotmail.com)

SATURDAY, MAY 2:

a) "Community Connection" Day at Ephphatha Lutheran Church, 7956 S. Martin Luther King Dr. Many exhibits about services for deaf people, especially on the southside!

b) Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 4-9pm, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. [www.IDLA2008.org](http://www.IDLA2008.org)

c) Polish Day Party, 7pm. 6232 W. Addison. 773-745-9788vp, [deacc09@yahoo.com](mailto:deacc09@yahoo.com)

Need Help paying your HOME ENERGY BILLS(gas, electric)? Contact 1-800-433-8848 v/tty  
Email: [ccdi@ccdionline.org](mailto:ccdi@ccdionline.org). Ask about LIHEAP assistance.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

4/13: Acts 2:14-33/ Matthew 28:8-15

4/16: Acts 3:11-26/Luke 24:35-48

4/14: Acts 2:36-41/John 20:11-18

4/17: Acts 4:1-12/John 21:1-14

4/15: Acts 3:1-10/Luke 24:13-35

4/18: Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15

A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings for DEAF people:

Every FRIDAY, 7:30pm, Sober Hands, 943 W. Washington, Chgo.

Every SAT., 8pm, Mustard Seed, 507 W. North, Chgo.

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

1) A BLESSED AND HOLY Easter to all of you and your families. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also celebrate the resurrection of all those who trust the message of Jesus, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

FLORENCE RABELHOFER was a very faith-filled Catholic. She had a strong faith and a wonderful attitude about life! MICHAEL CANTAFIO was a young man who had many struggles and problems in his life. We believe that God is merciful and kind. We believe that God will bring home to heaven all those who try their best to follow God's way.

2) LENT DAY: last Sunday we had 70 children (deaf and hearing) participate in Lent Day. Thanks to MRS. SWATEK, KATHLEEN ERICKSEN, all the volunteers (including Mrs. Swatek's daughter, JENNIFER, who brought her 3-day old baby!). Thanks, also to BRIAN SWATEK, who supervised the clean-up AND made sure to set up the movie projector for the hearing community later that night.

3) This week, I (Fr. Joe) am in Mexico for meetings about the Youth Conference this summer. If there is an emergency, contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf immediately.

4) Sun., APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>: we will all celebrate MITCH RACI's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday after Mass. In addition, we want to honor PAT GRAYBILL who is celebrating his 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Deacon.

5) HALLOWEEN AT HAWTHORNE! This year, our Fall fundraiser at Hawthorne will be Sat, 10/31. We have a good committee, BUT...we need some "new blood!" Our first meeting will be Monday, 4/27 at St. Francis Borgia. 5:30pm, pizza. 6:30pm, meeting. Everyone is welcome.

6) A year ago, my uncle MSGR CHARLES MULCRONE, my parents EDWARD & MARY were all still alive. So was MARY JO SCANLAN. Everyday, I think about these wonderful people. Thanks for all your support, prayers, hugs, and encouragement for me during the deaths of these great people. YOU are a terrific community!

Some times, other priests ask, "why have you stayed with the deaf community? There are other, bigger (hearing) parishes where you can be a pastor." My answer is always the same: "Why would I want to leave sharing in the lives of the finest people (the deaf community) that anyone could know?!? This community has been such a great inspiration to me! I am so blessed to let me be a part of their lives." Thanks for everything!!!!!!!

7) Recently, several people in our community have come to me very upset. These people are trying to be very responsible with their money. They do not have debt; they pay their bills; they are saving whatever money they can. However, sometimes their children or other relatives come to them to borrow money. These people (who have been responsible) feel guilty because they tell their family, "No; we can't lend you money right now. We are trying to protect ourselves." They ask me, "are we wrong?"

NO! We should try to help other people who are in need. We should not be selfish. BUT.... Too many young people do NOT understand how serious the financial/economic situation is. People cannot spend money, shop, buy things anymore that are NOT necessary. TV, Computer, more clothes, vacations, new furniture, etc: these are NOT necessary expenses. The #1 job for everyone is REDUCE DEBT, ELIMINATE WHAT YOU OWE, PAY OFF YOUR BILLS!

Also, there is much concern and confusion about health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid. Make sure you have good insurance for your home, health, life, etc. Do NOT stop paying your premiums for insurance. Insurance is your protection.

8) There are many people to thank for Lent, Holy Week, Easter. I will do so next week. However, I am VERY grateful to FR. MIKE DEPCIK, and our three Deacons FRONCZEK, GRAYBILL, and HINCH. Throughout Lent and Holy Week, they were all VERY generous in their service to our community.

Also, our Office manager, COLLEEN CURRY, had to handle many different tasks, including arranging "last minute" interpreting jobs. As always, she did a terrific job.

9) MFP means the MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM. Fr. Mike Depcik is responsible for that program. The MFP can help a deaf person learn the skills of serving the Church. See Fr. Mike for information about the program.