

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
December 14, 2008 **3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT**

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 12/21:

- a) 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Refreshments.
- b) 4pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart, TINLEY PARK. 2pm: bus leaves St. Francis Borgia.
3pm: Confessions. Christmas Party AFTER Mass.

WEDNESDAY, 12/24:

- a) 4pm Mass, St. Francis Borgia. Birthday Party for Jesus after Mass. Fr. Mike.
- b) 4pm Mass, St. Thomas, Rt. 176 & Oak, CRYSTAL LAKE (Interpreted).
- c) 5pm Mass, St. Joseph, 722 High St., AURORA (Interpreted).
- d) 8pm Mass, St. Julie, TINLEY PARK. Fr. Joe. Refreshments.
- e) Midnight Mass, WGN TV, closed captioned.

THURSDAY, 12/25:

- A) 10:15am Mass, Newman Center, DE KALB. Msgr. Nelson.
- B) 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. Fr. Mike.

SUNDAY, 12/28, 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. Blessing of families after Mass.
NO Mass at St. Mary of Vernon this Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, 12/31: 5PM, St. Francis Borgia. "Open House" after Mass.

THURSDAY, 1/1: New Year's Day.

- A) 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. FREE refreshments.
 - B) 9:30am Mass, St. Joseph Church, 722 High Street, AURORA. (Interpreted.)
- For information about Masses and events in the Rockford Diocese (Msgr. Nelson):
www.DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com

For information about Masses and events in the Archdiocese of Chicago, go to:
www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com

Attend an interpreted Mass? Talk to your interpreter TODAY to find out what Christmas Masses will be interpreted in your parish.

Next Sunday, 12/21, is the St. Julie Christmas party. Please sign-up if you are riding the bus from St. Francis Borgia. Bus leaves at 2pm; leaves St. Julie at 7pm.

12/31: St. Francis Borgia "Open House": \$15/person includes appetizers, hot dinner, two free drinks, coffee, pop, dessert.

MOVING! This week, the Catholic Office of the Deaf will move. It will be a very crazy two weeks of moving and unpacking. Please be patient because the phone system may not work well till January. If there is an emergency, at night or next weekend, please leave a message on Fr. Joe's private phone: 773-625-5070. The email will still work: cathdeafch@archchicago.org

DEAF EVENTS:

TUES, 12/16, 1-3pm: Deaf Social Group, HOFFMAN ESTATES. RSVP: 847-884-1560 vp/tty

FRIDAY, 12/19, 5-9PM: Illinois Deaf Latino Fundraiser, Wendy's, 7243 N. Harlem. Signing Santa for kids. ASL Christmas songs.

SAT, 12/20, 4-10PM: Springfield, IL Deaf Club Dinner. www.deaf-center.org/sdc/dec.htm

WED, 12/31, 6pm-2am: Deaf New Year's Eve party, Margarita Banquets, 32 S. LaGrange Rd, LaGRANGE. 773-583-0274vp, anabobcladj@sbcglobal.net

GILDA'S CLUB is an organization for individuals who have breast cancer and their families. GILDA'S has many excellent programs and workshops in Chicago. For information:
www.gildasclubchicago.org, 312-464-9900v.

PARENTS: good advice to help you with your children and keep them safe:
www.childrenmatternetwork.org

DRIVERS; be patient. In our parking lot, slow down. Watch out for cars AND children!

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

12/15: Numbers 24:2-17/Matthew 21:23-27

12/18: Jeremiah 23:5-8/Mathew 1:18-25

12/16: Zephaniah 3:1-13/Matthew 21:28-32

12/19: Judges 13:2-7,24-25/Luke 1:5-25

12/17: Genesis 49:2-10/Matthew 1:1-17

12/20: Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38

The Bible readings of this season help us to understand the Birth of Jesus at Christmas. The first reading each day is from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). These readings show us how God was preparing His people for the coming of a Savior, Jesus Christ.

WASH YOUR HANDS (and the hands of your children) to fight FLU!

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

- 1) THANKS to: KATHLEEN ERICKSON, MS. MAGGIE SWATEK (Our Religious Education Coordinator), MS CARMEN REYES, and the entire "Advent Day Committee" and volunteers. (I think DONNA ROBERTS & SHIRLEY MORLEY have been to every one of these "days"! It was a great day. BRIAN SWATEK, of course, was "Mr. Everything/Everywhere" all day...CARL DeMOON for an excellent presentation on "Real Estate 2008" on 12/6...STELLA HILL for arranging for a group from our Deaf Center to tour and help at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Everyone who went said it was a terrific experience.
- 2) In December 1983, the "Chicago Deaf Church" moved from St. Hedwig Mission to St. Francis Borgia. Ever since we have moved, the four pastors at St. Francis Borgia have always welcomed us: Fr. Brodfuehrer (deceased), Fr. Strand, Fr. Mayall, and Fr. Wypych. Please pray for them. Make sure you thank Fr. Andrew Wypych for his kindnesses to us!
- 3) There are many fun and inexpensive activities for families during the holidays: NAVY PIER at www.NavyPier.com. McCORMICK PLACE has a terrific, FREE sports tournament, 12/27-29: www.McCormickPlace.com
- 4) SCAMS: this time of the year, there are more and more scams. On emails, in letters, vp, EVERYWHERE!!! All sorts of thieves and criminals try to steal your money. How? They tell you that you won a prize, your name is in a will, there is a special lottery, you will receive a "jackpot", etc. All you have to do is give your name, Social Security number, email Password, etc. NO! Do NOT give these people ANY info. Hang-up; delete the email message; tear up the letters; hang up the VP!
- 5) HOSPITALS: often people go into the hospital, but the family does not let our Catholic Office of the Deaf know! If a deaf person is in the hospital, Fr. Mike, me, our deacons will visit that person. You can always email us at cathdeafch@archchicago.org
- 6) Support YOUR Church! St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center is YOUR Catholic Church. Your Christmas donation to St. Francis Borgia (or your donation at St. Julie Billiard) keeps our Deaf Church open and active. Please be generous.
- 7) On Dec. 13, 1968, my deaf grandmother, JOSEPHINE FAY, died. One year later, her husband LAURENCE died on 12/27/1969. I still remember them so clearly; we always celebrated Christmas Day at their home. Deacon Casey Fronczek's mother died on 12/14 many years ago. This time of the year is often sad for many families as they remember loved ones who passed away. Pray for all those who lost loved ones, especially this past year.
- 8) This week, pray for the speedy recovery of Tom Houston, who is in the hospital. Pray for James Hansen, age 78, who died December 3rd; he was the cousin of Kathleen Kush.
- 9) WPSA - WOMEN PLAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION presents Monday night women's basketball league at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Avenue, Chicago. Season Begins January 6th thru mid March. Games Monday Evenings 7-10pm. Contact Sarah Faber at sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com.
- 10) "Chicago KIDS & Parents" - Mr. & Mrs. Deaf Santa Claus are coming to town! 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Party, Sunday, December 21, 2008, 2:00pm - 5:30pm at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Avenue. For deaf & hard of hearing youth & hearing siblings, and hearing youth of deaf Parents ages 0 - 12 years.