

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Next Sunday, 9/21:

- a) Mass, 10:30am, St. Francis Borgia. Coffee & rolls. 12:30pm: workshop with Fr. Mike about the Rosary. Learn what praying the Rosary can mean for you!
b) Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159th. Ice Cream Social after Mass. Bring an ice cream topping or cones to share! Welcome Fr. Mike back to the southside!

HELP! We really need some people to volunteer to help with the kitchen on Sunday mornings. Once a month! See BARB KEINER to offer your help. MARY ANN GASZYSNKI has been a wonderful kitchen worker with us, but she can no longer help because of her health.

TIME WITH THE LORD. The Monastery of the Holy Cross is at 3111 S. Aberdeen, Chgo. This is a Catholic place of prayer and quiet. The Monastery has private rooms for people who want a day or several days to "get away" from the busyness (craziness?) of life. The Monastery offers good meals, opportunities for prayer, and lots of time for people to be with the Lord Jesus in silence.
www.chicagomonk.org 773-927-7424.

The DEADLINE for the WOMEN'S Luncheon is next Sunday, SEPTEMBER 21! Please make sure you make your reservations by that date. Also, if you wish to ride the bus from St. Francis Borgia, sign up TODAY!

Traveling to the PITTSBURGH, PA area? There is a good Catholic deaf ministry in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Mass for the deaf every Sunday, 11am, St. Justin Catholic Church. Info: catholicdeaf@diopitt.org, 412-456-3122tty, 456-3119v.

Wed, SEPT. 17, 9:30am-3pm: Deaf Awareness Day, State of Illinois Bldg., 100 W. Randolph. Exhibits, workshops. FREE. Voice and Sign. Looking for work? Ask to see ORS Counselor for help. Talk to IDHHC (Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission). Ask IDHHC to get jobs for deaf people working for the State government. Why not? Hearing people have jobs with the State of Illinois. Few deaf people have such jobs. More deaf should have jobs working for the state of Illinois!!!!

JULY 17-21, 2009: ICDA CONFERENCE in CLEVELAND, OHIO (Renaissance Hotel)!

HAWTHORNE RACE EVENT – Sat, Nov. 8 – tickets for Race & Raffle on sale TODAY!

Wed, 9/24, 6-8pm: Women's Health Information Night, Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 W. Talcott, Chgo. FREE. Must register: 877-737-4636, www.reshealth.org

Feb.17, 2009, all –ALL – tv stations will change the way they broadcast all –ALL – tv programs. IF you get your tv by cable or satellite, you do not need to change anything. IF you get your tv through an antenna and have an analog tv, you must buy a converter box. However, the government will give you coupons for a discount to buy this converter box. www.dtv2009.gov, 1-877-530-2634tty.

MAYBE your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter works for a restaurant, theater, sports team, etc. We need help for our HAWTHORNE EVENT on Nov. 8th. Can you ask your family who work at these places to get us a gift card, gift certificate, tickets, etc? If you can help, see JOSIE LOWERY or BARB KEINER. Thanks!!!

DRIVERS: the afternoon sun is very bright (west) in our eyes. Slow down; look out for children crossing the streets. Also, watch out in parking lots; be careful. If you go into a store, keep your car doors locked!

PARENTS! The government wants ALL children to get a flu shot this year. In the past, the government suggested only children 5 and under. This year, the government wants ALL children to get the flu shot!

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

9/15: 1 Corinthians 11:17-33/Luke 2:33-35

9/16: 1 Cor. 12: 12-14, 27-31/Luke 7:11-17

9/17: 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13/Luke 7:31-35

9/18: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11/Luke 7:36-50

9/19: 1 Cor. 15: 12-20/Luke 8:1-3

9/20: 1 Cor. 15:35-37,42-49/Luke 8:4-15

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Mon, 10/15, is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This means we remember that Mary, Our Blessed Mother, was a woman who had many sorrows in her life. When she was pregnant before marriage, certainly people mocked her. Her wonderful husband Joseph died. Then, Mary saw her son, Jesus, carry the Cross; heard people mock him when He (Jesus) was dying; watched Him die, and finally held His bloody body in her arms. Mary certainly knows the sorrows and pains of women and families. Mary is Our Mother. When we ask her help, especially when we pray her Rosary, Mary will do everything she can to help us! Next Sunday, Fr. Mike Depcik will have a workshop at 12:30 pm to explain how to pray the Rosary.

2) POPE BENEDICT wants all of us to learn more about St. Paul. In June, our pilgrimage celebrated Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls Church (Rome) and prayed at the grave of St. Paul. St. Paul Outside the Walls is one of my favorite churches. Now, the Vatican has a website to help people learn more about the life of St. Paul. (The site is in English, Italian, Spanish, German, French, and Portuguese.) www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/san_paolo/index_en.html

3) Many deaf people are losing their jobs (also many hearing people). Our country has serious problems. This past week, we remembered 9/11. However, we cannot blame all our problems TODAY on what happened 7 years ago! Many politicians are asking for your vote this year. Some questions:

- 1) When this politician speaks, is there a sign-language interpreter present?
- 2) Does this politician have a TTY? Does the staff know how to answer a Relay/vp phone call?
- 3) Does this politician fully support ADA, IDEA laws that protect us?
- 4) What is this politician doing to get deaf people and people with disabilities jobs?

4) Sexual Abuse is a terrible crime and sin! Many deaf people suffered sexual abuse as children. Sometimes, the abuser was a priest, a minister; a religious Sister or Brother; an Elder, Youth Minister, Religion teacher, etc. If you suffered sexual abuse, you have a right to receive help, counseling, support, and possibly money. If that abuse happened in the Catholic Church in Chicago or anywhere, our Catholic Office of the Deaf is willing to help you. Last year, a deaf person asked our help. That person was the victim of abuse when that person was 12 years old. It happened in a Catholic parish in another state. Our Office contacted that diocese and explained the situation. That Catholic diocese paid for the person to fly to that city; provided a place to stay; gave them a skilled interpreter for the interviews; offered to pay for counseling.

If you suffered abuse in another religion/congregation, our Office can still help you. Any calls you make are truly CONFIDENTIAL.

5) PARENTS: Catholic children need to receive Religious Education in our Catholic Faith. If you are deaf and have hearing children, the Catholic Office of the Deaf will help you contact a Catholic parish near you to register your child. If your child is deaf, we will provide a program for your child. However, you must contact our Office NOW! Or, see MRS. SWATEK at St. Francis Borgia any Sunday!

6) Victim of Domestic Violence? 1-877-863-6339tty, 877-863-6338v to get assistance, counseling, protection.