

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
March 15, 2009 **3rd Sunday of LENT**

TUES, 3/17: Bible Study. 11am-12:30pm; bring your lunch. 12:30-2pm: discuss Bible readings for next Sunday, 3/22.

SAT, 3/21, NOON-3PM: Fr. Mike Depcik will be at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center chapel for CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation). Come to prepare for EASTER. Receive forgiveness of your sins; enjoy feeling good with God's mercy!

SUN, 3/29: annual ST. JOSEPH TABLE after Mass. Two kinds of pasta (no meat!), salad, bread, coffee/pop/wine: \$8/adult. \$4/child. Dessert table: \$3/person. Invite your friends to join us.

DID YOU REMEMBER TO put NEW batteries in your home CO2/smoke alarm last weekend? Don't have a home smoke alarm? Stop at any firehouse and ask for one/two for your home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 3/17, Bible Study class. (See above).

Wed, 3/18, 7:30pm: Learn about Letters of St. Paul, INTERPRETED. St. Francis Borgia.

Sat, 3/21, Noon-3pm: Fr. Mike available for Confessions in the chapel.

Sun, 3/22: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass. 1-4pm: CCIAD meeting in back room.
12:30pm, Fr. Mike workshop in chapel.

Mass, 4pm: St. Mary of Vernon, Rt.45, Indian Creek. Refreshments.

Tues, 3/24, 11am: Bible Study.

Thurs, 3/26, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sat, 3/28, Noon: Sacrament of Confirmation (large church).

Sun, 3/29: Mass, 10:30am. St. Joseph Table after Mass.

Basic Sign-Language & Intermediate Sign Classes starting Tues, 3/24, 6-8pm, Progress Center, 7521 Madison St., Forest Park. 708-209-1500v, Carol Nemecek-Kowalski.

PLEASE PRAY FOR... ED SCHULTZ, DEANNE SEYMOUR, CONNIE KENNEDY, ARLENE REDMOND, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, RICHARD IOVITO, DEACON THOMAS RYAN (Louisville, KY).

Sun, APRIL 26, 11AM-2PM: Fashion Show, Holy Trinity School for the Deaf. Women's fashions/ full, hot brunch/ desserts/ everything. FREE bus from St. Francis Borgia for 10am Mass at Notre Dame Church, then to Holy Trinity.

Each week, Fr. Mike Depcik has a VLOG to help us understand more about our Catholic Faith. Go to: www.frmd.org

PARENTS: there are many summer camps available for deaf children and their families. FR. MIKE DEPCIK runs a wonderful camp, Holley Family Village, about 4 hours drive from Chicago. Fr. Mike is glad to meet with any families to discuss the Camp (see Fr. Mike at St. Francis Borgia on 3/29).

ALSO... there are a number of Summer Programs in CHICAGO (north side & south side for deaf children and hearing children of deaf adults). Check with SARAH FABER, 866-442-5346 vp/Voice, sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com

DEAF PEOPLE & HOSPITALS: the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) says that deaf people have a right to effective communication in hospitals and clinics. This means if a deaf person requests a sign-language interpreter, the hospital/clinic must – MUST – provide an interpreter. If the hospital refuses to do this, a deaf person has the right to sue the hospital for violating the deaf person's civil rights.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

3/16: 2 Kings 5:1-15/ Luke 4:24-30 3/19: 2 Samuel 7:4-16/ Matthew 1:16-24

3/17: Daniel 3:25,34-43/ Matt. 18:21-35 3/20: Hosea 14: 2-10/Mark 12:28-34

3/18: Deuteronomy 4:1-9/Matthew 5:17-19 3/21: Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14

CORRECTION; Hawthorne Race Event will be SAT., Oct. 31, Noon-5pm. HALLOWEEN at HAWTHORNE!

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) WHAT IS A SACRAMENT? A SACRAMENT is a gift to us from God. A Sacrament allows us to receive God's life in our lives. In the Catholic Faith, we have seven (7) Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist, Marriage, Holy Orders (Priesthood), and Anointing of the Sick. Let me discuss two Sacraments this week:

- a) RECONCILIATION (Confession; Sacrament of Penance – old title!). In the Gospel, Jesus gives His Apostles and later priests the power to forgive sins: John 20:22-23. In the sacrament of reconciliation, Jesus forgives people through the priest's words and actions of absolving, means forgiving, sins. Priests are sinners. Every priest knows that he too needs God's forgiveness. So, the priest is NOT in Confession to judge you, but to forgive you! This coming Sat., 3/21, Noon-3pm, Fr. Mike Depcik will be in our chapel for Reconciliation. Please come to receive God's mercy and forgiveness.
- b) ANOINTING OF THE SICK. We know from the Bible (James 5:14-16) that priests have the power to give people special healing in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Sometimes, people think this sacrament is only for people who are dying. No! Any person who needs God's healing power can ask a priest for this sacrament, especially people who will have surgery or will receive treatments such as chemo-therapy or radiation. If a Catholic is rushed to the hospital for an emergency, make sure to ask the hospital to contact a priest for this sacrament right away! It does not matter the time of day or night! Recently, I received a call at 2am about a person in the ER who needed to be anointed. I was at the hospital by 2:45am. Fr. Mike, Fr. Mark Fracaro, Msgr. Nelson: any of us who work with the deaf are available for deaf individuals and families.

Our Deacons cannot anoint people. However, they are all very good about visiting people in hospitals and can bring people Holy Communion.

2) Next weekend, I (Fr. Joe) will be in HOUSTON, TX to give a Mission for the Catholic deaf community there. Pray that God will work through me to touch the hearts of people there.

THANKS for your prayers. The doctor operated on my right eye last Wed. My sight is better. My left foot is improving, but I will have to wear the boot till April!

3) I WONDER: many people talk about priests and sexual abuse. Newspapers and TV reporters love to report any stories about priests and sexual abuse in the country. However, when other religious people commit these crimes, there is never any reporting of it in Chicago! Example: last week in New York, there was a shocking story of a very famous Rabbi who sexually molested his daughter for many years. This story made headlines in NY. Did any of the newspapers or tv stations in Chicago report this? NO!

If a Catholic priest in NY had molested his niece or goddaughter, all the Chicago papers/tv stations would have reported this. However, since it was not a Catholic priest, there was no story here. This is another example of prejudice against the Catholic Church.

4) DUI (Driving Under the Influence) is very serious. Pilsen Wellness Center offers DUI Services including counseling, DUI court-ordered classes, help filling out DUI forms: 1-888-255-5523.

5) Recently, the families of JIMMY SMITH and TONY CITTA asked that people make donations to St. Francis Borgia in memory of their loved ones who died. In addition, my dad asked that donations in his memory be made to St. Francis Borgia/Catholic Office of the Deaf. So far, these donations have amounted to almost \$2,000. Please put in your will or instructions at your funeral about supporting our deaf Catholic community after you die.

6) SPECIAL ELECTION. We have the Chicago Area Catholic Deaf Foundation. That Foundation is responsible for our Building Fund. Recently members of the Foundation suggested we have an election for Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Co-Treasurers (we need 2), two other Board members. This is a very good idea. I fully support holding this election. The Election will be next Sunday, March 22 after Mass. TOM BLEERS & ED GLENNON, JR. have done a terrific job as Co-Treasurers. I hope they will remain in those positions because of their work. However, all the spots for election are YOUR decision.