

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**JUNE 15, 2008** **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Church Time**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, fathers-in-law, step-fathers. Please pray for them, living or deceased. We have special Mass cards and envelopes. Fill out the names of those you wish us to pray for, and place on the altar for Masses throughout June.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the "Chicago" group will leave from O'Hare to begin its 10 day pilgrimage to Italy. On June 25-26, the group will gather with over 1,000 deaf Catholics from all over the world to see the Pope, then meet one another for a special Conference and Mass. Each day, Fr. Joe will send information about the tour. You can get it by going to:  
<http://blog.deafchurchchicago.org>

If there is an EMERGENCY or FUNERAL these next two weeks, contact CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF immediately: 312-655-7899v, 312-751-8368vp/tty; 312-751-0394fax; [cathedeafch@archchicago.org](mailto:cathedeafch@archchicago.org).

MASS NEXT SUNDAY, June 22: Fr. Piotr Gnoinski, the associate pastor at St. Francis Borgia, will offer the Mass. We will have interpreters for the Mass. Coffee & rolls before the Mass.

Did you get the summer letter/resource list from the Catholic Office of the Deaf? If not, contact the Office (at the numbers above) to ask for the letter/resource list.

Wed, JULY 30, Catholic Office of the Deaf GOLF TOURNAMENT! Flyers for this first golf tournament are on the table in the deaf center or available from our Office. Fun day. You can also sign up just for the dinner!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Sun, 6/22: Mass, 10:30am (interpreted). Coffee & rolls.

Thurs, 6/26, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 6/29: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. St. Mary of Vernon, Rte. 45, Refreshments.

Tues, 7/1: Hawthorne Planning Committee. 5:30pm: pizza. 6:30pm, meeting.

Sun, 7/6: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mon, 6/7: Building Foundation Meeting.

Tues, 6/8: Care Minister Training Session #1.

**DEAF EVENTS:**

Wed, 6/18, 1-3pm: Peer Support Group, Access Living, 115 W. Chicago Ave. FREE.

Sat, 6/21, 4pm: Latino Deaf Bingo at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

June 26-28<sup>th</sup>: DBC (Deaf Biligual Coalition) will hold its national Conference in MILWAUKEE, WI. Info: [www.dbc.org](http://www.dbc.org). On Sat, 6/28, CCD (Chgo Club of the Deaf) will have a bus going to the Conference.

Info: Tom Lewensky, [www.chicagoclubdeaf.org](http://www.chicagoclubdeaf.org) or Marianne Jodie, [www.embracedeafculture.org](http://www.embracedeafculture.org), or [dbc.illinois@gmail.com](mailto:dbc.illinois@gmail.com)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK...Sami Rai, Mary Ann Gaszynski. Pray for safety of those on the pilgrimage to Italy to see the Pope. Pray for...Michael Rozborski, brother in law of Eileen Rozborski, who died last week.

DRIVERS: Police are very strict about speeding through "Work Zones". Most "Work Zones" have automatic cameras. If you drive over 45 mph through a "Work Zone", the police will not stop you. However, about two weeks later you will get a ticket from the State of Illinois for \$375! Chicago Police with special Laser Speed Guns have ticketed over 150 people in the last two weeks near St. Francis Borgia, especially on Forest Preserve Dr.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

6/16: 1 Kings 21:1-16/ Matthew 5:38-42

6/19: Sirach 48:1-14/ Matthew 6:7-15

6/17: 1 Kings 21:17-29/Matthew 5:43-48

6/20: 2 Kings 11:1-20/Matthew 6:19-23

6/18: 2 Kings 2:1-14/Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

6/21: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25/Matt. 6:24-34

Fri, 6/20, 7pm. "Deaf Chat", Starbucks Coffee, Rtes.83 & 60, Mundelein Crossings Mall.  
[www.deafchatcoffee.com](http://www.deafchatcoffee.com)

Do you know any child (ages 8-17) who suffers from arthritis, lupus, etc? There is a wonderful summer weekend for these young people in Lake Geneva, WI. July 18-20. For more info, call: Tarisha, 800-735-0096x14.

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

1) It is hard to believe that we are ready to go to Rome tomorrow! Please pray for our safety.

2) For many years, IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) gave an annual Christmas Party for the deaf/multiply-disabled people at the Mabley Center in Dixon, IL. LAUREL RACI did this work very generously. Then, IAD no longer took this responsibility.

Several years ago, DEACON CASIMIR FRONCZEK came up with the idea of visiting the residents there at Christmas time to give them some joy of that season. (Many of the residents have no where to go at Christmas.) Deacon Casey contacted Msgr. Nelson. Together, they worked out a plan to get gifts and provide a party for the people in Dixon. For the last few years, there has been a party for these people (this year, the party will be Dec.20<sup>th</sup>!) and they look forward to it eagerly.

Last Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the State of Illinois honored all these wonderful volunteers for their years of service to the deaf people with disabilities at Dixon, IL. The following is Deacon Casey's report:

Deacon Casey and Louis Villapiano (who had volunteered for several years) drove to the Jack Mabley Developmentally Disabled Center, Dixon to receive a plaque presented by the State of Illinois for "outstanding Volunteer service. It is inscribed "2008 Group Volunteer of the Year Award" presented to the community of St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. This is the result of the past six years of our Christmas giving to fill their wishes. It is something that you have so generously and willingly done to make their lives a bit more joyful at the holiday time of the year when we celebrate Christ's birth.

Congratulations are due to all who have taken the time and money to make this all possible. As the Director of the Center said in her speech, "Thank you, thank you all very much for what you have done for our community of developmentally disabled residents. Well done!"

Msgr. Nelson from Rockford and one of their volunteers also received a similar plaque. In addition, Msgr. Nelson received a commendatory certificate for the spiritual service he has provided them."

I (Fr. Joe) can only add my own comments of "well done" to Deacon Fronczek and all of our very generous volunteers.

3) "WHEN I WAS SICK, YOU VISITED ME". This is how Jesus describes those people who are "saved" in Matthew 25:36. One of the best ways we can show God's love to people is our care for those who are sick and suffering.

At St. Francis Borgia we have a Ministry of Care group. They bring Holy Communion to people who are sick or cannot get out of their homes. We will offer training for anyone who wishes to be a Care Minister OR is a Care Minister and needs re-certification.

Maybe you do not want to be a Care Minister. However, you want to learn more about offering "spiritual comfort" to those who are in pain or are home-bound. You can also come to the classes. Some of the topics are: "Praying with Those who are Sick and Suffering", "Caring for those with Dementia, Alzheimer's, or Mental Illness," and "Care for those who are dying & those who are grieving". Classes are open to those deaf or hearing.

4) This week, we are reading from chapters 5-6 in St. Matthew's gospel. In these chapters, Jesus is teaching us about our attitudes in the world TODAY:

a) Do we get so angry at others that we think about ways to hurt them? Punish them? How will we feel if, instead, we forgive them? Matthew chapter 5.

b) Of course the economy is difficult these days. However, do we ignore those who are poor? Do we pay our debts, the money we owe others? Do we waste money gambling, then complain we have nothing? Do we use our credit cards to buy things we do not need and cannot afford? (Read Matthew chapter 6!)

5) PARENTS: thanks for your prayers for my mom, Mary Mulcrone. She is in the hospital receiving a thorough evaluation...Fr. Blair's parents are also weak and in need of our prayers.

6) CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMER FESTS:

a) 6/18-22: Our Lady of Ransom, on 8300 N. Cumberland, NILES. FUNFEST for FAMILIES.

b) 6/18-22: Church of the Holy Spirit, 1453 Bode, SCHAUMBURG. COUNTRY FAIR.

c) 6/22, 1-6pm: St. Cyprian, 2601 Clinton, RIVER GROVE. "Cypalooza" Fest.

d) 6/28-10pm: St. Hillary, 5601 N. California, CHGO. FAMILY FEST.

Families looking for cheap, fun ways to celebrate the summer can go to any of these Catholic parish events.