

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**

**AUGUST 16, 2009**

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF CHURCH TIME**

TWO WEEKS LEFT TO...help a child who suffered from sexual abuse. We still need school supplies for many of these children. The list for needed supplies is available in the hall. Please do your best to help these children who are often abandoned by their families.

Today, AUG. 16 is the deadline for the POLISH LUNCHEON next Sunday, 8/23. Get your tickets TODAY from JOHN/VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI. This is always a delicious, and filling!!!!, dinner.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, please...SLOW DOWN! Many children are headed back to school these next two weeks. DRIVERS must look out for these young people. SLOW DOWN!

ST ISIDORE PARISH, BLOOMINGDALE, has always been very supportive of deaf ministry. Fri-Sun, 8/21-23 is their Parish Fest. Come out to enjoy a wonderful time with your family. [www.stisidoreparish.org](http://www.stisidoreparish.org).

HELP! Fr. Joe needs people to help stuff 2,000 Fall letters. This Thursday, 8/22, 8:30am, St. Francis Borgia. Sign-up so he knows how many rolls to order!

Fifty (50) days left till the WOMEN'S LUNCHEON & MEN'S SOCIAL, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, 8/22, 8:30am: prepare Fall mailing.

Sun, 8/23: Mass, 10:30am. Polish Luncheon after Mass.

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, INDIAN CREEK.

Thurs, 8/27, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social. Bring your own lunch.

Sun, 8/30: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Building Foundation Meeting, NOON.

PRAY FOR...JIM SMUDZINSKI, GRACE LISANTE, EVELYN & FRANK RZASA, JIM DIGNAN, TONY IOVITO, JOYCE ALESS, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, LAUREL RACI, KARLA BLEERS' MOM, JIM DIGNAN, GRACE LISANTE...VINCE LERCARA (79), father of Mary Ann and Cathy Lercara, who died 8/7....KATHY BUTA, Religious Education Coordinator for the Deaf Ministry in Washington, DC, killed in an automobile accident on 8/3.

**TWO WONDERFUL PICNICS:**

a) Sat, 8/22, 10am-5pm: Deaf Family Picnic, Calumet Park, 9801 S. Ave. G, Chgo.

630-503-6486vp, [carmita008@yahoo.com](mailto:carmita008@yahoo.com) (Carmen Aguilar).

b) Sat, 8/29, Noon: CODA Picnic, Wooddale Grove, Forest preserve, ADDISON. Bring some food to share, and chairs. FREE refreshments. [Codainillinois.yahoo.com](http://Codainillinois.yahoo.com). Everyone is very welcome to attend.

WSAD (West Suburban Association of the Deaf) has lots of fun events: [www.wsadeaf.org](http://www.wsadeaf.org)

Sun, OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a DEAF Health Banquet and Expo about Cancer. The event will be in Woodridge. Info: [smiley56@tmail.com](mailto:smiley56@tmail.com). \$35/person. On Sun, SEPT 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a fundraiser at St. Julie Billiart to support this event. See MARIA MARTINEZ.

CATHOLIC CHURCH PICNICS: fun, safe, not expensive!

8/21-23: Maryville CIRCUS, 1150 N. River, DES PLAINES.

8/20-23: St. Albert the Great FAMILY FEST, 5555 State Rd, BURBANK.

8/21-23: Our Lady of Loretto FEST, 8925 S. Kostner, HOMETOWN.

TWO SPANISH FILMS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES: Free, at dusk, Chicago.

8/19, "El viaje de Teo", Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield.

8/22, To be announced, Humboldt Park, 1359 N. Sacramento. 312-742-7549

Fri, 8/29, 11am: Illinois Video Interpreter Network OPEN HOUSE. Free. Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai, California & 15<sup>th</sup>. RSVP: 773-257-5125, [hedt@sinai.org](mailto:hedt@sinai.org)

Looking for fun, free events in Chicago? [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org)

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

8/17: Judges 2:11-19/Matthew 19:16-22

8/18: Judges 6:11-24/Matthew 19:23-30

8/19: Judges 9:6-15/Matthew 20:1-16

8/20: Judges 11:29-39/Matthew 22:1-14

8/21: Ruth 1:1-22/Matthew 22:34-40

8/22: Ruth 2:1-11;4:13-17/Matt. 23:1-12

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

1) On August 19, 2008, MARY JO SCANLAN died. In all the years of offering funeral Masses in our deaf community, I can only remember two funerals that touched so many people's lives and brought so many tears/smiles to everyone: LYNN SWOBODA & MARY JO SCANLAN.

MARY JO was a person who truly "grew" in her faith. She had been raised Catholic. Yet, it was in the last 10-15 years of her life that her faith in Jesus and the Church truly deepened. The CURSILLO had helped her. She loved to read the Bible, to sign in our Choir, to pray to Mary, and especially to receive Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion. She was very generous in her service to our community; she worked for many years as Treasurer for CCE/ICDA. She cared deeply for her friends, and was so kind in sharing her love with all of us. A month before her death, she traveled to Italy and saw Rome, the Vatican, and the Pope! She told me this was one of the greatest experiences of her life. The week before she died, I went to see her for the last time. Even though she was very weak, we were able to have 45 minutes together. She told me that she trusted in Jesus, but was nervous about dying. She believed the Lord and her own mother & sister were waiting for her in heaven. I told her that it was normal to be afraid to die; that is human. However, we prayed together; I gave her the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick; finally, I was able to give her a small piece of Communion. When we were done, she looked at me with a big smile, and signed, "Now, I'm ready." She died four days later.

2) Recently, I (Fr. Joe) have spent some time with families where a loved one has Alzheimer's Disease. I have learned a lot over the years about Alzheimer's because of my own experiences with my family members. If I can be of help to any families trying to deal with Alzheimer's in their families, please feel free to ask me. I am glad to help.

3) Thanks to JOE & MARY ANN KULA, JIM SMITH, NICK KULASA for their hard work on the St. Julie Picnic this Sunday.

4) Deaf? Want to learn more about your health? Illnesses? DeafMD.org

5) Masses with MSGR. NELSON:

a) 8/23, AURORA, 9AM, St. Joseph, 722 High Street.

b) 8/30, DeKALB, 10:15am, Newman Center, 512 Normal Rd.

6) WARNING! There are many ads out about "Reverse Mortgages". These ads promise people a lot of money to spend, a chance to go on vacation, or to pay off bills. "Reverse Mortgages" are very dangerous. Before anyone takes out a "Reverse Mortgage", that person should talk to his/her family and to a lawyer or tax accountant.

7) DID YOU KNOW THAT....

....there are 72 million deaf people in the world?

....80% of all deaf people live in poor countries with few opportunities for school, a job, even getting married?

....most deaf children in the world never have an opportunity to go to school?

....most deaf people in the world are very poor, have little to eat, and often are the victims of violence and war?

8) Do you know anyone who is hungry or does not have enough food? The Catholic Office of the Deaf has a list of food pantries and places offering free meals for those who are hungry. Contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf to get this list.

9) Sat, 8/29, Noon-3pm: ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults) Meeting. ORLAND PARK Library, 14921 Ravinia Ave (1 block WEST of LaGrange Rd at 149<sup>th</sup>). Everyone welcome.

10) Thurs, 9/3, 2 pm: CIRQUE SHANGHAI'S "Bright Spirit" at Navy Pier. \$12/person, by reservation only. DEADLINE to sign-up is Aug. 19th. Bus from St. Francis Borgia, leaves 10 am, leaves Navy Pier at 4 pm. Cost for bus is \$6. INFO: PENNY HENDEE, 708-447-0221 fax/TTY or TONI SUNDLING. You can ride the bus even if you don't see the show. (There will be no social at All Angels Guild in Elmhurst on that day.)

11) DEAF AWARENESS DAY: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. At James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL. "No Interpreter- WHY!!!" Workshop given by John Miller and June Prusak from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. INFO: [jean.baker@illinois.gov](mailto:jean.baker@illinois.gov) or [brandy.hayes@illinois.gov](mailto:brandy.hayes@illinois.gov)