

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
NOVEMBER 16, 2008 **33RD SUNDAY of CHURCH TIME**

HELP CHILDREN WHO SUFFERED SEXUAL ABUSE: we need new/home made coats, hats, scarves, mittens, sweaters, or sweat clothes for children who were victims of sexual abuse. We need these by Sunday, 12/7 at the latest! Do NOT wrap the item (all must be inspected). Instead, put in bag with label, e.g., boy, 11; girl, 9; etc. Bring to St. Francis Borgia any of the Sundays up till and including 12/7. Items for children 3-16 years old.

Thurs, 11/28, THANKSGIVING DAY: Free, hot turkey dinner for everyone that day who needs a meal or is alone. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 10am-1pm.

WED, 11/19, 8:30am: help Fr. Joe stuff the Christmas mailing. Plenty of coffee & rolls. (Vhanged from Monday, 11/17.)

The CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY has wonderful events for adults, children, and families. Info: chicagopubliclibrary.org. SUBURBS: most local libraries have many excellent programs for children.

SENIOR CITIZENS/DISABLED PERSONS:

A) Lots of information for SENIOR CITIZENS at: www.AlternativesforSeniors.com

B) If you wish to apply for Medicare Part D Drug Plan (you become 65 in 2009 OR you are presently on Circuit Breaker plan) or change your Drug Plan, you have till 12/15/2008. See JENNIFER SCHEFFLER (Progress Center), 866-563-8695vp, 708-209-1827tty, and JULIE CHAVEZ (DuPage CIL).

Recently, CHICAGO PARENT magazine printed a special edition, "Chicago Special Parent/2008". This is a wonderful resource for families who have children with special needs. Go to: ChicagoParent.com, or call: 708-386-5555 for a copy!

SAT, 12/6, 1-5PM: Winter Party for Deaf families and friends. Harper College. Must RSVP: justmel1969@hotmail.com. 12/1 is the DEADLINE!

Sending out Christmas cards? Make sure you buy "Religious" stamps for your cards. These stamps of the Blessed Mother and the baby Jesus remind people of the REAL meaning of Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

11/19, 8:30AM: Stuff Christmas mailing.

11/20, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

11/23: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. 12:30pm, workshop with Fr. Mike. 4pm: Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

11/27: Thanksgiving Day Dinner, 10am-1pm. Everyone is welcome. Free.

11/30: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

FRI, DEC. 5: CARL DeMOON, famous real estate expert will give a talk at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Why did the "foreclosure crisis" happen? What do people who own homes do NOW? 5-7pm: pizza; bring a salad or dessert. 7pm: talk (voice and sign). FREE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...VINCENTE CAPPELLAN who is in the Waterford Nursing Home, 7400 N. Sheridan Rd...MARY MULCRONE, Fr. Joe's mom, who died last Sunday, 11/9.

SPREAD THE WORD! We have plenty of Church papers, "Holiday Events" schedules, "Don't be a Victim of Holiday Crime" sheets. Take these and give them to your deaf friends and family.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

11/17: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Luke 18:35-43

11/20: Revelation 5:1-10/Luke 19:41-44

11/18: Revelation 3:1-22/Luke 19:1-10

11/21: Rev. 10:8-11/Luke 19:45-48

11/19: Rev. 4:1-11/ Luke 19:11-28

11/22: Rev.11:4-12/Luke 20:27-40

This week, we are beginning to read from the Book of Revelation (old title: Apocalypse). Many people misunderstand this last book of the Bible. St. John wrote this book for two reasons:

- 1) To remind the early Christian communities NOT to become lazy in their Faith; and,
- 2) To strengthen the faith of Christians suffering because of persecution from Rome.

WHERE ARE THE CALENDARS? The Catholic Office of the Deaf (NOT St. Francis Borgia) will move in December. We are still waiting to get the new phone numbers. As soon as we get them, we will have the calendars for 2009 printed. Sorry for the delay.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) FIGHT FLU; wash your hands. Make sure children wash their hands!

2) HAWTHORNE: honestly, I was very worried about our fund-raiser this year. The economy is very bad; people told me they could not afford to help. I asked our Hawthorne Committee to do the best they could. They really did a tremendous job. (I will have the final totals in next week's Church paper.) Everyone on the Committee worked extremely hard: TOM (who kept telling me not to worry!) & KARLA BLEERS, JOE & JANE DILULIO, GEORGE & TONIE SUNDLING (Tonie went to work right after the Women's Luncheon!), JIM DUNNE (who sold the 1st Raffle ticket!), LISA MASCIOLA, BARB KEINER, and JOSIE LOWERY, BOB SWATEK, JIM SMITH.

A half hour before the event was to start, my brother Fr. Tom called me to say that my mom was dying. I had to leave Hawthorne. The Committee took over and did an amazing job. I do not have the words to thank them for what they accomplished.

Honestly, JOSIE LOWERY deserves a lot of thanks. The amazing, beautiful baskets happened because of JOSIE'S hard work (with help from BARB KEINER). We also owe special thanks to SUZETTE DeSALVO who raised a lot of money for this event. MARY ELLEN LEMKER who handled all the tickets and raffle monies. COLLEEN CURRY, the Catholic Office of the Deaf, who made so many arrangements for us.

3) CATHOLIC CHURCH CRAFT/HOLIDAY FAIRS on SATURDAYS:
NOVEMBER 22:

a) St. Laurence High School, 9am-4pm, 5556 W. 77th St, BURBANK.

b) Divine Infant Parish, 9am-3pm, 1640 Newcastle, WESTCHESTER.

c) St. Richard Parish, 9am-3pm, 5000 S. Kostner, CHICAGO.

NOV.29, Guerin High School, 10am-3pm, 8001 W. Belmont, RIVER GROVE.

4) Sun, 12/7, we will have our annual "GENERATIONS OF FAITH" for all ages, 1-5pm. This includes discussions about what Christmas means, Mass at 3:30pm, pizza after. Please register so we know how many are coming that day.

5) Sun, Dec. 21st is the Mass and Christmas Party at St. Julie Parish in Tinley Park. The Mass is at 4pm; the party follows. We have a delicious hot meal that day. The bus (\$5) will leave St. Francis Borgia at 1:30pm. The bus will leave St. Julie's at 7pm. Please sign-up. Also, remember to buy your tickets for St. Julie from either JIM SMITH or JOE KULA.

6) Where is OUR strength to face the problems and crises of life? Alcohol? Gambling? Sexual affairs? Anger and frustration at our family, our friends? NO!

We get our strength from Jesus Christ Our Lord. Where? In HOLY COMMUNION at Mass. Come each week; ask the Lord Jesus to be with you, in you. Jesus will not abandon you!

7) HELP OUR SOLDIERS. Lara Vasquez is collecting: hard candy, gum, Christmas music DVDs, etc after Mass each Sunday for our soldiers in Iraq/Afghanistan.

8) Tues, 11/18, 6pm: DEBT Reduction Seminar, FREE (English/Spanish), Back of the Yards Library, 4650 S. Damen., Chicago.

Wed, 11/19, "Understanding a REVERSE MORTGAGE", NOON. Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, Chicago.

Need a SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER? 312-747-4066tty, 747-4252v.

9) Thanks to everyone who was involved with mom's wake and funeral. Mom suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for almost 13 years. The last two years were especially difficult for her and all of us. On Sunday morning, I offered the 7:30am Mass at St. Francis Borgia (hearing), I asked the people to pray that God would take mom "home". At 8:06am, mom, with my brother Laurence and my dad at her bedside, went "home" to heaven.

Please continue to pray for my dad who was married to mom for 64 years.

10) DRIVERS: the police are becoming very strict about speeding....especially through "work zones" and near schools....not wearing your seat belt. Slow down and be careful driving.

10) The Greater Chicago Food Depository serves the needs of thousands of hungry Chicago individuals and families. On Sat, Nov. 22, Stella Hill will give people the chance to tour the facility and help pack food for the poor. See Stella for details.