

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON

JANUARY 18, 2009

2nd Sunday of CHURCH TIME

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25:

- 1) Mass, 10:30am. PANCAKE BREAKFAST all morning; everyone welcome.
- 2) 12:30pm: workshop with Fr. Mike Depcik in the chapel.
- 3) 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon Parish, Rt.45, INDIAN CREEK. Refreshments.

ALL MAIL for the CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF must go to: 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60653-1402. Do NOT send any mail to 640 N. LaSalle St. That address is closed! Do NOT send mail to 721 N. LaSalle St. – that mail will not longer be delivered to us!

DID YOU or YOUR FAMILY lose a loved one recently? Is YOUR family going through a difficult time because of sickness, the economy, unemployment, etc? Why not have a Mass in your home? Fr. Mike or Fr. Joe would be willing to celebrate Mass in your home, to pray with you and your family. The Mass is our way to ask God to be with you and your family, especially by receiving Holy Communion at Mass. Talk to Fr. Mike or Fr. Joe about this offer. Do not worry about whether your home is fancy or not. That is NOT important. Invite family and friends to come to pray together.

Sat, Feb.7, 7pm-midnight: Celebrate the Lunar New Year: the Year of the OX! Royal Buffet Restaurant in Downers Grove. See Stella Kim Hill or email: daaac07@yahoo.com.

Sun, Feb.15, after the 4pm Mass at St. Julie parish: soup & salad for \$5! Delicious way to celebrate and welcome Deacon Patrick Graybill! Talk to MEG LO/ SUSAN MURPHY.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Thurs, 1/22, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 1/25: (See schedule on top of page.)

Sun, 2/1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass. BLESSING OF THROATS.

Fight the flu: wash your hands! PARENTS: teach your children to wash their hands EVERYTIME they use the washroom!

Please pray for...JOSEPH GRECO, brother of ANTHONY (ALICE) GRECO, who died on 1/6/2009...FR. ANDREW WYPYCH who had surgery this past week...DEANNE SEYMOUR, the young daughter of deaf parents, who has cancer...LINDA LEVINE, who fell at Christmas time, fractured and dislocated her elbow...ROBERT MARKLEY, Wanda Majka's father, who is 100 years old and getting weak...MARIE VOLPENTESTA who had hip surgery.

KEEP INFORMED especially about emergencies, wakes/funerals. Give your email to the CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF: cathdeafch@archchicago.org. We will put you on our email alert list. Our Catholic Office does NOT give out emails to anyone else.

Recently, the State of Illinois made very strict laws about child pornography. Anyone in Illinois who has 100 or more images of child pornography (pictures, magazines, computer) will go to prison for a long time and pay a very expensive fine!

GILDA'S CLUB CHICAGO is a wonderful organization that supports individuals and families living with cancer. For info, go to: www.gildasclubchicago.org.

PROTECT CHILDREN! How? REPORT CHILD ABUSE: 1-800-252-2873 (English/Spanish) 1-800-358-5117tty. All information you give is CONFIDENTIAL.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

1/19: Hebrews 5:1-10/Mark 2:18-22

1/22: Hebrews 7:25-8:6/Mark 3:7-12

1/20: Hebrews 6:10-20/Mark 2:23-28

1/23: Hebrews 8:6-13/Mark 3:13-19

1/21: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17/Mark 3:1-6

1/24: Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14/Mark 3:20-21

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES lived 1567-1622. St. Francis was very educated, wrote many books about the spiritual life, and was the bishop of Geneva, Switzerland. St. Francis was also very interested in helping deaf people, especially a man named Martin. St. Francis' feast day is January 24th. He is the patron saint of deaf people.

Fr. Michael Depcik is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales.

CHS (Chicago Hearing Society) offers FREE "Victim Assistance" to any deaf or hard of hearing person who is victim of a crime. 773-248-9174 TTY or email AskCHS@anixter.org

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Many people are very worried about the economy, their jobs, etc. Sadly, sometimes when people are scared, they make very bad decisions. I am not a financial expert. However, I have talked to many people about what people should do these days. Here is some of the best advice:

- A) Do everything possible to reduce your debt, especially on credit cards. Do not buy things that will increase your debt.
- B) Do not borrow money from your 401K, Retirement funds, etc to pay your bills. Why? Because in the future, we do not know what will happen with Social Security. You need to keep the money in your retirement plans.
- C) "Reverse mortgages" do NOT help most people. "Reverse mortgages" promise easy money, but will hurt you in the future.
- D) Avoid ANYONE or ANY CLUB/GROUP/PROGRAM that promises "easy money", "huge returns", "quick profits". These are all scams!!!!!!
- E) Before you make any big finance or mortgage decisions, talk to your family or to someone you trust. The worst decisions we make, we make when we are scared! Recently, I was talking with Ms. Suzette DeSalvo, an insurance expert whom I trust. (Suzette does very good work in the deaf community.) She told me that many people are making decisions that will hurt them in the years to come. Her advice was to discuss any important decisions with people who know the business of insurance or mortgages or finances.

2) PRAY for our new President. Pray for WISDOM that he will make decisions to bring PEACE to our suffering world.

3) Sometimes, when people go through stressful times, they need help. ARD (Addiction Recovery of the Deaf) offers real DEAF help to people who have problems with alcohol or drugs. 773/227-8562 tty or AskAnixter@anixter.org

4) MS KATE GEISER is an excellent counselor in mental health. She works with many deaf individuals and couples. She writes a wonderful newsletter, "Thriving" about how to stay emotionally healthy. For info, go to: www.alliancecounseling.org

5) IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- a) 'SMART CARDS'. Seniors: if you wish to ride CTA, Metra, Pace FREE after APRIL 1, 2009, you must have a "Smart Card." If you have a "Reduced Fare" card, it will not work for free rides AFTER April 1st. If you have a "Reduced Fare" card, the RTA sent you a letter. You MUST sign this letter and return it to RTA to get the "Smart Card." If you do not do this, then on April 2nd, your "Reduced Fare" card will mean you pay for your trips.
- b) Recently, MARK GRECO came to the Catholic Office of the Deaf to re-install our VP after our move. Mark did a good job, of course! However, Mark explained to us that soon the government will change the VP numbers so emergency services can locate where an emergency call is coming from. Make sure your new VP information is correct!

6) OCT. 8-17, 2009. FR. MIKE DEPCIK will lead a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a very holy place in the former country of Yugoslavia. If you wish information about this pilgrimage, contact Fr. Mike at Depcik@desales.org.

7) Sun, 1/25, 10:15am, Msgr. Glenn Nelson will celebrate Mass at the Newman Center, 512 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL. Everyone is welcome to attend.

8) There is a wonderful pamphlet, "Crime Prevention Tips for People with Disabilities". You can download it at www.safestate.org

9) Monday, 1/19, our country honors DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. It is important to remember that Dr. King fought for the rights of ALL people, not just African-American people. There are still individuals, businesses, and organizations which discriminate against people because of...

...their skin color...their religion ("we don't hire Catholics or Jews!")...their disability ("we don't hire sign-language interpreters for deaf and dumb people"). Dr. King helped people realize that discrimination is wrong; it is unjust; it is a sin!

10) Want to feel better as a person? Practice gratefulness, meaning: be thankful! Go to: gratefulness.org