

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2009                      29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF CHURCH TIME**

**FUN EVENTS at ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER:**

Sat, 10/24, ALL DAY: Holiday craft Bazaar. Wonderful, hand-made items for the holidays.  
Sat, 10/31, 1-5pm: "Family Friendly Halloween Party" sponsored by the Illinois Deaf Latino Association. \$5/adults. \$2/children. Games, crafts, family fun, costume contests/ASL stories. SGuzmanIDLA@gmail.com; 866-720-9630vp (Iris Martinez).

**LEARN ABOUT the BIBLE at ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER:**

A) Every Tuesday. 11am, bring your lunch; 12:30pm, Bible discussion.  
B) Every Wednesday, 7:30pm. Learn about Old Testament Stories with excellent Bible expert. Interpreted. FREE. Refreshments.

**FOOD STAMPS:** the name for the new government Food Stamp Program is SNAP: Info at 800-221-5689. This program increases the foods people can buy including fresh fruit/vegetables.

**PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY!** Change the batteries in all your smoke detectors.

**FIGHT THE FLU:** wash your hands. **PARENTS:** make sure your children wash their hands with soap and water!

**\$18,000 GUARANTEED CASH PRIZES!** TEN (10) prizes (first three are \$3,000 each!). Support the Catholic Office of the Deaf Raffle on Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm drawing! Winners notified that same evening; you don't need to be there.

Plus, excellent "Basket raffle". Only people at Hawthorne on Nov. 14th can win!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Tues, 10/20, 11am: Bible Study (Fr. Mike Depcik).  
Wed, 10/21, 7:30pm: Old Testament Bible Study (see above).  
Thurs, 10/22, 10am-3pm: SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL.  
Sat, 10/24: all day HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, St. Francis Borgia.  
Sun, 10/25: Mass, 10:30am. Mexican Lunch! 12:30pm: Fr. Mike Depcik workshop.  
                    Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, Indian Creek. Refreshments.  
Tues, 10/27: Bible Study (Fr. Mike Depcik). 11am, lunch; 12:30pm, discussion.  
Wed, 10/28, 7:30pm: Old Testament discussion. Interpreted.  
Sat, 10/31, 1-5pm: Halloween Party, St. Francis Borgia. Clocks BACK one hour that night.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT/STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT will pay to make YOUR home warmer during the winter months. This is a special program for people whose incomes are limited. The government will do this at NO COST to the homeowner. Info at: 312-795-8998, weatherizationillinois.com

SUN, NOV.1, 10AM-3PM: ALL Catholic cemeteries will have an open house that day. Come visit the graves of your family and friends. Rosary and special prayers at 2pm.

Every Sat-Sun, 1-4pm, till Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: SAMHAIN (Irish)/DAY OF THE DEAD (Mexican) special exhibit, FREE. Art work celebrating life in the midst of death. Irish Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, CHGO.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS in savings bonds have been lost or expired. People do not remember where they are or think they are lost forever or no good. Go to: <http://TreasuryDirect.gov>, under "Individuals" and quick link to: Treasury Hunt.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: write the names of all your loved ones and place on the altar. We will pray for all these beloved people at ALL MASSES at ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER/PARISH during the month of NOVEMBER!

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

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| 10/19: Romans 4:20-25/Luke 12:13-21 | 10/22: Romans 6:19-23/Luke 12:49-53 |
| 10/20: Romans 5:12-21/Luke 12:35-38 | 10/23: Romans 7:18-25/Luke 12:54-59 |
| 10/21: Romans 6:12-18/Luke 12:39-48 | 10/24: Romans 8:1-11/Luke 13:1-9    |

Mon, 11/19 is the feast of the North American Martyrs: Isaac Jogues, John Brebeuf, Rene Goupil (who had a severe hearing loss), and six other priests and religious - Iroquois and Huron Native Americans killed them between 1642-1649. What is amazing is that Isaac Jogues and others suffered torture, terrible suffering, and were able to escape. However, they all went back! Why? Because they loved the Native Americans despite the suffering, AND they wanted the Native Americans to understand God's love for them!

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

1) A HUGE THANK YOU! On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Office of the Deaf sponsored an all day workshop for sign-language interpreters. MARY O'MEARA from Washington, DC came in for the workshop and did a terrific job. COLLEEN CURRY, MAGGIE SWATEK, and NANCY HUBER all worked to welcome the interpreters, feed them and make sure the workshop was a big success!

2) On the weekend of Oct. 9-10<sup>th</sup>, there were five (5) funerals involving deaf people. The Catholic Office of the Deaf had to get notices out to the deaf community, arrange for sign-language interpreters, contact funeral homes & Catholic churches re: the interpreters and deaf people involved. I (Fr. Joe) was at two of the funerals (FRI & SAT). DEACON CASEY FRONCZEK was present at one of the other funerals on Saturday. A few thoughts:

A) Most families never discuss funeral arrangements UNTIL someone is rushed to the hospital in a crisis or a person suddenly dies. Families need to sit down BEFORE a crisis happens to give family members information about: funeral homes, cemeteries, etc.

B) Every family should have a special file "IMPORTANT EMERGENCY INFORMATION" with information about: insurance, list of medications, lawyer's name/phone number, etc. Keep this in a place where other family members know how to get this.

C) Go on-line to FIVE WISHES. This is a wonderful program that helps people prepare for the difficult decisions people must make in a crisis.

D) Let your family know about sign-language interpreters for wakes/funerals. Often, the funeral home contacts the Catholic Office of the Deaf at the last minute for us to get interpreters.

E) Come to a special workshop at St. Francis Borgia on Sun, 11/29 re: Alzheimer's Disease, Life Insurance, Retirement Planning, and helping your family prepare for death.

3) OOPS! I forgot to thank MARY ANN KULA & DOLORES WALLACE for their help several weeks ago on the fund-raiser at St. Julie Billiart. Sorry!

4) Sat, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Hawthorne Race Fund-Raiser:

a) Sign-up for FREE bus from St. Francis Borgia to Hawthorne. Leaves SFB at 11am; leaves Hawthorne at 5pm.

b) We have some really excellent GIFT BASKETS & SURPRISES! The ONLY people who can win these are the people at Hawthorne that day!

5) Make sure you pick up a CATHOLIC DEAF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE! There is so much happening in November/December!

6) Next Sunday, 10/25, we will sell delicious (not too spicy!) Mexican food to help pay for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>!

7) How can you help to support St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center?

A) Put St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center as a BENEFICIARY in your will, revocable living trust, life insurance or retirement account.

B) If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift from your IRA that is TAX-FREE. Several people did this last year and it helped a great deal.

8) CRAFT/HOLIDAY FESTS:

a) St. Francis Borgia parish, all day, SAT, 10/24.

b) St. Adalbert Halloween Fest, 1650 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, CHICAGO. SAT, 10/24, 11AM-5PM.

c) St. Celestine, 3020 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Ct, ELMWOOD PARK. SUN, 10/25, 8:30am-1:30pm.

d) St. Albert the Great, 5555 W. State Rd, BURBANK. Sat, 11/7, 9am-3pm.

9) REDUCE FIRE RISK IN YOUR HOME: clean out the filter (inside and outside) on your clothes washer and dryer. If too much lint builds up on the filter, it can block the filter, overheat, and cause a fire.

10) PRAY FOR...DEBORAH OBREGON, JIM DIGNAN, DEANNE KORST, LAUREL RACI, ALL THE SOLDIERS IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN.

11) TOUR IRELAND WITH FR. JOE MULCRONE! In August, 2012, the Catholic Eucharistic Congress will happen in Dublin. After the Congress (gathering), Fr. Joe will lead a tour of Ireland for our community!

12) CATHOLIC YOUTH GATHERING IN MADRID, SPAIN, 2011. We will have a group of deaf young people from our area travel to that gathering in 2011.