

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
July 19, 2009 **16th Sunday of Church time**

SUNDAY, JULY 26:

Mass, 9am, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Coffee & rolls. NO Mass at 10:30am.
Mass, 11am, Catholic Deaf Picnic, Argonne Park, Cass Ave., 3 miles SOUTH of I-55.
NO 4pm Mass at St. Mary of Vernon, Indian Creek.

WARNING: H1N1 (Swine) FLU. This dangerous flu has NOT gone away! Recently, there was a serious outbreak of this flu in Argentina. Twelve (12) people in Illinois have already died because of this flu. Our U.S. government believes this flu will return in the Fall. There will be a vaccine against the flu, but it will probably not be ready till October. In the meantime, WASH YOUR HANDS, especially after using the restroom/toilet. Drink lots of water. Info: Flu.gov

AUGUST PICNICS/LUNCHESES:

Sat, Aug. 1: 10am-7pm: Deaf European American PICNIC; Labagh Woods, 5300 N. Cicero, Chgo. FREE. 866-520-6011vp, dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com
Sun, Aug. 2: DeKALB. Mass, Noon, picnic follows. Christ the Teacher Parish.
RSVP: Cathy Signor, cathy.signor@yahoo.com; Dawn Martin, 815-977-7640vp.
Sun, Aug. 16: St. Julie Billiard MASS, 4pm, picnic (indoors) follows. JOE KULA & JIMMY SMITH handle all the tickets. BUS (\$5) from St. Francis Borgia leaves at 2pm; leaves St. Julie, 7pm.
Sun, Aug. 23: POLISH LUNCHEON after 10:30am Mass. Tickets: JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI. This is ALWAYS a delicious, excellent meal!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Thurs, 7/23, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social. Bring your OWN lunch.
Sun, 7/26: 11 am, Catholic Deaf Picnic, Argonne Park (See notes ABOVE).
Tues, 7/28: Hawthorne Committee Meeting. 5:30pm, food. 6:30pm, meeting.
Wed, 7/29, 7:30pm: "Living the Sacramental Life"(Interpreted). FREE. St. Francis Borgia.
Sun, 8/2: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.
Mass, NOON, followed by Picnic, DeKALB (see above).

PROTECT AGAINST...WEST NILE VIRUS! Outside, especially in the mornings and at dusk. Wear insect repellent, especially that has DEET, on all exposed skin.

WED, JULY 22, 6-9PM: PUERTO RICAN dance music, Humboldt Park, 1359 N. Sacramento, CHGO. FREE.
SAT, JULY 25, 6-9:30PM: CUBAN SALSA dance music, 601 S. Michigan Ave, CHGO.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...ROBERT KUSH (76), brother of RICHARD KUSH, who died 7/6... MARK (JESSICA) CHRISTIAN, son and daughter in law of ED & JOAN CHRISTIAN. They lost twin boys at 4 months of pregnancy...JIM SMUDZINSKI, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, DEANNE SEYMOUR, JIM DIGNAN, FRANK STEFANSKI, JOHN ALBERTI, ARLENE REDMOND: all need our prayers

NEED A JOB? IF you are a resident of Chicago OR you were laid off or let go from a job IN Chicago, and are 18 years old or more, contact EASTER SEALS: 708-524-8700x122 (Walter). Job orientations are EVERY FRIDAY, 9am, 120 W. Madison, Oak Park, IL 60302. If you need a sign-language interpreter, call the above phone number. Easter Seals will provide an interpreter FREE.

FREE MOVIES (captioned) in Chicago Parks (bring a chair or blanket; bug spray!)
Movies begin at dusk.
If the captioning does not appear, ask the movie operator to turn on the captioning.
JULY 20: "Muppets Take Manhattan", Lincoln Park Cricket Hill, Montrose & the lake
JULY 22: "Yveete" (Spanish, with English Subtitles), Calumet Park, 9801 S. Ave. G.
JULY 23: "Iron Man", Hoyne Park, 3417 S. Hamilton.
JULY 24: "Kung Fu Panda", Haas Park, 2402 N. Washtenaw.
JULY 27: "School of Rock", Lincoln park-Cricket Hill, Montrose & the lake.
"Necessary Roughness", Shabbona Park, 6935 W. Addison (PG-13).

READ THE BIBLE EVERYDAY:

7/20: Exodus 14:5-18/Matthew 12:38-42	7/23: Exodus 19:1-20/Matthew 13:10-17
7/21: Exodus 14:21-15:1/Matthew 12:46-50	7/24: Exodus 20:1-17/Matthew 13:18-23
7/22: Exodus 16:1-15/Matthew 13:1-9	7/25: Exodus 32:1-14/Matthew 13:24-30
7/22: St.Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18)	7/25: St. James (Matthew 20:20-28).

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) MY Mistake! Some of you received a Church paper last week that had an error. I wrote about bones belonging to St. Peter. I meant to write, St. Paul! Sorry.

2) CHANGE THE DATE! The date for the HAWTHORNE RACE FUNDRAISER is SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH, NOON-5PM.

3) Saturday, July 25th, 10:30AM: Chicago Chapter of the Self Help for the Hard of Hearing PICNIC. Welles Park, Montrose and Lincoln. Everyone is welcome.

4) Celebrate the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act):

a) Sat, 7/25, 11am: Disability Pride Parade, marching NORTH on Dearborn (Van Buren) to Daley Plaza (Washington & Dearborn). 12:30pm, celebration at Daley Plaza (FREE; all are welcome).

b) Wed, 7/29, 10am-5pm: Progress Center OPEN HOUSE, 7521 W. Madison, FOREST PARK. FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS.

5) FREE EYECARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: you must be 65 or older, no HMO, a citizen, and have not seen an eye doctor in three years. EYECARE AMERICA will give an eye exam and up to one year eye care for any eye disease FREE if you have no insurance; they also accept Medicare or other insurances. 1-800-222-3937

6) HOW IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH "HOLY"? Recently, someone wrote me that the Catholic Church belongs to the devil. Why? Because of the child sex abuse scandal. First, many children and families were hurt by sexual abuse in the Catholic Church AND the bishops hiding these cases. This was wrong! Second, the Catholic Church has become the leader among churches in fighting sex abuse. Everyone must receive special training. Third, many other churches – Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Muslims – continue to have sexual abuse problems.

The Catholic Church is a very human church. Human beings are imperfect, so any church or religion is imperfect and sinful. The Catholic Church is HOLY because of JESUS CHRIST! JESUS told us (the Church): "Peter, on you I will build my Church." (Matt. 16:17-19). "Go into the world and make people my followers. I am with you always until the end of the world." (Matthew 28:16-20). ST. PAUL also writes about the Church (I Corinthians chapters 4 & 11:17-12; Ephesians chapters 3-4).

JESUS CHRIST makes our Church – you and me – holy. How? By His Presence in the seven sacraments. Every time we receive a sacrament – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Ordination to the priesthood, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick - we meet Jesus in a very special way. For Catholics, the two most common ways we receive Jesus into our lives is HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION (Confession).

JESUS gathered His Apostles at the LAST SUPPER (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22). He taught them "this bread is MY Body; this wine is now MY Blood; do this and remember me (Jesus)." St. Paul reminds us that from the earliest days of the Church, we gather to share the "Body and Blood of Jesus" (1 Corinthians chp.11). St. Ignatius of Antioch in the year 115 wrote that the "Eucharist (Holy Communion) is the medicine of the soul that gives us eternal life." The Catholic Church for 2,000 years has offered Mass to share Holy Communion with people.

In RECONCILIATION (Confession), the Church gives us JESUS & HIS Mercy! Read Matthew 16:17-19; John 21:15-19. Jesus gives the Catholic Church the power to forgive sins. When we confess our sins to a priest, the priest (in the name of JESUS) takes our sins away.

We are a HOLY Church because of our Faith in Jesus Christ. This is the reason we pray. We pray so that God will continue to make US Holy because of HIS love for us. We have 2,000 years of examples of this holiness: THE SAINTS! Every saint was a human being. Every saint was imperfect; they made mistakes, committed sins. They are SAINTS why? Because they did their best to follow Jesus and copy His way of life. These men and women saints never said, "look at me, I am soooo holy!" No! They said, "look at Jesus; He makes us holy!" In the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), we read God's words, "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2). In the New Testament, we have the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) to show us the way to be holy like Jesus.

Next week: why is the Catholic Church... "catholic"?

Don't forget! Next Sunday, 7/26 is the PICNIC at Argonne Park. I (Fr. Joe) will have Mass at 9am at St. Francis Borgia. There is NO Mass at 10:30am. Mass at the picnic will be at 11am.