

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
FEBRUARY 22, 2009 7TH SUNDAY OF CHURCH TIME

FEBRUARY 25, ASH WEDNESDAY:

LENTEN RULES for CATHOLICS:

- A) All Catholics 14 and older do NOT eat meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent.
- B) All Catholics, 18-59, eat one large and two small meals Ash Wed. and Good Friday. No eating between meals.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

- A) All Catholic parishes distribute ashes on Ash Wed. St. Peter Parish, 110 W. Madison, Chgo gives out ashes all day 6am-8pm.
- B) St. Francis Borgia: 2pm (interpreted service in large church); 7pm, Mass & ashes with Fr. Depcik.

THREE WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT LENT:

- A) Each week, Fr. Mike Depcik has a wonderful VLOG: www.frmd.org. You will learn a great deal about our wonderful Catholic Faith.
- B) Fr. Ed Hays, a terrific spiritual writer, has a weekly email message you can receive FREE. Go to: NCRonline.org/Lent
- C) Each Tuesday, 11am, we have Lunch and Bible Study. Bring your lunch (we will have coffee & pop). 12:30pm: we will discuss the readings for the next Sunday.
MARCH 3 & 10: Fr. Mike Depcik; MARCH 17 & 24: Deacon Pat Graybill;
MARCH 31 & APRIL 7: Fr. Joe.

Sun, March 1: Pilgrimage to St. Paul Church, St. Adalbert, then Mexican dinner. TODAY (2/22) is the deadline. Cost: \$10/person. If you wish to drive, let Fr. Joe know. Bus leaves St. Francis Borgia 1 pm sharp.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Wed, 2/25: ASH WEDNESDAY (see above).
- Thurs, 2/26, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.
- Sun, 3/1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. 1pm: pilgrimage leaves for St. Paul Parish.
- Tues, 3/3: Bible Study. 11am, lunch; 12:30pm, discussion of next Sunday's readings.
(In back meeting room because of election; enter on other side of building.)
- Wed, 3/4: 7:30pm, Learn about St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and Galatians.
- Sat, 3/7: Change your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to sleep!**
- Sun, 3/8: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch and meeting after Mass.
- Tues, 3/10: BIBLE STUDY. 11am, lunch. 12:30pm, Bible discussion.

CATHOLIC DEAF MISSION at ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER.

GREG YUBARA is a deaf young man, studying to become a priest. He speaks English, Spanish, and Sign Language! GREG will give us a spiritual Mission, Fri, 3/13-Sun, 3/15. We should all do everything we can to come-each day! Also, we need people to volunteer to bring salads OR dessert for Saturday evening, 3/14. Please sign-up for this! Come ALL THREE DAYS!!!!

MS VIVIAN CARDONA is deaf and has many years experience counseling deaf individuals, couples, and families. Ms. Cardona offers private counseling to people in her office on the north side of Chicago. 773-803-4710 text, viviancardonalpc@sprint.blackberry.net

Pray for those who need God's help, especially...Connie Kennedy, Willie Mae Boyce, Deanne Seymour, Vita Holubetz, Ed Schultz, Fr. Paul Fletcher, Richard Iovito, George Sundling; Charles Pick who died.

PARENTS! In Illinois, children under 18 years of age can get HEALTH INSURANCE from the State of Illinois if they lose insurance coverage because of a parent's job loss. Contact your local STATE REPRESENTATIVE or STATE SENATOR's office. Or, contact JENNIFER SCHEFFLER at Progress Center in FOREST PARK. Jennifer is deaf, an expert on insurance, and can help you!

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

- 2/23: Sirach 1:1-10/Mark 9:14-29
- 2/24: Sirach 2:1-11/Mark 9:30-37
- 2/25: Joel 2:12-18/Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- 2/26: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25
- 2/27: Isaiah 58:1-9/Matthew 9:14-15
- 2/28: Isaiah 58:9-14/Luke 5:27-32

The daily readings from the Bible take only about 5 minutes of our time. Read them EACH DAY. Then, sit quietly. You don't have to do much. Let God's Word from the Bible touch your mind and heart.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE

1) Cookie sale in the back room TODAY, 2/22, at St. Francis Borgia. Buy some cookies!

2) LENT is our time to get close to God. Please take one of the little booklets on the table today to help you during Lent. Each day has a wonderful thought for you to use.

3) MARK CHRISTIAN is the hearing son of deaf parents, ED & JOAN CHRISTIAN. Mark is a Doctor of Audiology and works for the Hearing Health Center with sites in Chicago, Elmhurst, and Naperville. Mark knows how to sign and is very sensitive to issues of hearing loss and deafness.
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4) OUR SUFFERING BROTHERS AND SISTERS: a terrible war continues in the Congo, Africa. Rebel fighters in that country have attacked Catholic churches. On Christmas, the rebels set a Catholic church on fire, killing 400 people inside.

Recently, one of the archbishops from India came to Chicago. He told how many Catholics have been beaten, raped and killed in India. Why? Because they believe in Jesus! Who is attacking Catholics? Those who belong to the Hindu religion. In Pakistan, if you grow up Muslim and then convert to the Catholic faith, the law allows Muslims to murder you!

1) Be very thankful you live in America. Here we have Freedom of Religion. Most people do not realize how important that Freedom is. They say/sign, "Church is not important. Who needs faith?" They should live in a country where being Catholic can mean death!

2) Pray for our suffering Catholic brothers and sisters who are in danger because of their faith.

5) Think SUMMER! The ICDA (International Catholic Deaf Association) Conference is July 16-22, 2009 in Cleveland, OH. Beautiful hotel; lots to do with great, fun tours.

6) FR. MIKE DEPCIK will lead a spiritual pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE (holy place) Oct. 8-17, 2009. Questions? Curious? See Fr. Mike about information, Depcik@desales.org

7) SCAM ALERT! Many criminals are using the internet, phone, regular mail to steal YOUR money. You will get messages re: "Stimulus package benefits: apply now!", "Government Bail-out monies for you"; "Inexpensive Mortgages/Low-Cost Interest." Be careful. BE VERY CAREFUL! If you get such ads, check with your accountant, lawyer, insurance agent, etc. Bring to Fr. Joe to examine. Do NOT give these people your S.S. #, credit card or bank number, etc.

By the way, the latest scam is a message you get telling you that Chevron has an ATM card for you. Chevron will send you the card. All you have to do is send \$126 via your credit card. FRAUD! CRIME! Do NOT respond!!!!

8) LENT ON-LINE: Kolbe House ministers to people in prison. During Lent, the staff of Kolbe House offers an on-line retreat via email. Send an email to: kolberetreat@aol.com. They will NOT share your address with anyone else. This will begin March 2nd.

9) Several people asked me about the caskets for my mom and dad. They are beautiful, hand-made wood caskets. From where? The monks of New Melleray Abbey make them. You can email them: monks@newmelleray.org, 563-588-2319. My parents had ordered them and paid for them. When my parents died, the funeral director called the Monastery, and the casket arrived the next day!

10) Help for people to attend the IAD Conference, June 11-13, Bloomington, IL. The State of Illinois has a program to give stipends/scholarships for deaf people and people with disabilities to attend deaf/disability events. The State will provide up to \$400/individual or \$600/family. If you wish to get help to attend the IAD Conference, you can go on-line and get an application at:
www.silcofillinois.org/stipendapp.pdf. Once you get the application, do NOT wait! Fill it out immediately and send it back.