

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON

March 22, 2009

4th Sunday of Lent

ST. JOSEPH ITALIAN 'TABLE': Next Sunday, 3/29, after the 10:30am Mass. Pasta (two different kinds), Italian bread, salad, coffee/tea/pop/wine. \$8/adults; \$4/child for meal. \$3/person for dessert. Raffle prizes, too. Excellent dessert table this year!

LEARN ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, from Fr. Mike Depcik at www.frmd.org

This Tuesday, 3/24, come for our weekly Bible Study. 11am: bring your lunch; bring a dessert to share. 12:30pm: discuss the Bible readings for next Sunday. Bible Study meets EVERY TUESDAY of Lent. This week, FR. MIKE DEPCIK.

DRIVERS-BE ALERT! During the next few weeks, many young people will be on "Spring Break". They will be out of school and running into the streets. Slow down! Watch out for these children and teens.

THE PASSION OF ST. MARK: Mon-Wed, 3/30-April 1, FR. JOE MULCRONE will give the Parish mission at St. Francis Borgia (large church). INTERPRETED. 7PM each evening.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 3/24, 11am: BIBLE STUDY (see above).

Wed, 3/25, 7:30pm: The Letters of St. Paul. Free. Interpreted.

Thurs, 3/26, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sat, 3/28, Noon: Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Francis Borgia.

Sun, 3/29: 10:30am Mass. St. Joseph "Table" after Mass.

Mon-Wed, 3/30-4/1: St. Francis Borgia Parish Mission (Interpreted). 7pm.

Tues, 3/31, 11am: Bible Study.

Sat, 4/4 4-5pm: Confessions (Fr. Joe) in the chapel.

Sun, 4/5: Palm Sunday Masses at 10:30am & 3:30pm. 1-5pm: Lent day for families.

PARENTS: Excellent summer camp for deaf children, their hearing brothers and sisters, in Michigan with FR. MIKE DEPCIK. FR. MIKE is happy to discuss with any family the various programs available for children this coming summer.

LENT DAY, 4/5, 1-5PM: each year, this is a wonderful time for children (hearing or deaf) to learn about the REAL meaning of Holy Week and Easter! We have Mass for everyone at 3:30pm, followed by a pizza party. Please sign up TODAY with MS. SWATEK, MS. REYES!

APRIL 27-29, 2009, The Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI) will hold its annual Conference/Training of Advocates in Springfield, IL. The Conference will provide sign-language interpreters, CART reporting for anyone who wants these services. However, you must contact CCDI as soon as possible! Email: ccdi@ccdionline.org, 800-433-8848 (V/TTY)

CORRECTION: the Hawthorne race Event will be Sat, 10/31, Noon-5pm. HALLOWEEN at HAWTHORNE!

CHINESE DEAF DANCE GROUP: there is an amazing group of Deaf Chinese dancers, "Thousand-Hand Guanyin". Recently, they were on the internet. You can see their performance at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgHmSdpjEIk?> Or search Thousand-Hand Guanyin.

Interesting website: <http://www.pastoraldelsordo.blogspot.com>. An 80 year old deaf priest in Spain, Monsignor YANES VALER, every week prints the Sunday readings in easy Spanish and gives his sermon in SPANISH SIGN-LANGUAGE.

PRAY FOR... ED SCHULTZ, CONNIE KENNEDY, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, RICHARD IOVITO, MIKE KORNACKER, DEANNE SEYMOUR, VITA HOLUBETZ, ARLENE REDMOND. Also, remember GINO GUIDICE (76) who died in California 3/7. DALE (Anderson) FERRIS, wife of RON, who died 3/15.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

3/23: Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54

3/26: Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47

3/24: Ezekiel 47:1-12/ John 5:1-16

3/27: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22/John 7:1-30

3/25: Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10/John 5:19-30

3/28: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ John 7:40-53

PEOPLES GAS has a TTY number for questions or complaints: 1-866-556-6007.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) PRAYER: obviously it is important to pray. During these last four months: the deaths of Msgr. Mulcrone, the deaths of my parents, the stress fracture, the eye surgeries – I felt very comforted. Why? BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WERE PRAYING FOR ME! Thanks you so much. It is important that we continue to pray for one another, especially in these difficult times.

2) ELECTION TODAY: the election for the Bldg Foundation is very important. I hope everyone will participate! This Foundation makes the decisions about getting another building for us to use for special groups, meetings, etc.

3) This weekend, I (Fr. Joe) am in Houston, TX, giving the Mission for the Catholic Deaf community there.

4) A WONDERFUL WEEKEND. I am grateful to so many people for making our Parish Mission such a success last weekend. CAROL McGINNIS & JOAN CHRISTIAN picked up GREG at a very busy O'Hare airport. BARB KEINER was able to set up refreshments. BRIAN SWATEK for all his hard work. And JIM DUNNE, PATRICIA SLISZ, KARLA BLEERS, SHARON REESE, PHYLLIS ACKERMAN, JOHN FOLERZYNSKI, TONIE SUNDLING, RICHARD AND KATHY KUSH. Thanks to our interpreters, MICHAEL ALBERT & DARLENE WASHINGTON. CARMEN REYES really helped with the Spanish interpreting. Most especially, a huge thank you to GREG YUBARA for his terrific Mission to our community.

5) NOT SURE WHAT ELSE TO SAY! Over the years, I have tried to convince people about “scams”. Yet, many people (deaf and hearing) continue to send money to people they don't know or people they meet on the internet. Often, people tell me, “well, I got this message and I felt sorry for this person”, or “this person said he/she really likes (loves????) me.”

These are all lies!!!!!! The people behind the scams are criminals sitting at computers in other countries, like Nigeria or Kenya, China or even Sweden. They write, “oh, I am a young, attractive deaf person needing help.” They send pictures of themselves (all false). They write sexual messages or romantic notes about themselves. Truthfully, they are just very evil people, sitting at computers at their homes, and laughing at stupid Americans.

6) INVITE a friend to join us next Sunday for the St. Joseph Table. When a person new at St. Francis Borgia arrives, WELCOME THAT PERSON! Introduce yourself. Explain about all the Church papers and information on the table in the hall. Get the person a cup of coffee or tea.

7) DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL will lead two workshops at St. Julie Parish, 7399 W. 159th, Tinley Park for people improving their skills signing the readings at Mass. The dates are March 26th & April 4th. If you wish to attend, please see Deacon Pat Graybill.

8) HOLY WEEK is the most important week of our year! In this week, we remember and celebrate God's love for us in the sufferings, death, and Resurrection of JESUS. Please mark your calendars NOW for those dates:

Sun, April 5th: Palm Sunday. Masses at 10:30am & 3:30pm. 1-5pm: LENT DAY for children.

Tues, Apr. 7, 11am: Bible Study about the Passion of St. Mark.

Thurs, Apr. 9: Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm, followed by “Bread and Wine Social”.

Fri, Apr. 10: Good Friday Services at 3 & 7pm.

Sat, Apr. 11: Holy Saturday Mass (same as Mass for Easter Sunday), 7pm.

Sun, Apr.12: Easter Mass, 10:30am (only Mass that morning). Refreshments.

9) PARENTS of HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! Scholarships available...

a) Illinois Sheriff's Association awards scholarships to students who will attend colleges & universities in Illinois. www.ilsheriff.org, 773-869-4711, Maureen Malloy.

b) A.G. Bell offers scholarships for college to students with a severe hearing loss since age 7. www.agbell.org.

Both scholarships have deadlines coming soon. Don't delay.