

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF --- YOUR Catholic Office of the Deaf! HOW? Buy a ticket for the Hawthorne Fund-Raiser, Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. (\$35/person; same as last year!) Buy \$100 raffle ticket for \$18,000 cash prizes (10 prizes) drawn on 11/14. FREE bus from St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

**PARENTS:**

- 1) Is your child in our Religious Education program? Or, is your child in a Religious Education program near you? MS MAGGIE SWATEK is in charge of our Religious Education program for our children. See her any Sunday at St. Francis Borgia or contact Catholic Office of the Deaf.
- 2) Many school districts will have special information on H1N1 (Swine) flu. Make sure you read all the information because schools will have very strict rules about the flu.

Next week – Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – is the LAST SUNDAY to bring school supplies for children who are victims of sexual abuse. These children depend on us. Why? Because many suffered sexual abuse in their homes and cannot go back to their homes. Please help these children!

DRIVERS: this week, MANY schools re-open. Children are going back to school. However, the children are not paying attention to traffic. YOU are responsible to SLOW DOWN...especially in school areas. Make sure you come to a full stop at all stop signs and red lights.

**SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC DEAF MINISTRY:**

- 1) LAWYER Neil J. Levine, ADDISON, IL. 630-775-1400, neiljlevine@tmail.com
- 2) Chuck's Auto Body, 1652 Waukegan Rd, GLENVIEW. This firm does excellent car repair. Chuck's works with all car insurance companies. 847-724-5888v, 724-5890fax.
- 3) Liborio Bakery, 8212 Grand Ave, RIVER GROVE. Delicious Italian breads and cookies.
- 4) Lezza Brothers Bakery & Gelato Store, corner of St. Charles Rd & Mannheim (just east of Mannheim; north side), BELLWOOD. Authentic Italian sweets! Great ice cream (Gelato)!
- 5) Suzette DeSalvo/State Farm Insurance, 773-774-1320tty/vp, Suzette@suzetteDeSalvo.net

Recently lost your job? State Farm is now working with 401K accounts to save them for unemployed people and also health insurance for laid-off workers. Also, Long-term Health Insurance.

Wed, 9/16, 10am-3pm: Deaf Awareness Day, State of Illinois Bldg, 100 W. Randolph, Chgo. Excellent workshop on how to use Sign-Language Interpreters.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, 8/27, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social. Bring your own lunch.

Sun, 8/30: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

Sun, 9/6: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mon, 9/7: Labor Day holiday. Summer's over; everyone back to school!

PRAY FOR...GRACE LISANTE, JIM DIGNAN, TONY IOVITO, JIM SMUDZINSKI, CONNIE KENNEDY, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, LAUREL RACI....PETER ADAMS (94), father of MARK (WENDY) ADAMS who died 8/14.

FIGHT H1N1 (Swine flu). How?

- 1) Wash your hands. Parents: train your children to wash hands with soap and water.
- 2) Wipe down surfaces – sinks, tables, stoves, counters – with HYDROGEN PEROXIDE.
- 3) Get enough rest; drink a lot of water. If you become seriously ill, call 9-1-1.
- 4) Get a vaccine shot when they become available.

CATHOLIC PARISH CARNIVALS/FESTS: cheap, safe for families.

a) 8/28-30: St. Helen Fest, 2347 W. Augusta, CHICAGO.

b) 8/29-30: St. Patricia 50<sup>th</sup> Fest, 9100 S. 86<sup>th</sup>, HICKORY HILLS.

c) 8/29-30: "Taste of St. Gertrude", 9613 Schiller, FRANKLIN PARK.

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL is at Chicago Ave and State St. It is very beautiful to visit. Every Sunday the 9:30am Mass is in Sign-Language. Free parking.

Sept.5-7, 11am-7pm: Irish Days FEST, FREE admission/parking, LONG GROVE,IL.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

8/24: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10/Matthew 23:13-22      8/27: 1 Thess. 3:7-13/Matthew 24:42-51

8/25: 1 Thess. 2:1-8/Matthew 23:23-36              8/28: 1 Thess. 4:1-8/Matthew 25:1-13

8/26: 1 Thess.2:9-13/Matthew 23:27-32              8/29: 1 Thess. 4:9-11/Matthew 25: 31-46

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

1) SWINE FLU: I have talked with several people who had swine flu or their children had the flu. The flu is VERY DANGEROUS for children and pregnant women. People who had this flu tell me that when you get sick, it is important to get rest, reduce your temperature, drink enough fluids. Apparently, one of the biggest problems is that after the flu is over, most people report they are exhausted for two-three weeks!

Suppose you or someone in your family is very sick and they do not have health insurance? Go to the nearest hospital emergency room immediately! Even if you do not have insurance, the ER (emergency room) must treat you.

What about Church? We will have a Liturgy meeting early September. We will discuss what to do about the "Sign of Peace" and Communion in the Cup.

2) 8/26 would be my parents' 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Thanks for all your kindnesses, hugs, prayers, and support during this last year since my folks died.

3) Sun, 9/6, MSGR. NELSON will celebrate Mass at St. Thomas Parish Center, 272 King St., CRYSTAL LAKE. 9am.

4) FARMERS MARKETS have wonderful, healthy, fresh food. If you want to find out where there are farmers markets in Chicago: [www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us](http://www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us)

5) Fri, 8/28, 11am-Noon: Illinois Video Interpreter Network OPEN HOUSE; Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai Hospital, California & 15<sup>th</sup>, CHGO. RSVP: 773-257-5125, [hedt@sinai.org](mailto:hedt@sinai.org)

6) DEAF BOWLING moved from HILLSIDE to ADDISON. Bowling begins Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm: Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine, Addison, IL 630-833-1040.

7) CREDIT CARD companies are sending out credit card "offers" to people. (Many college students receive these!) Most of these "offers" include VERY HIGH interest rates, short periods of time to pay the monthly charges, and double the minimums you must pay. Destroy these offer letters and credit cards when you get them.

Also, do everything you can to REDUCE/GET RID OF any debt on your credit cards. This debt destroys your credit!

8) SUN, 9/20, after the 4pm Mass at St. Julie, we will have a fund-raising bazaar to support St. Julie Deaf Church & breast cancer awareness. MARIA MARTINEZ has volunteered to help us. She needs helpers. Contact her at: [Hugsmeltr@aol.com](mailto:Hugsmeltr@aol.com)

9) The ADA (Americans with Disabilities) Law says that deaf people have a right to get sign-language interpreters in hospitals, police stations, courts, all government offices! If you ask for a sign-language interpreter and people in these offices refuse to get an interpreter, IMMEDIATELY contact the Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission: 1-877-455-3323v/tty, [www.idhhc.state.il.us](http://www.idhhc.state.il.us) to file a complaint.

10) DANGER ON OUR STREETS: it is becoming more and more dangerous late at night or very early in the morning. Many muggings, robberies, beatings, rapes, etc. What to do?

a) Try NOT to travel alone when it is dark out. Ask someone to go with you, even if this is just to walk you to your car. If the sidewalk is dark, walk in the street under the street lights.

b) If you get into your car, do NOT sit there and call/text, etc while sitting in your car. Lock the car door, start the engine, and drive away.

c) If someone attacks you SCREAM; SCREAM as loud as possible. Most robbers will run away.

d) Keep in your home, a copy of all your credit card numbers, check book account number, etc. If someone steals your purse/wallet, you can make a report right away to cancel the credit cards or checks.

11) FAMILY EATING: IHOP (International House of Pancakes) restaurants are offering till Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>: one child can eat a FREE meal with one adult who buys a meal. Also, kids eat FREE at Denny's on Tuesday – 2 kids free for one adult meal purchase.