

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
AUGUST 24, 2008 **21ST Sunday of Church Time**

Next Sunday, 8/31, FR. MICHAEL DEPCIK will be back with us for 2008-2009. Please join us for the 10:30am Mass to welcome Fr. Mike back to Chicago! Fr. Mike's vlog: www.frmd.org

This Wed, 8/27: we will have SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING (VIRTUS) for all our volunteers, ushers, Catechists who have not taken the training previously. To sign-up, go to: http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0. Or, contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf before Wed.

DRIVERS: please WATCH OUT! Children are headed back to school. We must SLOW DOWN on the roads. Make sure you STOP and LOOK OUT at all "Stop" signs and red lights.

HELP! We still need people to help in our Religious education Program this FALL! Please see MS. MAGGIE SWATEK to volunteer.

Sat, Sept. 6th: The Catholic Men's Conference is at the Rosemont Convention Center. If you are deaf and wish to attend, the Catholic Office of the Deaf will provide sign-language interpreters. Register at: www.itsaguythingonline.org. Let Catholic Office of the Deaf know if you have registered and which workshops you will attend.

Thurs, SEPT. 11th, we will have special MEDICARE/DRUG PLAN counselors at St. Francis Borgia. If you need help with Medicare, Drug Plan, etc, sign-up with Fr. Joe. Only 18 appointments available that day. Satisfied with your Drug Plan and Medicare? You do not need this. Want to switch medical carriers or drug plan programs this Fall? See Fr. Joe. 9AM-1PM.

Sat, Sept. 27th, Fr. Mike Depcik will offer a special workshop for any deaf person who wishes to be a reader at Sunday Masses OR is a Reader, but wishes to improve your skills at signing the Bible. 9am-Noon. Free. Refreshments provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wed, 8/27, 7pm: VIRTUS (Child Abuse Prevention Training). Please RSVP.

Thurs, 8/28, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 8/31: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Mike). Coffee & rolls.

Sun, 9/7: Mass, 10:30am. Bazaar all day in hall.

Mon, 9/8: Hawthorne Committee Meeting.

Tues, 9/9: Liturgy Planning Committee meeting.

Thurs, 9/11, 9am-1pm: Medicare appointments with special counselors(see Fr. Joe).

\$18,000 cash prizes (10) guaranteed. We are selling 400 tickets for the Raffle on Nov. 8th. All profits support the Catholic Office of the Deaf. The Hawthorne race is Sat., Nov. 8th. This is ALWAYS a fun afternoon for everyone. Tickets are the SAME PRICE as last year!

PRAY FOR...MARY JO SCANLAN who died Tuesday, Aug. 19....JOANN CROKE who has cancer....LORRAINE MUSSO...BARB KEINER'S mom....DONNA SHEEHAN's dad....MARY MULCRONE, Fr. Joe's mom.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

8/25: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12/Matthew 23:13-22

8/26: 2 Thess. 2:1-3,14-17/Matthew 23:23-26

8/27: 2 Thess. 3:6-18/Matthew 23:27-32

8/28: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Matt. 24:42-51

8/29: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Matt. 25:1-13

8/30: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matt. 25:14-30

First & Second Corinthians are two of the most important Epistles (Letters) St. Paul wrote. Fr. Joe will write a commentary each week on these two Letters: <http://blog.deafchurchchicago.org>

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ICF is the International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons. ICF did a lot of the work to set-up the Rome Pilgrimage, along with ICDA. For more info on ICF, go to: www.icfdeafservice.org

TECHtalk is a wonderful, FREE newsletter from the state of Illinois. TECHtalk is available to anyone in the State of Illinois. TECHtalk has lots of good information for people who are deaf and/or disabled. To get a free subscription, go to: www.iltech.org, 800-852-5110v/tty

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) SHAME! Everyone one of us, hearing and deaf, are suffering because of the politicians in Springfield. The Governor, our State Senators and Representatives are playing games with OUR LIVES & the LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES! So far, the State has cut funds for drug/alcohol abuse, mental health, violence prevention, domestic violence protection. Worse, more and more deaf people are telling me that the State of Illinois is doing NOTHING to help them find work!

Wed., Sept. 17th is DEAF AWARENESS DAY at the State of Illinois Building, 100 W. Randolph, 9:30am-3pm. If you are deaf and need a job, go that day. Tell the State of Illinois workers in DHS/ORS that you want help for jobs NOW! Also.....

Tell the staff from the STATE of ILLINOIS DEAF & HARD OF HEARING COMMISSION (IDHHC) that we need an IDHHC office here in Chicago. IDHHC only has an office in Springfield. How can deaf people get help from this Commission if the Commission is 200 miles away? Deaf people in Chicago and the suburbs fought to get the Commission. We overcame the Governor's veto when he said, "no Commission for deaf people." The Commission (IDHHC) needs to have an office in the State of Illinois building (downtown Chicago) so deaf people can do business the "deaf way"- in person, face to face!

2) THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL: The Archdiocese of Chicago will have special Mission talks on "The Year of St. Paul". All of these will be interpreted in American Sign-Language. The first talk is Thurs, 9/11, 7pm, Holy Angels Church, 615 E. Oakwood, Chgo: "St. Paul and Conversion". The second talk is THURS, 10/9, 7pm, St. Michael Church, 1633 N. Cleveland, Chgo: "St. Paul and Evangelization."

3) MARK CHRISTIAN is the son of ED & JOAN CHRISTIAN. MARK has his doctorate in Audiology (he also knows how to sign!). Mark runs the Family HearCare Center, 214 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Hghts. markc@familyhearcare.com, 847-222-9687.

4) What is the ALDAcon Conference in November? (Several people have asked me about this.) ALDA is the Association of Late Deafened Adults. The ALDAcon Conference will have many workshops, exhibits, seminars, entertainment; interpreters, captioning, FM Listening devices, etc. The Conference will be at the Doubletree Hotel near Michigan Ave! Info: <http://www.alda.org>

5) OCT. 17-19: DEAF Leadership/Motivation Workshop directed by Deacon Patrick Graybill and Mr. Tim Owens, Louisville, KY. Reasonable price for room and meals. deaf@archlou.org

6) SUMMER FESTS: 8/29-9/1: cheap way for families to enjoy summer.

a) SCHAUMBURG FEST, Municipal Center Grounds: food, Carnival, arts & crafts.

b) FRANKFORT, downtown Frankfort: Carnival, arts & crafts, food, entertainment.

7) Do you work? Are you deaf or disabled? No health insurance? You CAN get health insurance, even if you are working: 866-675-8440tty, www.hbwdillinois.com

8) Thanks to...JOE & MARY ANN KULA, JIM SMITH for a wonderful "picnic" last week at St. Julie Billiart. A reminder: starting in Sept., Mass at St. Julie will be on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of each month at 4pm. Bring refreshments to share.

9) INTERPRETED MASSES begin again at Holy Name Cathedral, State St & Chicago Ave, every Sunday, 9:30am, beginning Sept. 7th. Holy Name Cathedral is beautiful to visit. There is always seating in the front for deaf people.

10) On Thursday, 8/14, I was able to spend about 45 minutes with Mary Jo Scanlan. We talked about her life, her fight with cancer, her dying. Mary Jo knew she was going to die. We talked about her faith in Jesus Christ. We talked about that Jesus' Resurrection was also her Resurrection from the dead. Mary Jo had great faith. She was happy that I brought her Holy Communion. Then, I anointed her with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

When I anointed her forehead, I prayed, "Because of this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." Then, anointing her hands, I prayed, "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up. Amen." Mary Jo smiled and signed to me, "now I'm ready to go."

On Monday, 8/18, I saw her briefly. She was in a coma. Her family and I gathered at her bed and we prayed that the Lord would be kind and bring Mary Jo home to heaven. Mary Jo died at 3am, 8/19. She was a beautiful person, a faithful Catholic, a loving daughter/sister/aunt, and a dear, dear friend to so many of us. She was God's precious gift to us; now, she is back with the Lord who gave her, for a short, beautiful time, to us!