

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
JANUARY 25, 2009 **3RD Sunday of Church Time**

Next Sunday, Feb. 1: we will bless throats after Mass. This is a Catholic custom we do every year on or near the feast of St. Blase (Feb. 3rd). Our prayer is for health and protection against any disease of the throat and mouth.

MARCH 13-15, 2009: Fr. Mike Depcik will have a weekend retreat for young deaf adults. The retreat will be at the beautiful DeSales Camp, about 4 hours drive from Chicago. If you are interested, please see or contact Fr. Mike Depcik.

OCT. 8-17, 2009: FR. MIKE DEPCIK will lead a spiritual pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Eastern Europe. Medjugorje is a very holy place. If you want more information on this, please talk to Fr. Mike or contact him at Depcik@desales.org.

DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL is a deaf Permanent Deacon (like Deacons Fronczek and Hinch). Deacon Graybill is moving to Chicago to work and study here till next Fall. Deacon Graybill attended the Kansas School for the Deaf, was a famous deaf actor, taught at NTID for many years, and is a wonderful person! We are glad he will be with us starting in February.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2/1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Blessing of throats after Mass.

2/2: Building Foundation Meeting, 8318 W. Addison. 5:30pm, meal; 6:30pm, meeting.

2/8: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments after Mass.

2/9: Liturgy Planning meeting. Meal, 5:30pm. Meet, 6:30pm.

2/15: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Welcome to Deacon Patrick Graybill. \$5: soup and salad, with coffee & desserts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...CHESTER SENDRA (77) who died 1/14...MARIE VOLPENTESTA who broke her hip falling down because of the ice...ELIZABETH JANE NOVAK (68), sister of EILEEN ROZBORSKI, who died suddenly 1/14...PATRICK SHEEHAN (73), father of DONNA SHEEHAN, who died 1/15...WILLIE MAE BOYCE, DEANNA SEYMOUR, FR. WYPYCH, VITA HOLUBETZ: all need our prayers.

2/12, 7:30PM: Talk on ST. PAUL free, interpreted, St. Clement parish, 642 W. Deming, Chgo

Save the date, Sunday, April 26: "Fashion Show" to support Holy Trinity School for the Deaf. Interpreted Mass at Notre Dame parish. FREE bus.

PARENTS! Teach your children to prevent flu and colds. How? Wash their hands with soap, especially after using the bathroom.

SATURDAY, 2/7:

a) Lunar New Year: Year of the OX! Celebrate with the Deaf Asian American Association, 7pm-12am. Royal Buffet Restaurant, 1400 W. 75th St, Downers Grove. Daaac07@yahoo.com

b) Valentine's Party with Deaf European American Association, 6232 W. Addison, Chgo. Info: deaac09@yahoo.com, 773-745-9788vp.

c) ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults) LUAU Party, Oak Forest, IL, 4:30pm. Email John Garvey at johnjgarv@att.net

AURORA: Sun, 2/1, 10:15am - Msgr. Nelson will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Parish center, 722 High Street, Aurora for the DEAF community..

ELGIN: Sun, 2/8, 11:30 am - Msgr. Nelson will celebrate Mass at St. Thomas More, 215 Thomas More Dr., Elgin.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

1/26: Hebrews 9:23-28/Mark 3:22-30

1/29: Hebrews 10:19-25/Mark 4:21-25

1/27: Hebrews 10:1-10/Mark 3:31-35

1/30: Hebrews 10:32-39/Mark 4:26-34

1/28: Hebrews 10:11-18/Mark 4:1-20

1/31: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19/Mark 4:35-41

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

a) Need a live-in caregiver for an elderly deaf woman; must know sign-language. North suburbs.

Contact: Steve Scholten, 1-847-424-5658v, 867-4601fax.

b) Sorenson VRS is hiring installers/trainers to set up and repair Videophones. Contact:

Barry Jensen, barrjen@soresonson.com

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Congratulations to President Obama. I hope that he and his Cabinet officials will pay attention to the needs of deaf people and people with disabilities. I have some worries. President Obama made Arne Duncan the head of the Department of Education. Mr. Duncan was the Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools. He was NOT supportive of programs for deaf children and children with disabilities. In fact, he cut funds for these programs.

Roland Burris is now one of our U.S. Senators from Illinois. When Mr. Burris was the Attorney General of Illinois, he did NOTHING to support people with disabilities.

It was nice that eighteen (18) students from ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf) attended the inauguration this past week. However, right now there are many deaf and hard of hearing people without jobs, without health insurance, without hope. What about them?

2) This year 2009, will be very difficult for many individuals and families. Why? The economy will continue to have many problems. More people will lose their jobs. What can individuals and families do to protect themselves?

a) **REDUCE SPENDING/CUT YOUR DEBTS.** If you or your family members have debt on their credit cards, the #1 goal is to eliminate that debt. WHY? Because the debt means you are paying interest (this is wasting your money!). Do everything possible to get rid of your debt.

b) **CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR MONEY,** whether in an IRA, 401K, 403B, Roth, etc. Do NOT take money out of these to pay bills. These various plans are YOUR protection for YOUR future.

Do NOT take out a "Reverse Mortgage" to pay your bills. Why? Because if you take out the money (equity) from your home, then when you need to sell your home, you will get nothing.

c) IF you are nearing retirement, meet with your family to discuss what will happen after you stop working. Can you afford to not work? What will be your REAL income after you retire? Can you live on that income?

d) **TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOME:** eventually, housing prices will increase. If your home is in good shape, it will be worth more in the future. Repair small problems; fix leaks, etc; paint. Keep your home insurance. Make sure your fire/smoke alarms are working.

e) **BE SAFE:** always lock your car doors, even if you are near your home. Keep the outdoor lights on your home working. If a person you do not recognize comes to your door and wants to come in or says he/she is from the gas company, electric company, etc. without any identification, close your door & call 9-1-1 immediately.

3) FR. MIKE DEPCIK is always thinking! He is very concerned about the future for deaf ministry. (Will we have priests, deacons, DREs to serve the deaf community? Will there be "Deaf Catholic Centers" in the future?) Fr. Mike has a great idea. He wrote a prayer for "Deaf Ministry". Copies are on the table or available from our Office. Fr. Mike wants all of us to offer this prayer EVERY FRIDAY. We continue to pray for God's help in this deaf ministry work.

4) **ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN** is an organization to help parents of children who are deaf and/or disabled. These ATTORNEYS will help parents with the IEP process. If the parents are deaf, this group will provide sign-language interpreters. Emily@attorneysforchildren.com, www.attorneysforchildren.com, 312-307-4470v.

5) A WONDERFUL BOOK: **THE HOW-TO BOOK of CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS** by Aquilina and Flaherty. Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2000. This book explains how to pray Catholic prayers and why we offer these prayers. www.osv.com 1-800-348-2440.

6) Sunday, MARCH 1, we will make a special pilgrimage to St. Paul's Church (Pilsen). Why? Because anyone who goes on that pilgrimage and offers certain prayers receives a **PLENARY INDULGENCE**. A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** removes ALL punishments after death for our sins! We will visit St. Paul's and also the beautiful church of St. Adalbert. Then, a fun meal at a very good Mexican restaurant in that neighborhood. 1-6pm. More information to come.

7) Next Sunday, Feb. 1, after Mass: meeting to plan **ST. JOSEPH TABLE** in March. We need volunteers to help us with the planning.

8) The Seniors/People with Disabilities Ride Free program on CTA & RTA is a wonderful thing. However, as of April 1st, you must change to a special SmartCard. If you did not get your application in the mail, check this link for locations in your area to get your new card:

http://www.rtachicago.com/CMS400Min/uploadedFiles/Sr_Registration_Centers.pdf