

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
APRIL 26, 2009 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FUN FOR EVERYONE! Sat, May 2, 4-9pm: 'CINCO DE MAYO' Celebration at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Enjoyable for the entire family. Good food/games for children/ entertainment. \$10/adults. \$3/children. www.IDLA2008.org, 773-904-0077vp.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS: fill out the Mass cards for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers in law. Place on the altar in the chapel. During the entire month of MAY, we will pray for these women at our Masses EVERYDAY!

IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) Conference, JUNE 11-13,2009, Chateau Hotel (very fancy!), Bloomington, IL (near 1-55). www.iadeaf.org. Excellent workshops and many FREE exhibits of deaf services. Ms. Deaf Illinois contest.

The State of Illinois offers scholarship money to pay for REGISTRATION (even hotel). However, you MUST contact the state of Illinois to get a special form. Contact: The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois, 510 E. Monroe Street-3rd Fl., Springfield, IL 62701. Ask them to send you a Consumer Stipend Form. www.silcofillinois.org/stipendapp.pdf

JULY 17-21, 2009 is the ICDA (Catholic Deaf) Conference in CLEVELAND, OH. The Cleveland Catholic group is very experienced with wonderful activities for deaf people. This will be lots of fun! Email: clevecathdeaf@aol.com. EXCELLENT/MODERN HOTEL!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Mon, 4/27: HAWTHORNE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. 5:30pm, pizza. 6:30pm, meeting.

Tues, 4/28: Bible Study with Deacon Patrick Graybill. 11am: lunch. 12:30pm: discussion.

Sat, 5/2, 4-9pm: Cinco de Mayo (see above).

Sun, 5/3: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 6:30pm, Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg (Fr. Joe).

Tues, 5/5: Bible Study with Deacon Patrick Graybill.

Sun, 5/10: Mother's Day Mass, 10:30am. FREE refreshments for ALL women.

UNEMPLOYED? LOOKING FOR A JOB? Many of the Community Colleges are offering great programs to help people. OAKTON COMMUNITY is NOT charging tuition for people who have been out of work. CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES, TRITON, MORRAINE VALLEY, HARPER, COLLEGE OF DU PAGE: all are offering job training classes; learning new skills for those who are unemployed.

If you are DEAF, these colleges will provide sign-language interpreting for you. ROBERT MORRIS is a private college, but it offers low tuition, good classes, and will provide sign-language interpreters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...GREGORY BLEERS (68), brother of TOM BLEERS, who died very suddenly 4/12...Deanne Seymour, Arlene Redmond, Frank Stefanski, Willie Mae Boyce, Bessie Early, Jim Smudzinski, and all who need God's healing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...SHIRLEY EDLUND who became a Catholic last weekend...CARLOS MARTINEZ who was elected the new President of our Building Foundation.

Sat, May 2, 3-6pm: Polish Day Dinner, Jolly Inn Restaurant, 6501 W. Irving Park. \$20/adult. \$10/children. 866-520-6011vp, dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com

Sun, May 3, 10:15am Mass with Msgr. Nelson, Christ the Teacher, 512 Normal Rd, DeKalb.

The Italian Deaf Association (ENS) has set up a special website re: the Abruzzo earthquake. The website is in Italian, but it is very interesting. Ask your Italian family to translate it www.ens.it/specialeterremoto/index.asp

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

4/27: Acts 6:8-15/John 6:22-29

4/30: Acts 8:26-40/John 6:44-51

4/28: Acts 7:51-8:1/John 6:30-35

5/1: Acts 9:1-20/John 6:52-59

4/29: Acts 8:1-8/John 6:35-40

5/2: Acts 9:31-42/John 6:60-69

Take time to read the ENTIRE chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. This is so important in our Catholic Faith.

PARENTS: summer camp (north and south) in Chicago for deaf/hard of hearing children, ages 6-12. Contact: Sarah Faber 866-442-7073vp/voice, 773-478-3374tty.

Advertisement for Camp Sign intern job:

http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/work.detail/object_id/2f671edc-5c25-4566-850c-7a79aa78697d.cfm

Other summer camp programs for deaf children: <http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Summer%20CampsNEW.htm>

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) HOLY WEEK/EASTER were extremely busy. However, we had so many wonderful people helping us to celebrate. PATRICIA SLISZ seemed to be everywhere, all the time! JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI worked very hard. BARB KEINER, MARY ANN GASZYNSKI, LORRAINE MUSSO also kept us fed! TONIE SUNDLING (with husband GEORGE'S help!) & LYNN GALLAGHER also gave a lot of service. JOE & MARYANN KULA, ANTHONY GRECO, BRIAN SWATEK, JIM SMITH, SCOTT NILSSON, TONY CITTA, JIM DUNNE, ITALO DE ARCANGELIS, ED MICHOR, TOM SISK, TOM BLEERS; all pitched in. KARLA BLEERS made our wonderful bread for Holy Thursday night. VIRGINIA HINCH, ZEBEDA ANAMA, SUSAN STATHAKES did a great job with the choir! (Did I forget anyone? Please let me know!!!!)

Again, I am most grateful to FR. MIKE DEPCIK, and our DEACONS FRONCZEK, GRAYBILL, and HINCH for prayer, service, and wonderful homilies. MRS. SWATEK and all the Catechists helped our children understand why Holy Week & Easter are important.

We had 77 people Holy Saturday night and 274 people on Easter Sunday!

2) Last Sunday was very inspiring. CCD (Chicago Club of the Deaf) honored MITCHELL RACI as the only one of the eleven (11) founders of CCD still living. CCD provided all the food. My thanks to THOMAS LEWENSKY & CARLOS MARTINEZ for their work.

When it was time to give a short speech, MITCH did not talk about himself. Instead, he paid tribute to his wife, LAUREL, as the really hard-worker for CCD (and the deaf community throughout our area & St. Francis Borgia, too.). It was a very humble and beautiful talk.

3) Mon-Thurs, 4/13-16, I was in Mexico City. Why? Because every three years, there is a "Gathering" (Encuentro) for deaf young people near Mexico City. I serve on the planning committee, so I had to attend this meeting.

Often on tv or in the newspapers, we see awful stories about the crime and murders in Mexico. Most of that is near the USA/Mexico border. Mexico City is a huge city (25 million people), so there is crime. However, we have lots of crime in Chicago, so we should not point fingers of blame at Mexico. Most of the guns used to kill people from Mexico come from the USA!

On Wednesday, I went to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. I prayed for all of you and your families that day. I also asked Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect our Encuentro this summer. Everyday, over 5,000 people are in this church praying! President Obama arrived at the airport on Thursday as I was leaving. Some people have asked me to lead a tour to Mexico City in Fall of 2010. We would spend a few days in Mexico City, then Cuernavaca (beautiful!), and maybe Taxco (5-6 days). Interested? Let me know.

4) TOO MUCH ALCOHOL KILLS! USING ILLEGAL DRUGS KILLS! HEROIN KILLS!

In our deaf community, we have people (family, friends, classmates) who have serious problems with addiction (same as the hearing community!). There are several organizations that can be very helpful:

a) ARD (ADDICTION RECOVERY OF THE DEAF) offers excellent treatment/counseling for deaf people who have addictions to too much alcohol and/or illegal drugs. www.anixter.org, 773-227-8562tty, 773-227-8530v.

b) PILSEN WELLNESS CENTER offers DUI, Addiction, Mental health help in SPANISH & ENGLISH. Locations in the city and suburbs. 1-888-255-5523 (English & Spanish).

5) The CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE SCHOOL teaches people so much about the Bible! PATRICIA SLISZ has been a student in the "School". She can tell you about what you learn. The Catholic Office of the Deaf pays for all the sign-language interpreting in the program. We can also pay tuition. Locations are both NORTH and SOUTH. www.catechesis-chicago.org.

6) I am seriously concerned about the recent Immigration "raids" that have taken people away from their families. If someone is deaf and needs help with immigration, please see me (Fr. Joe). Everything we discuss is confidential and the government cannot force me to report any conversation!

7) The month of MAY is a special month to honor Mary, the Blessed Mother. Our way to honor her is to pray the ROSARY. Two years ago, medical researchers proved that people who pray the Rosary quietly everyday live longer than people who do not pray the Rosary!

8) THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY, FORECLOSURE:

eliminate DEBT! This means pay off your debt on your credit cards! Do NOT buy what you cannot afford! DEBT, especially on credit cards, destroys your financial security!