

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2009 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF CHURCH TIME**

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>:

- a) Masses at 9 and 10:30am. Bus for Women's Luncheon leaves at 10am.
- b) Men's Social, after Mass till 4pm; plenty of good food and drink, and football!!!!

WED, SEPT. 30, 9AM-NOON: JULIE CHAVEZ, Medicare/Social Security/Circuit-Breaker expert will be at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center to meet individuals who need help. If you already are on Medicare, are satisfied with your Part "D", then NO need to meet Julie. However.. ....if you will turn 65 soon and wish to join Medicare, or ....you are NOT satisfied with your Part "D" Medication plan, or ....you wish to apply for Circuit Breaker, then SIGN-UP TODAY for an appointment with Julie this Wed., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring important papers with you. For Medicare: bring your Medicare card and your Part "D" card. For Circuit Breaker: bring proof of your monthly income, utility bills, etc.

SUPPORT the CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF! HOW?????

- 1) Buy a ticket to come to the Hawthorne race on Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2) Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$18,000 guaranteed cash prizes (10).
- See TOM BLEERS or TONIE SUNDLING for tickets.

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mike and Fr. Joe will lead Bible Study classes every Tuesday starting 10/6. Doors open, 11am; bring your lunch. 12:30-2pm: discussion of the Bible readings for the next Sunday.

PREVENT FLU: wash your hands! PARENTS: please teach your children to wash their hands with soap & water, especially after using the washroom. If YOU OR YOUR CHILD IS SICK, do NOT come to Church or Religious education until you are better. How do you know the flu is over? Doctors say that the flu is gone from your body if you have TWO (2) days without fever and medicine after you were sick.

PRAY FOR...DEANNE (SEYMOUR) KORST, daughter of Steve and Pam Seymour. Doctors had to amputate her entire right leg because of cancer. She was married this past summer! JIM DIGNAN, GRACE LISANTE, CHARLES LYONS, DEBORAH OBREGON, LAUREL RACI, CONNIE KENNEDY...MARY SCHAFFER (79) who died 9/21.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Wed, 9/30, 9am-Noon: Medicare appointments with JULIE CHAVEZ.  
Sun, 10/4: Masses at 9am & 10:30am. Men and Women's Socials that day.  
Tues, 10/6: BIBLE STUDY (Fr. Mike). 11am, bring lunch. 12:30pm, discussion.  
Sat, 10/10: Training workshop for Sign-Language Interpreters.  
Sun, 10/11: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.  
Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.  
Tues, 10/13: BIBLE STUDY (Fr. Mike).  
HAWTHORNE COMMITTEE MEETING. 5:30pm.

Fri-Sat, 10/16-17: Catholic Festival of Faith, Rosemont. Excellent workshops about the Catholic Faith. Interpreted. Contact Catholic Office of the Deaf if you need a sign-language interpreter.

DEADLINE FOR WOMEN'S LUNCHEON IS...TODAY, 9/27!

Go to a fun, FREE football game TODAY! The football teams from St. Francis Borgia will play across the street at Hiawatha Park today, 9/27. These are fun games; the boys really play hard. The parents have a wonderful concession (food and drink) stand at the park. All profits go to the school! Games begin at 1pm till 4pm!

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY.**

9/28: Zechariah 8:1-8/Luke 9:46-50      10/1: Nehemiah 8:1-12/Luke 10:1-12  
9/29: Zechariah 10:6-12/Luke 9:51-56      10/2: Baruch 1:15-20/Luke 10:13-16  
9/30: Nehemiah 2:1-8/Luke 9:57-62      10/3: Baruch 4:5-12,27-29/Luke 10:17-24  
Sept. 29: The Feast of the Archangels: MICHAEL (Who is like God?), GABRIEL (God's strength), RAPHAEL (God heals). Revelation 12:7-12.  
Oct. 2: The Feast of the Guardian Angels. Matthew 18:1-10.

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

1) THANKS to everyone for all their work last Sunday while I was gone in Mississippi.

2) RETREAT FOR THE CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, 9/18-20, 2009. (FR. JOE).

9/17, I flew from Chgo to New Orleans. When I got off the plane, wow, very hot and humid! JAMIE OLSON, the coordinator of deaf services, met me, and drove me to Gulfport, MISS, about 1½ hours east. Driving over bridges, I was shocked at the damage that Hurricane Katrina caused. That night, I stayed at Sacred Heart Parish in Dedeaux, Miss, the retreat center location.

9/18: Jamie drove me around Gulfport to show me the town. There is still a lot of damage from Katrina. Katrina hit Mississippi very hard, killing over 200 people, and destroying hundreds of homes, businesses, churches, etc. The people of Miss. have worked very hard to re-build, but many people have moved away. I visited the Catholic Deaf Center in Gulfport (it is very nice).

That evening, we began the retreat. We had fifteen people. We got to know one another, and they laughed at some of my “Yankee” (northern) signs! For the retreat, I decided to explain the Gospel of St. Luke to them and why that Gospel is so important.

9/19: woke up early and went for a long walk on the country roads. At 7:00am, it was already 80 degrees and steamy! I sweated a lot. (People in that area don’t own cars; they only drive pick-up trucks!) The retreat began at 9am. These are wonderful deaf people who were very enthusiastic and hungry to learn about the Bible. We worked all morning. After lunch, we took a break, but began again at 2pm. Confessions, 4pm. Mass, 5pm. After dinner, we played “Bible Jeopardy”.

9/20: 9-11:30am, we still had more to do on St. Luke. These people did not want to leave; they wanted to learn more. I told them about the ICDA Conference here in 2011 and gave them the brochures. They ALL want to come! Finally, at Noon, said/signed good-bye and headed back to Chgo. Finally arrived home Sunday night at 10:30pm!

A) FOOD; I ate crawfish po-boy sandwiches, grits and red-eye gravy for breakfast, barbeque pork with home-cut french fries, and praline pie! Yikes; I must have gained 5 pounds!

B) MISSISSIPPI is NOT a very Catholic state. So, if you are Catholic, you really treasure your faith. The Catholics I met (deaf and hearing) have a strong faith; they go to Mass EVERY Sunday; pray the Rosary; and they REALLY KNOW THEIR BIBLE!!!!

C) I asked people to tell me their experiences of Katrina. Wow! Many people lost their homes, jobs, etc. These people had NO fresh water, no plumbing (meaning no showers or toilets), no electricity (no refrigerators or air-conditioners) for TWO (2) WEEKS! Yet, they all told stories of how they helped one another, supported one another, took care of one another. Very inspiring.

3) This past week, we buried MARY SCHAFER who had lived with her daughter TRUDY in Boston the last few years. A week ago, we buried MARY PAT GORNEY who had lived with her family in Florida for a number of years. Both of these women were wonderful members of our Catholic deaf community, and VERY FAITHFUL CATHOLICS! They loved to come to Mass; to pray, to honor Mary Our Blessed Mother with the Rosary; and especially to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Mary Pat knew she was near death. Mary Schafer knew she was near death. In both cases, these great women told their daughters and families, “DON’T WORRY; I’M GOING HOME; GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME!” Why did these women have such courage? Because they lived their Catholic Faith! Are we ready to accept death? Can we be brave when death comes to us? If you live your Catholic faith: attend Mass EACH week; pray everyday; go to Reconciliation (Confession) to receive God’s forgiveness; treat others with respect; and, help the poor and forgotten of this world, then...THEN...you will be ready when death comes to you.

4) MSGR. GLENN NELSON WILL CELEBRATE Mass for the deaf community:

on 10/4, 10:15am, at the Newman Center, 512 Normal Rd, DeKALB;

on 10/11, 9AM at St. Thomas, 272 King St., CRYSTAL LAKE and also at 11:30AM at St. Thomas More, 215 Thomas More Dr., ELGIN.

5) Homemakers wanted for deaf seniors. The State of Illinois has a program for seniors, sending someone to help with their shopping, laundry, housekeeping etc. Do you want to work 5 hours a week, for \$10 per hour? Call Colleen at Catholic Office of the Deaf, 312.534.7899 v or 312.751.8368 tty/VP for more information.