



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

1) Beginning, Sun., 10/12, there will be a 9am Mass in Polish in our chapel each week. I realize that this causes some problems, but we need to be patient. In our neighborhood, there is a large Polish population. Here at St. Francis Borgia we have a 6pm Polish Mass, but some families want an earlier time. Our biggest problem will be PARKING! The best times to come for parking are 8-8:45am; 10am. Be welcoming; we are all brothers and sisters in faith.

2) 10/4-5: Harvest Fest/Car Show, St. Priscilla, 7100 W. Addison, Chgo (5 minutes away!)

3) Last week, I was in Arizona. I had the chance to get away, read, and relax. Thanks to everyone who took care of St. Francis Borgia while I was gone. In Arizona, I had dinner with a deaf friend of ours, VICTOR ZUCCARO, who lives there. Then, last Saturday evening, I celebrated two Masses at St. Joseph Parish in Phoenix where FR. JOHN GREB is pastor. Several deaf families attended the Mass; afterwards we went out together for dinner.

4) Our Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> raffle. This raffle helps keep our Catholic Office of the Deaf open. We offer ten (10) prizes with a total of \$18,000 in prizes. These prizes are GUARANTEED! If you buy a ticket, you support our Deaf Office. Get your family (hearing) to share in a ticket. This raffle is important to us each year. Often, hearing family and friends ask you to buy tickets to support THEIR churches or schools or organizations. Now, they should help OUR deaf parish!

5) THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL. Pope Benedict wants all of us to learn more about St. Paul. Starting this Wed., Oct. 1, 7:30pm, St. Francis Borgia parish will offer a wonderful program in Oct. and Nov. on St. Paul's Letters (Epistles) to the Corinthians. These sessions are FREE and INTERPRETED. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Paul's two Letters to the Christians in Corinth are very interesting. These Letters (Epistles) teach us a lot about how the first Christians lived their faith and how WE can live that faith now.

6) GOTTLIEB HOSPITAL on North Ave in Melrose Park is now a partner with LOYOLA Hospital in Maywood. Doctors from each hospital can serve patients at either location.

7) Who is TONY ALAMO? For many years, Tony Alamo told people he was a "true" minister of the Gospel. Mr. Alamo and his "church" printed many booklets and comic books that said the Catholic Church was false; the Pope was a fake; the sacraments were "superstition/magic." Many deaf people read these booklets and believed them.

Last week, the FBI raided Tony Alamo's "church". Why? Because a number of young girls (some 12 years old) told the police that in this "church", the pastors said it was okay to have sex with underage girls. In this "church", apparently sexual abuse of young children is "God's will"!

Over 2,000 years, many false "prophets" have attacked the Catholic Faith. Our Catholic Church is not perfect. We are a Church of sinners (including me!). However, we admit that we are sinners. We admit that we sometimes fail. In our Catholic Church, we saw that priests and others had abused children, so we removed them from all Church duties.

In some branches of the Mormon religion, pastors say it is okay for men (ages 20-50) to "marry" girls as young as 11-12. In the "church" of Mr. Alamo, it seems that older men told young girls that sex with them was "holy/God's Will." That has NEVER been a teaching of the Catholic Church.

8) LESS-STRESS MOVING! A FREE workshop on how to sell your home and NOT lose money. How to protect your assets, etc. INTERPRETED IN SIGN-LANGUAGE. Autumn Green at Wright Campus, 4239 N Oak Park, Chgo. (5 minutes from St. Francis Borgia.) 1-2pm. Refreshments. Must RSVP: 773-202-3388, Heather.

9) Bowling FUN!!! Sat, 10/25, 1-4pm: support Holy Trinity Deaf School! 10pin Bowling Lounge, 330 N. State St, Chgo (fun place!!!). Information: 312-243-8186. Come downtown that day. Have a fun afternoon at the bowling event, then go over to Michigan Ave for sight-seeing.

10) Thurs., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CHICAGO DEAFEST at Harper College. Many fun activities. INFO: dsampson@harpercollege.edu