

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
MARCH 29, 2009 5TH Sunday of LENT

Mon-Wed, 3/30-4/1, 7pm: Fr. Joe Mulcrone will give the Mission for St. Francis Borgia Parish (hearing) in the large church. INTERPRETED. "The Passion of St. Mark & Us."

SPRING BREAK TIME: many children out of school these weeks. DRIVERS: SLOW DOWN! Also, the State of Illinois Police are watching for drivers who are: SPEEDING; NOT WEARING SEAT BELTS; NO INSURANCE. Especially on the tollways! In the neighborhood around St. Francis Borgia, there are police officers with laser "speed guns" to catch fast drivers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 11am-2:30pm: Holy Trinity DEAF SCHOOL Fashion Show. 1900 W. Taylor, Chgo. \$40/person includes delicious, hot brunch, fashion show. \$20/child. Mass (Fr. Joe), 10am at Notre Dame Parish, 1334 W. Flournoy. Bus (free) for Mass and Fashion Show leaves St. Francis Borgia at 9am, stops for 10am Mass, and returns at 3pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Mon-Wed, 3/30-4/1, 7pm: Parish Mission in large church (see above).

Tues, 3/31: Bible Study. 11am, bring lunch. 12:30pm, Bible Study (Fr. Joe).

Sat, 4/4, 4-5pm: Confessions (chapel), Fr. Joe.

HOLY WEEK

Sun, 4/5: PALM SUNDAY - Masses at 10:30am and 3:30pm. 1-5pm: Lent Day for Children.

Tues, 4/7: BIBLE STUDY - 11am, bring lunch. 12:30pm, Bible Study (Fr. Joe).

Thurs, 4/9: HOLY THURSDAY - Mass, 7pm. "Bread & Wine Social" after Mass.

Fri, 4/10: GOOD FRIDAY - Communion Services, 3 & 7pm.

Sat, 4/11: HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER Mass, 7pm. Refreshments.

Sun, 4/12: EASTER SUNDAY MASS - 10:30am. Refreshments. NO Mass at St. Julie.

ARD (Addiction Recovery of the Deaf) helps deaf people who have serious problems with alcohol, "pot", illegal drugs or addictions to prescription drugs. The services are in sign-language. Everything is confidential! 773-227-8562tty/VP, www.anixter.org/ard

PLEASE PRAY FOR... ED SCHULTZ, JIM SMUDZINSKI, DEANNE SEYMOUR, ARLENE REDMOND, WILLIE MAE BOYCE, CONNIE KENNEDY, VITA HOLUBETZ. HELEN OKABE, mother of MARILYN RUSSELL, died 3/17.

"BREAD & WINE SOCIAL". It is our custom each year on Holy Thursday evening, to have a celebration after our Mass. We wish to keep our celebration simple. Please sign up to bring BREAD, especially home made bread. You can also donate JELLY, CHEESE or FRESH FRUIT. No desserts! (Fr. Joe always supplies the wine!)

SAT, 10/31 - "Halloween at Hawthorne!" Save the date on your calendar!!!

THURS, APR.4; workshop on Signing the Sunday readings with DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL, St. Julie Parish, 7399 W. 159th, Tinley Park.

DEAF EVENTS:

A) Thurs, 4/2, 2:30pm: "Early Detection/Intervention" Celebration in Illinois. Marcello's, 645 W. North Ave, Chgo. RSVP: Karen, 866-733-8729v, choicesforparents@yahoo.com

B) Sat, 4/4, 9:30am-3:30pm: "1,000 ASL faces: Interpreter Workshop", Harper College. Questions? Bob Paul at bpaul@harpercollege.edu

AND

"International IDOL" by the Deaf European Association. 6232 W. Addison, 7pm.

C) Sat, 4/18, 2pm: DSA 2011 Dinner Club, KONA Grill, Lincolnshire, IL. \$25/person. www.DSA2011-Chicago.org

D) Sat, 5/2, 4-9pm, CINCO DE MAYO celebration (Illinois Deaf Latino Association) at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

SAT, APR. 25, MOVIE (in ASL!). 2pm. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. ICDA Fundraiser for 2011 Convention. \$10/person. edchrist@aol.com, 708-452-5855tty/fax.

READ YOUR BIBLE, especially for LENT!

3/30: Daniel 13:1-62/John 8:1-11

4/2: Genesis 17:3-9/ John 8:51-59

3/31: Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30

4/3: Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42

4/1: Daniel 3:14-20,91-95/John 8:31-42

4/4: Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE

1) A SIGN OF THE TIMES. Each summer, many of us enjoyed attending ACCESS CHICAGO at Navy Pier. There were many excellent exhibits about services to people with disabilities and especially for deaf people. This summer, the City of Chicago cancelled Access Chicago. Why? Because there are no government funds to pay for it! We will see more and more of these funding “cuts” happening because of the economy.

SHAME! There is plenty of money available to “bailout” big banks and investment companies. Plenty of money for “bonuses” to people who messed up the economy. However, there is “no money” for ACCESS CHICAGO, for programs that help deaf and disabled people, for programs that prevent domestic violence and drug addiction.

2) MASSES (4pm), St. Julie Billiart:

APRIL 12 (No Mass because of Easter); APRIL 19 (Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik); MAY 10 (No Mass because of Mother’s Day); MAY 17 (Mass with Fr. Depcik); JUNE 14 (Mass with Fr. Joe Mulcrone). JUNE 21 (No Mass because of Father’s Day).

3) ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY (North Miami, FL) offers a M.A. Program and also a Certificate program in PASTORAL MINISTRIES WITH THE DEAF. (Our Deacon, RALPH HINCH, has a M.A. from that program.). All classes are taught in ASL (American Sign-Language) and fully interpreted.

St. Thomas is on a beautiful campus with very nice accommodations. There are two classes this summer: June 6-11, DEAF STUDIES with Mary Ann Barth. June 6-18: Old Testament Studies. 1-305-474-6821tty, crose@stu.edu

4) Last weekend, I (Fr. Joe) was in HOUSTON, TX to give a Mission with the Deaf Community. FR LEN BRONIAK & MS. CARLA HOLMES are responsible for the deaf Ministry in Houston. DEACON BILL KOCH also is very involved.

We had about 70 people for Mass on Sunday. The Houston community is similar to St. Francis Borgia. The Religious Education Program meets before Mass on Sundays. Many older deaf; some young people; many Latino families with deaf children at Mass. They also have coffee & rolls after Mass. The Deaf Mass in Houston, TX is EVERY SUNDAY at 11:30am. If you ever travel to Houston, let me know and I will give you the information of where to go for Mass.

I met a man who graduated from Hersey High School’s Deaf program many years ago, BRUCE FLAGG. He is married and now lives in Houston.

5) PARENTS:

a) Sat, Apr. 4th, 1pm: Triton College Circus, INTERPRETED IN SIGN-LANGUAGE, Collins Center Gym, 2000 5th Ave (two blocks NORTH of North Ave.), River Grove.

b) Many Museums in the Chicago area have FREE DAYS throughout the year. You can bring your entire family and get in FREE. We have a list available on the table in the hall.

6) LAST WEEKEND, CARDINAL GEORGE stated that our U.S. Government is wrong to destroy families of immigrants. The Cardinal pointed out that often the INS (Immigration Office) takes parents away from their families and sends them back to Mexico, Poland, etc. The cardinal pointed out that we are destroying families when we should be working to keep families together.

If a person is in this country illegally and that person commits a crime, then we should send that person back to their home country. However, if a family is here, is working, is trying to keep their family safe, why are we trying to destroy this?

7) CARE MINISTERS visit people who are sick and bring them Holy Communion. We need more people in our St. Francis Borgia Deaf Community to bring Communion to people who are suffering. The Archdiocese of Chicago offers a six (6) week training for Care Ministers at St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge, beginning April 15th.

The Catholic Office of the Deaf will pay for the sign-language interpreters and also for registration fees for anyone taking this course. Please see me (Fr. Joe) if you are interested or contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf.

8) Both DEACONS FRONCZEK & GRAYBILL suggested that we continue the Tuesday Bible Study classes after Easter. I am working on getting a schedule set-up and will announce dates in next Sunday’s Church paper.