

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
APRIL 20, 2008 **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO on SUNDAY AFTERNOON? St. Patrick's Church, Des Plaines & Adams, is one of the oldest & most beautiful churches in Chicago. Every Sunday evening, the 5pm Mass is interpreted in sign-language. Everyone is very welcome to attend this Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, IL...is a less than 4 hour drive from Chicago. MON-WED, APRIL 28-30, is the annual Disability Rights Conference & Technology Expo. Info at: www.ccdionline.org, or at 800-433-8848v/tty. If you travel to Springfield ANY TIME of the YEAR, stop in at the State of Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, 1630 S. Sixth St. www.idhhc.state.il.us

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 4/22: Hawthorne Committee meeting. 5:30pm: pizza. 6:30pm, meeting. We need people to join us for planning the November 8th fundraiser. Everyone is welcome...to work!

Thurs, 4/24, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Fri-Sun, 4/25-27: Mid-West ICDA in East Lansing, MI.

Sun, 4/27: Mass, 10:30am. Ice Cream Social after Mass.

Mass, 4pm. St. Mary of Vernon, Rt.45. Refreshments after Mass.

Sun, 5/4: Mass, 10:30am. May Crowning. 12:30pm: workshop in chapel on "Catholic Customs".

Fri, 5/9,6pm: Catechist/Religious Education meeting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...VALERIE ALLISON ZURO (20), niece of Penny Hendee, who died 4/8
LINDA YOUNG (64), deaf lady who died 4/10...those who are struggling with serious illnesses, especially cancer.

DEAF EVENTS:

Tues, 4/22, 5:30pm: Crime Victim Awareness Night, Chicago Hearing Society, 2001 N.

Clybourn. ASL/voice. Free supper. RSVP: 773-248-9106vp, MCunningham@anixter.org

Fri, 5/2, 8pm: "Four Places" play with captioning/sign-language interpreting. Victory Gardens Biograph, CHGO: 773-871-3000v, 871-0682tty. \$20/person.

Sat, 5/3, 5pm: Cinco de Mayo Celebration (Illinois Deaf Latino Association), St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Everyone is welcome.

July 7-11, 2008: NAD (National Association of the Deaf) Conference, New Orleans, LA.
www.nad.org/2008conference

ITALY JUNE 16-27: recently, we had two people cancel for the Rome trip, so there are several seats available. If you are interested, contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf this week!

'TECHtalk" is a wonderful, FREE newsletter from the State of Illinois. You can receive your own copy in the mail OR by email. Contact: 800-852-5110v/tty, www.iltech.org

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

4/21: Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26

4/22: Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31

4/23: Acts 15:1-6/ John 15:1-8

4/24: Acts 15:7-21/John 15:9-11

4/25: Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17

4/26: Acts 16:1-10/ John 15:18-21

Attention RNs and LPNs In-Home Care: Need full time home health care to hire immediately for 12 year old boy, Chicago Northwest Suburbs. Contact David at (847) 635-1787 for preliminary information.

Catholic Office of the Deaf is now registered for GoodSearch and GoodShop. Our supporters can raise money for our services to continue by using GoodSearch to search the internet and GoodShop to make online purchases! www.goodsearch.com

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) DEACON RALPH HINCH mentioned last week that DEACON CASIMIR FRONCZEK was ordained a Permanent Deacon of the Catholic Church 25 years ago! Most people see Deacon Casey on Sundays sharing in the duties of the Mass. However, much of his work over the years has been "behind the scenes", especially in caring for the suffering and forgotten folks.

Deacon Casey has given much of his time to visiting people who are sick in hospitals and nursing homes. This usually involves a lot of his own time driving. He always tries to get to most of the wakes and funerals for people in our community. Over the years, Deacon Casey has kept our "Book of the Dead" and also a panel of pictures & dates of our deceased loved ones. He is our "expert" about Catholic cemeteries and how to locate those who are buried there.

Deacon Casey has also shown great compassion for the forgotten people of our community. Each year, he has organized the Christmas outreach to deaf, multiply-disabled people in Dixon. Added to this, he has been very sensitive to many oral deaf people in our community who sometimes feel isolated and neglected.

Thank you, Deacon Casey (and wife, ALICE) for your continued dedication to GOD and His Catholic Church. In honor of Deacon Casey, both CCE and St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center made a donation to the Archdiocese of Chicago Permanent Diaconate Mutual Aid Fund.

2) This Tuesday, we have our first meeting to plan for the Hawthorne Race Event, 11/8/2008. We need people to volunteer. If you are willing to work on this Committee, please join us Tuesday. Pizza, 5:30pm. Meet, 6:30pm.

3) MOTHER'S DAY CARDS: each year, we have special Mother's Day cards/envelopes. Fill out the envelope with the names of your mother, grandmothers, godmother, mother-in-law (living/dead). Place on the altar. We will offer Masses for these women throughout May. Keep the card and give to mom on her special day, May 11TH!

4) PARENTS: if your child is signing up for summer camp, Bible Camp, park district activities, etc... make sure that ALL the employees and volunteers have passed GOVERNMENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS! Anyone who will be supervising YOUR child(ren) this summer MUST have such a CHECK done. If not, then this is a risk for your child!!!!

There is a very good help for parents on the internet: www.childrenmatternetwork.org

5) Two weeks ago, Fr. Tony Schuerger from Cleveland, OH was in Chicago. Fr. Tony told me that the Diocese of Cleveland will close about 1/3 of all its parishes this year. Then, last week, I saw that the Diocese of Camden, NJ is closing 1/2 of its parishes, including the church where the deaf go for Mass each week. Last Sunday, Fr. Wypych, the pastor of St. Francis Borgia parish, talked at all the Masses and asked people for \$800,000 to do renovations for the large church. Thank you – all of you! – for your continuing support of St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center and the Catholic Office of the Deaf. I realize these are very difficult financial times: price for gas, home foreclosures, increasing costs for food and medicine. You are good, generous people. I appreciate all you are doing. (Can you please remember St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center in your Will or Trust? This will help keep our Deaf Center going for years into the future.) Thanks, also, to CCE for helping to pay Fr. Mike Depcik's salary at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

6) This Sunday, our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate Passover. What is Passover? Read EXODUS chapter 12 in the Bible. The Passover meal is the basis for our Catholic Mass. The night before Jesus died (Holy Thursday), Jesus (who was Jewish) celebrated Passover with His followers, also Jewish. However, during that meal, Jesus changed the ceremony to become our Mass. The Jewish Passover celebrates freedom from slavery in Egypt. Our Mass celebrates freedom from sin and death!