

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
MAY 4, 2008 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

FR. MIKE DEPCIK'S BLOG: www.frmd.org. This is a wonderful way for people to learn about the Catholic Faith and Catholic Church. Each week, Fr. Mike will update his message.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD & ENVELOPES: fill out the envelope with the names of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-in-law and place on altar. During May, we will pray for all these good women. Keep the beautiful card and give to mom next Sunday!

GREENFESTIVAL - May 17 & 18, NAVY PIER. Learn all about ways to make the earth (and your life!) healthier. 350 exhibits on gardening, energy, food. www.greenfestivals.org

Tues, 5/20, 7pm: Gottlieb Hospital lecture (FREE), "Keeping a WOMAN'S Heart Healthy". Professional Building, 701 W. North Ave, Melrose Park. Must RSVP: 708-450-5790.

ALDAcon (Association of Late Deafened Adults) International Conference, 10/29-11/2/2008 in Chicago, IL, City Centre Hotel (downtown). Info at: www.alda.org

Info re: Catholic Office of the Deaf, Deaf events: www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com

Sunday, May 18, NOON: meeting with Fr. Joe for all those on Italy trip.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Fri, May 9, 6pm: Catechist Meeting, meal provided!

Sun, May 11, 10:30am Mass: Mother's day. Free flowers and refreshments for ALL women.

Sun, May 18: Masses at 9 (1st Communion) and 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. NOON: Italy talk.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart (Fr. Depcik), 7399 W. 159th. (Fr. Mike's last Mass till Fall.) Refreshments.

Thurs, May 22, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, May 25: Mass, 10:30(Fr. Mike's last Mass with us till Fall).

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon (Fr. Mike). Refreshments.

Mon, May 26: Memorial Day Masses at Catholic Cemeteries.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...MIKE KORNACKER who recently had eye surgery; BARB DICKOW, who is having seizures, and her mother with leg problems; SAMI RAI, brother of Vivian Cardona.

SAT, 5/10, 1:30-3:30pm: famous deaf actor, teacher, ROBERT SCHLEIFFER, will give a presentation at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center about his life in acting. FREE.

Thurs, 5/22, 1-4pm: WISE Forum (learn about getting jobs and keeping your Social Security).

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DEAF FUNDRAISERS:

1) Sat, May 17th, 2-4pm: Walk-n-Roll A Thon to support Progress Center for Independent Living. Proska Park, 3001 S. Wisconsin, Berwyn, IL. 708-209-1826tty, 209-1500v.

2) Fri, May 23, 5-8pm: Illinois Deaf Campers Fund Raiser, Wendy's Restaurant, 7243 N. Harlem.

3) Sat, May 31, 6pm: Fundraiser for Center on Deafness, Monastero's Restaurant, 3935 W. Devon.

TRAFFIC WARNING: the Chicago Police Department is using laser speed guns to catch speeders around St. Francis Borgia. Recently, the police had squad cars on Cumberland in an alley near Addison, and 5 squad cars on Forest Preserve Drive between Irving Park and Addison!

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

4/5: Acts 19:1-8/ John 16:29-33

4/8: Acts 22: 30;23:6-11/John 17:20-26

4/6: Acts 20: 17-27/John 17:1-11

4/9: Acts 25:13-21/ John 21:15-19

4/7: Acts 20:28-38/ John 17:11-19

4/10: Acts 28:16-20,30-31/John 21:20-25

FIRE SAFETY...

...for DEAF PEOPLE: www.deaffiresafety.com

...for FAMILIES: www.kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/fire.html

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Last weekend, I drove to East Lansing, MI for the Mid-West ICDA Conference. The Catholic deaf community of Lansing, Flint, & central Michigan did a terrific job and gave us a wonderful weekend. JOAN CHRISTIAN was our CCE Representative at the morning business meeting. FR. MIKE DEPCIK gave a very inspiring workshop in the afternoon. We had Mass with the bishop, then an excellent banquet. BRIAN SWATEK serves on the Mid-West Board and as always was very busy all weekend.

2) HOSPITAL PROBLEMS: service at many hospitals is getting worse. Why? Because....

...over 44 million people in our country do not have health insurance. So, these people have no choice. If they want medical care, they must go to the emergency room, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE AN EMERGENCY! So, sometimes people will wait in the emergency room 6-8 hours to get services.

...many clinics and some hospitals are shutting down. Why? Because our government does not pay them justly for their services. We spend billions and billions on bombs and weapons, but the government spends very little for our health.

...hospitals try to save money by reducing the number of nurses on the floors.

So, when a deaf person goes to the hospital and asks for a sign-language interpreter, VRS, a TTY, etc, more and more hospitals are ignoring these requests. Why? Because the hospital staff (especially nurses) are overworked and do not pay attention to these requests. WRONG!

The ADA law in the USA (The Americans with Disabilities Act) is very clear! If a deaf patient, or the deaf spouse, or deaf parents of a child ask for COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY, the hospital must – MUST – do what the deaf person said. If the hospital does not follow these requests, please contact the State of Illinois Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons: V/TTY: 877-455-3323, Fax: 217-557-4492, VP: 217-557-4487

3) THANKS SCOTT GORMAN and VINCENT DUONG. These last three years, Scott and Vince have helped out in our Religious Education Program. Both Scott and Vince are studying to become Jesuits. Next Fall, Scott will be working on the east coast near Baltimore; Vince will be serving on the west coast near Los Angeles. We are all very grateful for their wonderful gift of service to our community!

4) Keep your eyes open! Our Building Foundation Committee is looking for empty space, especially in a shopping mall. Why? Because malls have large parking lots, lots of security, and are often near the CTA. If you notice an empty space in a shopping mall, let me, Tom Bleers, or Tom Sisk know.

5) EARTHQUAKE: some of us (not all!!!) woke up two weeks ago when an earthquake shook our area. Are YOU prepared when there is an emergency? What if you have to leave your home because of an earthquake, tornado, flood, fire, etc? Everyone should have...

...a folder with all your emergency papers: insurance, medical, list of drugs, emergency numbers including the phone number for the schools or daycare where your children go; list of bank, credit card & checking account numbers; extra set of keys to your car, house, garage. Keep in a place where you can grab it and escape!

...a working flashlight (one on each floor of your residence).

...some counties, townships, cities, and villages keep a record on the 9-1-1 computers re: people who are disabled or deaf. Let the police/fire department in your area know that deaf people or someone who needs assistance lives at your address.

TWO OTHER HELPFUL HINTS:

- a) In case of an earthquake, if you cannot get out of your home, the safest place to stand is under a doorway. Why? Because if the ceiling falls in, it falls on either side of the doorway.
- b) If you are on the highway, and a tornado is headed your way, the old advice was to get out of your car and climb up under a bridge over the highway. WRONG! Tornado experts now say that you should get out and get away from your car, and find the lowest place nearby. Lie down on the ground that is lower than the highway. This is the safest way to avoid getting hurt.

6) 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