

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2015**                      **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Learn about the “Jubilee Year of Mercy”: [www.jubileemercy.org](http://www.jubileemercy.org)

**OUR SCHEDULE:**

Thurs Dec 24: Christmas Eve

4pm Mass, St. Francis Borgia. Birthday for Jesus. Refreshments.

8pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup>, TINLEY PARK. Refreshments.

Fri, Dec 25: 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. Refreshments.

Sun, Dec 27: Feast of the HOLY FAMILY.

10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. FR. MIKE DEPCIK.

4PM MASS, St. Mary of Vernon. Rte.45, INDIAN CREEK.

Thurs, Dec 31: Mass, 4pm. “Open House” after Mass.

FRI, Jan 1, 2016: 10:30am Mass. Pray for Peace.

SUN, Jan 3: Mass, 10:30am. Rosca de reyes after Mass.

SUN, Jan 10: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

**PARKING WARNING:** For both 12/24 and 31, those attending the 4pm Masses, please park on the ADDISON ST. (north side) of the chapel and parking lot. Otherwise, you will get stuck because of the 5pm (hearing) Masses! Our “Deaf Security team” will be out in the lot to show you where to park.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY:** Many of you donated warm clothes for children who suffered sexual abuse. Some of you also donated gifts for the residents of the Mabley Center in Dixon, IL. God will reward you for your generosity. THANKS to RICHARD KUSH & BRIAN SWATEK for their work to bring all the gifts to Dixon, IL.

**PRAY for...**Anthony Ariano, Nathan Kucera, Alice Greco, George and Laverne Lastrico, Majka family, Balsitis sisters, John and Sylvia Kolinek, Bob Healy, Susan Postl, Donna Taylor, Marie Volpentesta, Mark Kubey, Fidel Martinez, Susan Meade, Phyllis Wozniak, John McDonough.

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, 12/24, closed-captioned from Holy Name Cathedral. WGN, Channel 9.**

**SAT, 1/9, 4-9PM:** “The Day of Three Wise Kings”, Anixter Center, Polk Conference Room), 2032 N. Clybourn, CHGO. RSVP by 1/5!  
[Idla.response@gmail.com](mailto:Idla.response@gmail.com), 773-273-6477vp.

**READ YOUR BIBLE, ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK!**

12/21: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45. St. Peter Canisius (1597)

12/22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56.

12/23: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Luke 57-66. St. John of Kanty (1473).

12/24 (morning): 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:67-79

(evening): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:18-25

12/25: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

12/26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

12/27: Sirach 3:2-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52. St. Stephen (Deacon, 1<sup>st</sup> martyr)

**EMERGENCY NUMBER:** the Catholic Office of the Deaf will close 12/23 and reopen 12/28. IF there is an emergency or a funeral request, 12/24-27, contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 voice/text.

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

- 1) YOUR Christmas donation to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center keeps us open to serve our Deaf community throughout the year.
- 2) Are you on MEDICAID? The State of Illinois will send out letters to most of the people who get their medical insurance from MEDICAID. If you receive such a letter DON'T PANIC! In most cases, the letter is simply for your use when you file taxes in 2016. Do NOT throw out the letter. Keep it for your records. However, if you do NOT understand the letter, see me (Fr.JOE) or KIM EISCHEN (CHS) or SARITA SPHADKE (Schaumburg) or the Deaf Advocates at Progress Center, DuPage CIL, Will-Grundy CIL.
- 3) REMEMBER US! When you write your Will, please leave some of your estate to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8033 W. Addison, Chgo, IL 60634-2006. Why? Because this money will keep our Deaf Center open for many years to come.
- 4) There is so much happening in these days. Take time to read the Gospel of Luke, chapters 1-2. Why? Because these two chapters tell us the REAL story of Christmas.
- 5) FR. MICHAEL DEPCIK will celebrate our 10:30am Mass next Sunday, 12/27, the Feast of the Holy Family.
- 6) You can still sign-up for the wonderful NEW YEAR'S EVE Party at SDC (Swoboda Deaf Center). Flyers are on the table in the hall or see TOM BLEERS.
- 7) Excellent websites to strengthen our faith:
  - ❖ [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org) - wonderful teachings about our Catholic Faith.
  - ❖ [www.jubileemercy.org](http://www.jubileemercy.org) - learn about our "Year of Mercy".
  - ❖ [www.dcyia.net](http://www.dcyia.net) - learn about working with deaf young people.
  - ❖ [www.archdioceseofchicago.org](http://www.archdioceseofchicago.org) - events in our Archdiocese.
  - ❖ [www.iubilaemmisericordiae.va](http://www.iubilaemmisericordiae.va) - the Vatican website.
  - ❖ [www.ada25Chicago](http://www.ada25Chicago) - lots of good information.
- 8) CONGRATULATIONS to...T.K. & STELLA HILL on their ten years of marriage...last Sunday, we had a wonderful Christmas party at St. Julie Billiart. I am very grateful to Coleen Sweeney, Kathy Hiatt, Jimmy Kreis, Meg Lo, Johnny Lo, Nick Kulasa, Bob Kulasa, Maria Martinez, Debi Gentile ...JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI for doing our Flower Collection...a big thanks to MS. CARMEN REYES, MS. ROSEMARIE CARSELLO, MS. SUSAN ELIZABETH OCHOA, the ENTIRE IDLA (Illinois Deaf Latino Association) Leadership for a wonderful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12. Over 200 people attended!
- 9) IMPORTANT! The State of Illinois is no longer sending notices to renew your sticker. Check your license plate to see when your sticker expires. Go to [www.ilsos.gov/greenmail](http://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail) to sign up for reminders and to buy a new sticker.
- 10) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: TODAY, Sun Dec 20, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston.
- 11) THANKS to MS. SUZETTE DE SALVO who donated our beautiful Manger at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

**INTERPRETED CHRISTMAS MASSES POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND AT [deafchurchchicago.org](http://deafchurchchicago.org).**