

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY. Every Tuesday in Lent, we will meet to discuss the Bible readings for the following Sunday. For example, this week, 2/16, we will discuss the readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Swoboda Center (SDC). Open, 11am. We will have coffee/tea. 12:30pm, discussion (bring your Bible). Finish, 2pm. Voice/sign. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, March 2: Pilgrimage to “Holy Door”. We will leave the St. Francis Borgia parking lot (school bus) by 10am. 11am: we will walk through the “Holy Door” to receive a special blessing. 11am, tour the Cathedral. 12:10pm, Mass with Fr. Joe and Msgr. Dan Mayall. CHANGE OF PLANS – bus MUST leave from Holy Name at 1:15, right after Mass. \$5/bus ride. Please sign-up. If you wish to meet us at the Cathedral, fine! Look for our group.

RECEIVE GOD’S MERCY! SAT, 2/27, FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN will be at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center for CONFESSIONS (Reconciliation). NOON-2pm. Please arrive no later than 1:30pm. Fr. Chris MUST leave by 2pm to drive back to WISCONSIN.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, Feb 16: Bible Study (see above).

Sun, Feb 21: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

Tues, Feb 23: Bible Study. Open at 11am. Discussion begins at 12:30pm.

Thurs, Feb 25, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizens, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

Sat, Feb 27: Fr. Klusman (see above).

Sun, Feb 28: Mass, 10:30am. HOT DOG Lunch.

Tues, Mar 1: Bible Study at Swoboda Center.

Wed, Mar 2: Tour of Holy Name Cathedral, “Holy Door”, Mass.

Sat, Mar 5, 1-5pm: Sr. Patricia Francis, “How is God merciful to us?!?” SDC.

FREE. Voice/sign. Refreshments for all.

Sun, Mar 6: Mass, 10:30am. St. Patrick Day Luncheon after Mass.

PRAY FOR...Nathan Kucera, Bob Healy, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Mark Kubey, George & Laverne Lastrico, Anthony Ariano, Susan Postl, Donna Taylor, Balsitis sisters, Majka family, Fidel Martinez, Marie Volpentesta, Evelyn Rzasas, Sr. Rita Wigginton. Dolores Greb, mother of Fr. John Greb (AZ), who died 2/3; John Calteaux, father of Margaret Calteaux, who died. Fr. Richard Dempsey (83) died 2/4. Fr. Dempsey was the retired pastor of Holy Redeemer, Evergreen Park. Fr. Dempsey always supported the Catholic Office of the Deaf.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

2/14: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 91, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

2/15: Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18/ Matthew 25:31-46 (READ THIS!!!!!!)

2/16: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Matthew 6:7-15 (especially verses 14-15).

2/17: Servite (OSM) Fathers began in 1223. Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

2/18: Proverbs 16:1-20/ Matthew 7:7-12

2/19: Ezekiel 18: 21-28/ Matthew 5:20-26

2/20: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19/ Matthew 5:43-48

2/21: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Psalm 27/ Philippians 3:17-4:1/ Luke 9:28-36

MON, 3/14, 9am-2pm: FREE Tax help for deaf persons from Chicago Hearing Society. Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chgo. Must RSVP: Kim Eischen - 1-773-904-0143vp or keischen@anixter.org

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) Sr. Patricia Francis, OP, has a Ph.D. in Psychology and also is a wonderful Spiritual Teacher. She will help us understand the “YEAR of MERCY” in a very special way. Her workshop (FREE) will be SAT, March 5, 1-5pm, Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont. VOICE/SIGN. We will have refreshments. This is a wonderful time for ALL of us to learn what Pope Francis means when he says, “Mercy, mercy, mercy...this is God’s message for us NOW!”

2) I recently received the following letter from STEVE CAUDILLO, the Coordinator of the Mabley Center, Dixon, IL. “Dear Members of the St. Francis Borgia Deaf Community, On behalf of the Mabley Center residents and staff, we would like to thank you, all the members of the St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center for the delightful Christmas program and party. The individuals greatly enjoyed the interaction with the volunteers, especially communicating in sign-language. It was clear by the many smiling faces and shouts of joy, everyone had a great time at the party. I wish to thank all the volunteers for doing such a great job.” THANKS especially to RICHARD KUSH, BRIAN SWATEK and all those who donated gifts this past Christmas.

3) AGE OPTIONS is a great organization, especially for senior citizens and people who are disabled. Age Options has a number of free videos about Social Security, Medicare, etc in AMERICAN SIGN-LANGUAGE.
www.ageoptions.org/Services-and-Programs_ASLVideos.html

4) DEAF MAN (he has a full-time job) looking to rent a one bedroom apt., or basement apt. He will pay monthly rent. Looking for apt. somewhere near O’Hare airport. 1-708-595-0068text.

5) Hopefully, you are planning to attend the Mid-West ICDA Conference. Fri, April 22 & Sat, April 23, 2016: ICDA Midwest 50th Anniversary and 40th Biennial Anniversary at Marriott Chicago Northwest in Hoffman Estates. The workshop will lead by Rev. Joseph Bruce, SJ of Rhode Island. Father Bruce is deaf and he will talk about our Catholic History. INFO & registration: ICDA-US.ORG, select 2016 Chicago MWR Conference tab. INFO: midwesticdaus2016@yahoo.com

6) When was the last time YOU asked God to forgive YOUR sins? If you are Catholic, we have the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation (CONFESSION)! In this Sacrament, GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS! Maybe you think, “my sins are too awful. I am ashamed.” That does not matter to God. God is MERCIFUL. If I confess my sins to a priest, the priest will think I am bad. NO! Maybe it has been a long time (many years) since you came to Confession. That is NOT important. If you come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God is HAPPY! Fr. Joe will be available EVERY SUNDAY of LENT before Mass for anyone who wishes to receive God’s MERCY!

7) Sun, Feb 21, 6 pm: World Deaf Stage presents Deaf Comedy Live. John Smith - Deaf International Comedian from England. RSVP required: sdc.edglennon@gmail.com or wdsfestival@gmail.com. \$15 in advance or at door: www.magicmorgan.com/tickets or <https://squareup.com/store/deafstage>

8) Good Lent reflections: www.frmd.org

9) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: NEXT Sunday, Feb 21, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston.