

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**

**JANUARY 24, 2016**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of CHURCH TIME**

[www.jubileemercy.org](http://www.jubileemercy.org)

SAT, 2/27, 6-10pm, "NoMSing Around" Fundraiser. Still time to register. Ascension Parish, 601 W. Van Buren, Oak Park. [www.LirongMF.org](http://www.LirongMF.org) Amazing raffle prizes, baskets, and "Silent Auction".

LENT begins WED, 2/10! Bring your old, dry palms to church. Give them to BRIAN SWATEK. He will burn them for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, Jan 28, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social, St. Francis Borgia.

Sun, Jan 31: Mass, 10:30am. Blessing of throats.

Sun, Feb 7: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Wed, Feb 10: ASH WED. Mass for the deaf at NOON. (No evening Mass.)

Sun, Feb 14: Mass, 10:30am. Pancake breakfast to support Mid-West ICDA .

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, TINLEY PARK.

Tues, Feb 16: LENT Bible Study. 12:30-2pm. (Open at 11am; bring dessert to share.) At Swoboda Deaf Center. EVERY TUESDAY in LENT.

Sun, Feb 21: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

MANY EVENTS in CHICAGO have sign-language interpreters and/or open-captioning. [www.ADA25Chicago.org](http://www.ADA25Chicago.org)

"SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING". Sometimes you see something that happens with a child. You think/feel, "something is not right." The child is not clean; the child is always hungry. The child is left alone often; no one seems to care about that child. Call 9-1-1.

PRAY FOR...Sr. Rita Wigginton, Mark Kubey, Susan Postl, Nathan Kucera, Donna Taylor, Majka family, Balsitis sisters, Bob Healy, Anthony Ariano, Evelyn Rzasia, Marie Volpentesta, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Fidel Martinez, Phyllis Wozniak, George and Laverne Lastrico

SAT, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>: afternoon of Lenten Reflection, Sr. Patricia Francis, O.P.

THURSDAY, 1/28, 1-5PM: Meeting of the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission. Swoboda Center. Open to anyone who wishes to attend. Voice/sign.

**READ YOUR BIBLE!**

1/24: Nehemiah 8:2-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

\*Feast of St. Francis DeSales.

1/25: Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18. Conversion of St. Paul.

1/26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35. Saints Timothy & Titus, bishops 1<sup>st</sup> century; disciples of St. Paul.

1/27: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20. St. Angela Merici (founded the Ursuline Order; died 1540. Sr. Rita Wigginton's Order).

1/28: 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Mark 4:21-25. \*\*St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. (One of the great thinkers in the Church and the world; died 1274).

1/29: 2 Samuel 11:1-17; Mark 4:26-34     1/30: 2 Samuel 12:1-17; Mark 4:35-41

1/31: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

WEDDING REQUESTS: If a couple wants Fr. Joe to celebrate their wedding, they should contact him as soon as possible. Fr. Joe is already getting requests for weddings in 2017!

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

As many of you know, the Mid-West ICDA will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary where it started fifty years ago...in CHICAGO! The weekend of APRIL 22-23 will be a wonderful time to celebrate. The hotel is excellent. (Very good rate to stay overnight!) The program for the weekend is fun, exciting, and well-planned. One 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

ALSO, to help pay our expenses, we will have a delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, 2/14 from 8 :am. - 1: pm. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, egg, beverages. At SFB: \$5.00/Adult and \$2/Under 12 yrs old. Proceeds to 2016 MWR.

CHILDREN OF PEACE SCHOOL/HOLY TRINITY is the ONLY CATHOLIC SCHOOL for deaf students in Illinois! Sat, March 19<sup>th</sup> will be its fundraiser at Hawthorne Race Track. Noon-6pm. INFO: 312-243-8186.

\*ST. FRANCIS DE SALES (1567-1622) is the patron saint of deaf people. St. Francis was the bishop of Geneva, Switzerland. There were many people living in Switzerland who grew up Catholic, then joined other religions. St. Francis brought many of them back to the Catholic faith. He was a very spiritual person. Two of his books on the spiritual life have never been out of print! INTRODUCTION TO A DEVOUT LIFE, and TREATISE ON THE LOVE OF GOD.

Fr. Michael Depcik belongs to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The reason many people consider St. Francis the patron saint of deaf people is that he met a deaf man named Martin, and St. Francis taught him the Faith. In our chapel is a beautiful painting done by PATRICIA SLISZ showing St. Francis with Martin.

\*\*ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274). St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest thinkers in history! He taught and wrote many ideas about philosophy and Theology (study of God). Even people who have no religious faith consider him a genius! He was also an incredibly spiritual person. He had a very deep belief in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) as truly the Body and Blood of Jesus.

NEW LOCATION: RTA office no longer at 69 W. Washington they moved the office to **City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St, Room 100**. The Family & Support Services will take new applications for the RTA reduced fare and free ride cards. They also can do RENEWALS and REPLACEMENT cards as well. They have camera to take ID picture for the card. INFO: 312-913-3110 or [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)

THINK SUMMMER! Mayor's Office for Persons with Disabilities "ACCESS CHICAGO" will be JULY 13, 2016 at Navy Pier.

ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults) announces 2016 Conference: Sept 14-18, Milwaukee, WI. INFO: <http://www.alda.org/aldas-2015-convention/>

DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: NEW LOCATION – Wed, Jan 27, 7 pm at Blaze Pizza, 953 W. Belmont, Chicago.

THURSDAY, 1/28, IDHHC (Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission) will have its Board meeting open to the public. This will be held at the Swoboda Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chgo.

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.