

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**JANUARY 25, 2015      THIRD SUNDAY of CHURCH TIME**

SUNDAY, Feb 1: BLESSING of THROATS after the 10:30am Mass.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE: if you do NOT have any health insurance, the U.S. law requires you to get that insurance. You MUST apply by Feb. 15. Go to: [www.getcoveredillinois.gov](http://www.getcoveredillinois.gov)

Chicago hearing Society has FREE 2015 Tax Assistance Dates every **Saturday in March. 7, 14 and 21**. Appointments are REQUIRED. To schedule a 30-minute appointment, contact Kim Eischen. (773) 904-0143 VP, [keischen@anixter.org](mailto:keischen@anixter.org)

ARCHBISHOP CUPICH will celebrate Masses in various locations. In order to attend, you MUST have a ticket. The Masses will have sign-language interpreters. You can meet Archbishop Cupich and have your picture taken with him. Contact Catholic Office of the Deaf for a ticket.

Tues, 1/27, 7pm: St. Jude, 900 E. 154<sup>th</sup> St, SOUTH HOLLAND.

Thurs, 2/5, 7pm: St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, INDIAN CREEK.

Mon, 2/9, 7pm: St. Domitilla, 4940 Washington St, HILLSIDE.

Thurs, 2/12, 7pm: St. John Brebuef, 8307 N. Harlem, NILES.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Sun, 2/1: MASS, 10:30AM. Blessing of Throats after Mass.

Sun, 2/8: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch/Meeting in school hall.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments. Blessing of throats.

Sun, 2/15: Mass, 10:30am. FR. ROBERTO MERCADO celebrates. Coffee & rolls.

NO Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

Wed, 2/18: ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass, NOON. No evening Mass.

Sunday, 2/22: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

Pray for... Cardinal George, Sr. Alverna Hollis, Rabbi Goldhamer, Pope Benedict, George Sundling, Fr. Tom Winikates, George Lastrico, Peter Postl, Danny Binion, Anthony Ariano, Sylvia Kolinek, Peter Postl, Balsitis sisters, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Donna Taylor, Eleanor Mesojedec, Marie Volpentesta, Carol Fleming, Flo Angelucci. RUTH KEPNER (96, mother of Carolyn fung) who died Jan. 14.

ADA25CHICAGO: 2015 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Lots of important activities happening in 2015. For on-going information:

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/ada25chicago](http://www.facebook.com/ada25chicago)

TWITTER: [www.twitter.com/ada25chicago](http://www.twitter.com/ada25chicago)

**READ YOUR BIBLE:**

1/25: Jonah 3:1-5, 10/ Psalm 25/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/ Mark 1:14-20

1/26: Saints TITUS & TIMOTHY (bishops, 1<sup>st</sup> Century). Titus 1:1-5/Mark 3:22-30

1/27: St. ANGELA MERICI (1540). Hebrews 10:1-10/ Mark 3:31-35

1/28: St. THOMAS AQUINAS (1274). Hebrews 10:11-18/ Mark 4:1-20

1/29: Hebrews 10:19-25/ Mark 4:21-25

1/30: Hebrews 10:32-39/Mark 4:26-34

1/31: St. JOHN BOSCO (1888, "Apostle of Youth"). Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19/Mark 4:35-41

2/1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ Psalm 95/ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28

As the weather stays cold and gloomy, remember: Keep your lights, front and back, clean. Make sure you replace any burned out lights immediately; Never text/read texts while driving. Never use your cell phone while driving; Always wear your seat belt...always; Always use your turn signals when turning.

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

1) LYNN SWOBODA. As we officially open the SWOBODA DEAF CENTER today, I realize that some people do not know who Lynn Swoboda was. Lynn was a deaf woman, married to TOM, the mother of ten children, a catechist in our Religious Education program, and a very faith-filled Catholic. All of us who knew her were inspired by her deep faith, tremendous smile, and obvious love for all those who knew her. When she died in a tragic accident, TOM and the family donated a large sum of money to be used in her memory. The CENTER is a tribute to her and her love of the Deaf Catholic community of Chicago!

2) WHAT HAPPENS NOW? The new Congress in Washington, DC has started to change rules that hurt persons with disabilities, deaf people and senior citizens. There is a new Governor in Illinois. What will happen to services for disabled/deaf/senior citizen persons in Illinois? It is important for ALL of us to stay educated, to pay attention to any letters we receive about benefits, changes in programs, or loss of services. I (Fr. Joe) will do my best to keep you informed. Also, the people who work at Chicago Hearing Society, CILS (Access Living, Progress Center, DuPage, etc) are also working very hard to protect our rights. It is VERY important for parents of children who are disabled/deaf to stay aware of how decisions in government help or hurt your children.

3) AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) works! For people struggling with their addiction to alcohol, AA gives them the support they need. If you know a deaf person looking for an AA group with an ASL interpreter, there is a new meeting they might like to go to. Common Solution Group meets Saturdays, 10AM at New Life Community Church, 2958 N. Damen Avenue (@ Wellington), Chicago. INFO: ted.price@gmail.com

4) Remember St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. In your WILL or LIVING TRUST, please make sure to leave something for St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8033 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60634-2006. Your gift will keep our center open for deaf people for many years to come.

5) Why do we (Catholics) bless throats? FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of ST. BLAISE. St. Blaise once healed a person who was choking to death. We bless throats to ask God to help and heal those with sicknesses of the mouth and throat. The prayer we say over each person is: "Because of the intercession (help) of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver (save) you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

6) Want info re: Deaf Masses in WISCONSIN? [www.catholicdeafwis.org](http://www.catholicdeafwis.org)  
FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN, 414-501-2022vp, TERRI MATAENER, 414-672-6643vp

7) WHERE to go to register for Health Care Insurance? You can go on-line to: [GetCoveredIllinois.gov](http://GetCoveredIllinois.gov). This will give you a list of all the agencies/offices that will help people sign-up for the new law. Remember: a DEAF person has a right to request a sign-language interpreter (FREE) for any meetings/appointments.