

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

**NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY of CHURCH TIME**

THURSDAY, 11/26, 10AM-1PM: Thanksgiving Day Luncheon (FREE). St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please invite friends you know will be alone for the holiday.

WARM CLOTHES for SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN: please pick up the information sheet. We help children who are victims of sexual abuse! You can make their Christmas special!

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES:**

- ❖ SUN, Dec 6, after 10:30am Mass. CCE Party. Delicious, hot meal; SANTA CLAUS. See Brian Swatek or contact him: BRI99USA@YAHOO.COM
- ❖ TUES, Dec 8, 11am-4pm: Senior Citizen Christmas party. Poretta's, 3718 N. Central, Chgo. ALWAYS a delicious, fun day! \$40/person. MUST RSVP: Tpsjr@sbcglobal.net, 224-715-0811text, or see TOM SISK after Mass.
- ❖ SUN, Dec 13, after 4pm Mass. St. Julie Christmas Dinner. MUST RSVP BY Dec 6: csweens31@aol.com, jpumpkin22@aol.com, khmj23@yahoo.com.
- ❖ SUN, Dec 20: Milwaukee Catholic Deaf Christmas Dinner. Meyer's Restaurant, GREENFIELD, WI. 262-672-6643vp, tvmatenaer@gmail.com

MEDICARE RULES: if you are signing up to begin Medicare in 2016, you must do so by 12/15/15. If you wish to switch your part "D" Drug Plan, you must do so by 12/7/15.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, Nov 19, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social, St. Francis Borgia.

Sun, Nov 22: Mass, 10:30am. Cake & ice cream!

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon, Refreshments.

Thurs, Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day (see above).

Sun, Nov 29: Mass, 10:30am. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Refreshments.

Sat, Dec 5, Noon-2pm, Confessions with Fr. Chris Klusman.

Sun, Dec 6: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Christmas party after Mass (see above).

Tues, Dec 8: Mass, 9:30am. 11am, Senior Christmas Party.

Sun, Dec 13: Mass, 10:30am. "Cookie Walk"

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie. CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Pray for...Sr. Alverna Hollis, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Nathan Kucera, Mark Kubey, Bob Healy, Peg Smudzinski, Susan Postl, Richard Iovito, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Majka Family, Donna Taylor, Balsitis sisters, Marie Volpentesta, George & Laverne Lastrico, Donna Taylor, George Shaul (Colleen Curry's grandpa). Mary Ann Gaszynski who died 11/8.

**READ YOUR BIBLE:**

11/15: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 13:24-32

11/16: 1 Maccabees 10-63; Luke 18:35-43. St. Margaret of Scotland (1093), St. Gertrude (1301).

11/17: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10. St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231).

11/18: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-33; Luke 19:11-28. St. Rose Duchesne (1852, USA).

11/19: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

11/20: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

11/21: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40. Presentation of Mary.

11/22: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37.

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

1) This time of the year is always very dangerous. There are many parties & socials. People tend to drink alcohol MORE at this time of the year to “celebrate”. However, many people cannot control their drinking. They need help. ARD (Addiction Recovery of the Deaf) offers excellent counseling help for people AND their families when there is a problem with alcohol and/or drugs. For more information, contact Sylvia Orozco, Counselor, at 773-904-0105 vp, or Leslie Thomas, Manager, at 773-227-8530 voice, or 773-796-6769 VP. You can also fax them at 773-549-0351. Please help others by passing the information on!

2) THANKS to...JIMMY SMITH for handling Catholic Office of the Deaf work at Deaf Expo...BRIAN SWATEK for “coming to the rescue” of several groups with his hard work and quick thinking...our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR, MRS. SWATEK, and our CATECHISTS & AIDES for their hard work and dedication to serving our families...the ST. JULIE DEAF COMMUNITY for TOTALLY surprising me last Sunday for my 70th birthday! They completely fooled me, and gave me a very nice party. The St. Julie Christmas dinner is Dec.13<sup>th</sup>. Information is on the front of this Bulletin.

3) SAT, 11/21, 9am-4pm: St. Thecla craft fair, 6725 W. Devon, CHGO.

4) Still celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lots of good information: [www.ada25chicago.org](http://www.ada25chicago.org)

5) CONGRATULATIONS to...T.K. HILL & ROSEMARIE CARSELLO who completed Archdiocesan training as CARE MINISTERS. They can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick at home, in a nursing home or hospital.

6) Our situation with sign-language interpreters: The Catholic Office of the Deaf tries to provide sign-language interpreter for all CATHOLIC services. We especially try to offer interpreters for a Funeral Mass or Cemetery service. However, we face two problems:

a) Often, we get a call the day or night before the service. The funeral home says, “we need an interpreter tomorrow at 9am!”

b) MON-FRI during the day, many interpreters are working for video-relay or in schools, and they are unable to reply immediately. Sometimes, our Office manager, Ms. Colleen Curry, spends HOURS trying to locate an interpreter.

SO.....if you need an interpreter for a Funeral, Baptism, wedding, please contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf as soon as you have the information. IF its urgent on the weekend, TEXT me (Fr. Joe) at 312-685-7899. We try to do our best to serve our families. Please help us do this work.

7) NOTICE: the date for the Hawthorne Fund-raiser for Holy Trinity Deaf School has been changed to MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>. NOT March 12<sup>th</sup>.

8) SHOPPING? A few hints...park your car under or near overhead lights...when you leave the store, have your car keys in your hand...put gifts in trunk, purse under your seat, get in the car, lock the doors, drive away. Do NOT sit in your car texting or writing in your check book.