

THIS WEEK:

- TUES, 2/24: Bible Study, Swoboda Center, 7050 W. Belmont. 11am: bring your lunch; we have water, coffee, tea. Bring your Bible. NOON: Bible discussion. FREE.
- THURS, 2/26, 9am-2pm: Deaf Senior Citizens, St. Francis Borgia.
- FRI-SAT, 2/27, NOON-2/28, NOON, 24 hours Confessions at St. Francis Borgia, large church. Fr. Joe will be available 6-9pm in the large church, in Reconciliation room.

FRI, March 6: "GOD. God is real? Did someone invent God? How can I know who God is?" Open discussion, voice/sign. FREE. Swoboda Deaf Center. 6pm: pizza, salads, refreshments. 7pm: discussion. Everyone is welcome.

FRI, March 13, 5:30pm: St. Mary of Vernon Friday Fish Fry (all you can eat), "DEAF NIGHT". Rte. 45, Indian Creek. Great parking. Special reserved seating for deaf persons and guests. Very reasonable cost for all you can eat!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, Feb 24: Bible Study (above)

Thurs, Mar 26: Senior Citizen Social (above).

Sun, Mar 1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Tues, Mar 3: Bible Study, Swoboda Center, 11am.

Fri, Mar 6: Lenten Discussion (see above).

Sat, Mar 7, Noon-2pm: FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN, deaf priest, Confessions at St. Francis Borgia.

*****Clocks AHEAD one hour*** Change your smoke alarm batteries.**

Sun, March 8:

- a) 10:30am Mass. St. Patrick Luncheon after the Mass.
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- b) 4pm Mass (St. Julie). St. Patrick Dinner. Khmbj23@yahoo.com,
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Tues, Mar 10: Bible Study, Swoboda Center.

Downtown Chicago? Every weekday, 11am-3pm, there is EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT, Pauline Chapel, 172 N. Michigan Ave.

St. Peter's Church, 110 W. Madison, is also open every day 6am-6pm.

Holy Name Cathedral, 750 N. State St, is open 6am-8pm every day.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK... Cardinal George, Sr. Alverna Holis, Rabbi Doug Goldhamer, Mark Kubey, Danny Binion (cancer), Anthony Ariano, George Lastrico, George Sundling, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Donna Taylor, Balsitis sisters, Marie Volpentesta, Carol Fleming, Flo Angelucci, Sylvia Kolinek, Tom Curtin, Guadalupe Pineda.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

2/22: Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

2/23: St. Polycarp (155, martyr). Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Matthew 25:31-46

2/24: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Matthew 6:7-15 2/25: Jonah 3:1-10/ Luke 11:29-32

2/26: Esther, chapter 4/ Matthew 7:7-12 2/27: Ezekiel 18: 21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

2/28: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Matthew 5:43-48

3/1: Genesis 22: 1-18, Psalm 116, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10

The readings EVERYDAY of Lent are to help us become better Catholic Christians. Take time EACH DAY to read the Bible. This is a wonderful way to make Lent a holy time for everyone.

SOME NOTES from FR. JOE:

1) Many Catholic parishes have Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. These are wonderful for families.

- EVERY FRIDAY, 5pm, St. Mary of Vernon has dinner. Rte. 45, Indian Creek.
- St. Thomas of Villanova, 4-7pm, every Friday in Lent. 1202 E. Anderson, PALATINE.

2) Do you ever stop in to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the rear of the Deaf Center? This is a quiet, wonderful place to spend time with God. Open every day: 6am-11pm.

3) Last weekend I was in SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEXICO. I went there to plan for a deaf youth retreat this summer. For the story of my trip, go to: www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com, click on the SFB BLOG.

4) TERRIBLE. Some of the people in the U.S. CONGRESS have no heart. Why? Because under the Social Security law, the U.S. government can transfer Social Security funds from the "General Fund" to the Disability Fund. HOWEVER, certain members of Congress are blocking this happening. Suppose they succeed and block the funds? This means that people who receive SSI, SSD, SSDI could possibly see their monthly check go down 20% each month.

Let your U.S. Congressional Representative know that you want Social Security to transfer needed funds into the "Disability Fund" of Social Security.

5) SCHEDULE FOR ST. JULIE DEAF CENTER:

- Sun, March 8: Mass, 4pm. St. Patrick Dinner. Jpumpkin22@aol or Khmbj23@yahoo.com for RSVP.
- Sun, March 15: Mass, 4pm. 3pm, Confessions.

6) FREE BIBLE APP: Truth and Life App. Learn about the Bible in Lent: www.WordMadeClear.org

7) Catholic World Meeting of Families, Sept.22-27, 2015. POPE FRANCIS Mass on 9/27. Philadelphia, PA. www.familyministries.org. All Masses and talks will be interpreted in ASL.

8) The STATIONS OF THE CROSS is a very old tradition in the Church during Lent. There is a beautiful "Stations" for senior citizens. <http://osv.cm/1uJ25O4>

9) LENT BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY at SWOBODA DEAF CENTER. You do NOT have to be an expert on the Bible. Bring a copy of the Bible with you. You can ask questions, offer your ideas, and share learning God's Word. We will begin THIS TUESDAY. (Information on front page.)

10) During Lent, many Catholic parishes have special retreats, prayer services, etc. Also, on PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, parishes often change their Mass schedules. If you attend an interpreted Mass on Sundays, make sure you talk to your interpreters if you wish to attend a parish Lenten service, or to make sure about what masses will be interpreted throughout Lent/Holy Week/Easter. Do you ever take time to thank the interpreters at Mass?

11) HOLLEY FAMILY VILLAGE offers many wonderful programs for deaf young people, for their families, for interpreters this summer. Teen ASL Camp, Music Video weekend, ASL week, Family weeks, etc. INFO: www.holleyfv.org or www.stjohnprovidence.org/holley