

NEXT SUNDAY, 1/25, 1-5pm: there is an "Open-House" at the SWOBODA DEAF CENTER, 7050 W. Belmont, Chgo. Everyone is welcome to stop in to see our new meeting space.

2014 TAX LETTERS: St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center will send out 2014 Church Contribution Letters by 1/31. You can use these letters for filing with your income taxes. If you receive a letter and you have questions about the amount listed, please see T.K. HILL immediately.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE (Obamacare). If you do NOT have health insurance, you must apply to join a health care plan. This is the law. You must apply by FEBRUARY 15TH. If you need information on how to begin, go to: www.getcoveredillinois.gov If you already have health insurance, then you do NOT need to change.

TUESDAY, Jan 27, 7pm: ARCHBISHOP CUPICH will celebrate a Mass for Catholics who live in the far south suburbs. The Mass is at St. Jude Parish, 800 E. 154th St, SOUTH HOLLAND. There will be a sign-language interpreter. RSVP with the Catholic Office of the Deaf.

The FLU is very dangerous. WASH your hands with soap and warm water. Cover your mouth when coughing and yawning. Feel sick? Go to bed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Thurs, 1/22, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social. Everyone is welcome.

Sun, 1/25: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. St Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, Indian Creek. Refreshments.

Tues, 1/27, 7pm: Mass with Archbishop Cupich (see above).

Sun, 2/1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. BLESSING of THROATS.

Thurs, 2/5, 7pm: Archbishop Cupich will celebrate Mass for the Catholics in Lake County. The Mass is at St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45. INTERPRETED.

PRAY FOR...Cardinal George, Rabbi Goldhamer, retired Pope Benedict, Anthony Ariano, Sr. Alverna Hollis, Balsistis sisters, Sylvia Kolinek, Marie Volpentesta, Majka family, George Sundling, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Eleanor Mesojedec, Carol Fleming, Flo Angelucci, Danny Binion, Marie Volpentesta, Fr. Tom Winikates, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Peter Postl

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

1/18: 1 Samuel 3:3p10, 19; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20; John 1:35-42

1/19: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

1/20: (Saints Fabian & Sebastian, martyrs) Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

1/21: (St. Agnes, martyr). Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Mark 3:1-6

1/22: Hebrews 7:25-8:6/ Mark 3:7-12

1/23 (St. Vincent, Deacon Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, saint). Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

1/24: St. Francis De Sales, 1622) Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14; Mark 3:20-21

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

JULY 26-30, ICDA Conference, CLEVELAND, OH. www.icda.org

Did you know that ARCHBISHOP CUPICH is on FaceBook & Twitter?
www.facebook.com/Archbishop-Blase-J-Cupich, @ArchbishopBlase (Twitter)

SOME NOTES from FR. JOE:

1) This week, I am at the NCOD (National Catholic Office of the Deaf) Pastoral Week. I am presenting two workshops on “Health Care & Pastoral Workers”.

2) TWO IMPORTANT DATES:

- JAN. 22: this is a sad anniversary. In 1973, the Supreme Court allowed abortion to be legal in our country. Since then, we have had millions of unborn children die because of abortion. Also, years later, many women who had abortions grieve because they realize they destroyed the life of their own child. Pray for these women. At the same time, we must work hard to make sure ALL children have enough to eat, can get a good education, and are safe from abuse and violence.
- JAN. 24: The feast of ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, the patron saint of deaf people. Take a close look at the painting of St. Francis in the front of our chapel. PATRICIA SLISZ did that painting and donated it to the chapel.

3) SWOBODA CENTER. We will remain here at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center for Masses and Socials. Now we have space we can use for meetings, socials, workshops, other special events at 7050 W. Belmont.

4) As many of you know, FR. RICHARD MILEK is our pastor. His mother TERESA died in POLAND 1/3. We will have a MEMORIAL MASS for her JANUARY 27, 7pm. Mass will be interpreted in Sign-Language.

5) “MANAGED CARE”. IF your health insurance is MEDICAID, the State of Illinois will be sending you a letter re: “MANAGED CARE”. Do NOT panic; everyone on Medicaid will get one of the letters eventually. “Managed care” means that the State will ask you to choose a “Managed Care Provider” for your health insurance coverage. If you have questions, see KIM EISCHEN at CHS, CAROL NEMECEK/RHYCHELL BARNES at Progress Center, SARITA PHADKE in Schaumburg, or FR. JOE,

6) Did you sign-up for the Affordable Health Care Insurance in 2014? You may have to check off a special box on your 2014 Income Tax. Go to: www.healthcare.gov/taxes.

7) MARCH 13-15, 2015: FR. SHAWN CAREY, deaf priest from Boston, will give a weekend retreat for deaf people. St. Benedict’s Abbey (beautiful; great food), BENET LAKE, WI. The price is \$250/person for two nights, six meals; \$200 per person/double occupancy before February 4. The CATHOLIC OFFICE of the DEAF, Archdiocese of Chicago, will give \$100 SCHOLARSHIP to any DEAF Catholic from our Archdiocese. You must register by FEB. 4. 414-203-0552vp, matenaert@archmil.org

8) BENEFIT ACCESS helps people pay for license plate discounts, free transit rides. Age 65 plus, or 16 years old permanently disabled before 1/2015. Must bring proof of income. Get help at ACCESS LIVING, PROGRESS CENTER, SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP, any CIL.

9) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: TODAY Jan 18, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston. Friday, Jan 23, 7 pm at Mariano’s Fresh Market, 333 E. Benton Place (near Millennium Park – find directions on MapQuest).