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The Deaf Apostolate staff provide deaf/hard of hearing awareness and information education and serve as consultants for Deaf/hard of hearing persons in parishes and schools.

Staff members recruit and train individuals to serve the religious needs of the Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deaf/blind people within the archdiocese.

The Deaf Apostolate assists parishes to identify needs and plan to achieve accessibility goals. Members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Office work closely with the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, the Deaf/Blind Center and the International Catholic Deaf Association.

The Deaf Apostolate also issues a quarterly newsletter, "Hand-in-Hand" covering activities and news from the Catholic Deaf community across the Southwestern Wisconsin.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Christopher
Klusman



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'In Jesus' Hands'
by Nancy Rourke

The message of the painting is very much a reflection of the Deaf Ministry which is that Jesus is at the center of all we do.

Jesus Christ is truly God, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son, the Eternal Word, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit always was, is, and always will be (John 1:1).

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OUR SERVICES FOR DEAF CHILDREN

St. Andrew's is grateful to welcome our Deaf brothers and sisters as part of our faith community.

With the Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) right up the street from us, St. Andrew's is proud to serve the Catholic Deaf students attending WSD.

We offer religious education to all students from lower elementary to seniors in high school. Bus transportation is provided from WSD to St. Andrew's. Classes are taught in American Sign Language (ASL) so the students have full access to learning about God's love.

For many of the students attending classes with us they are learning the Good News of our salvation for the first time!

Each class progresses in different levels. We prepare the students for First Reconciliation/Confession, (the students confess to a Deaf priest or a priest who can sign), First Eucharist/Communion, and Confirmation.

The students also experience at least one Deaf Mass during the year where the entire Mass is in ASL by either a Deaf priest or a priest who can sign.

We have a large directory of Biblical resources in many formats including print publications, videos in ASL, workbooks, and curricula for lessons and sacrament preparations.



OUR SERVICES FOR DEAF ADULTS

Our 9:00 Masses each Sunday are interpreted in ASL. Many of our Deaf parishioners participate as a Lector proclaiming the readings in ASL during Mass. Support by way of materials and translation is provided for any parishioner interested in ministering as a Lector.

We also have a monthly Deaf Mass at St. Andrew when Father Christopher comes to Delavan and celebrates the Mass in ASL.

Members of our Deaf Community are welcome to be a reader, usher, bread, or cup minister at the Deaf Mass.

In addition to Sunday services we also try to accommodate interpreting any other church service or faith development events in our parish that are requested by the Deaf.

We offer monthly evening Catholic Deaf Bible studies from September to December and March to June. For the dates and place, please contact us for the most updated schedule. The Bible study discussions are led by Father Christopher Klusman.

We distribute monthly newsletter issues to our parishioners by way of email and VLOGs in ASL. We hold special events for fellowship, as well.



Jennifer Paul
Coordinator

St. Andrew's is a Eucharistic centered parish, committed to learning and living our Catholic faith, to fellowship, and to apostolic action that responds to the needs of our multi-cultural community. We are all one body in Christ.

As you learn about the Deaf Ministry and all St. Andrew's has to offer, it is my hope that you will be excited about who we are; encouraged by these opportunities; and above all inspired by the many blessings God continues to provide us.

Hospitality has always been a hallmark of our parish. Now, more than ever, we all need to embrace each other and welcome people of all backgrounds into the love of God.

We exist to PRAY recognizing diversity, GROW while placing higher values on Faith Formation for all and SERVE with Christian compassion.

As Catholics, we value ALL life including our own parish life. It is important that all feel part of this Church family that feeds all spiritually.

One of my many prayers is that you will be blessed and strengthened by the power of Jesus Christ our Savior and that you will live a life of abundance in fellowship, joy and love. Please join us and see where it leads. Come and pray with us.



Fr. Oriol Regales, Pastor
St. Andrew Parish
St. Patrick Parish

God has provided His Word so that we would have a good road map to navigate through life. We have access to all of His teachings – words that have guided people for thousands of years. Use the opportunities for spiritual growth offered at St. Andrew Parish to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.