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Our Lady of Loretto West Detroit Catholic Deaf
Catholic Deaf Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that September has already arrived! I will be sad to see summer go because I always enjoy warm weather. However, I look forward to the fall because I enjoy looking at foliage's changing colors. In fact, all four seasons in this country are beautiful illustrating God's creative power.

Congratulations to Brandon Johnson and Amy Haight who will get married on September 20th. Brandon is the son of Loretta and Gary Johnson, and the grandson of late Carol Zweng. We wish Brandon and Amy all the best with God's blessings!

When you read this newsletter, you will have already heard the news about Annmarie resigning from her position as Pastoral Worker. However, she intends to stay involved in our wonderful community. Many thanks to Annmarie for her wonderful work and contributions over the past two years at SJDC and OLL. We will definitely miss her but look forward to see her around.

We will have another "Catholic Deaf Mass Mob" on November 9. We will visit three churches in Toledo and then join the local Deaf Catholic community for Mass. After Mass, we will enjoy dinner at St. Francis de Sales High School. The last time we had a "Mass mob" was two years ago when we went to the Cathedral in Lansing for Mass with the Deaf Catholics there. Please see the flyer for this event somewhere in this newsletter. If you have questions, please see either me or Carol Kuplicki.

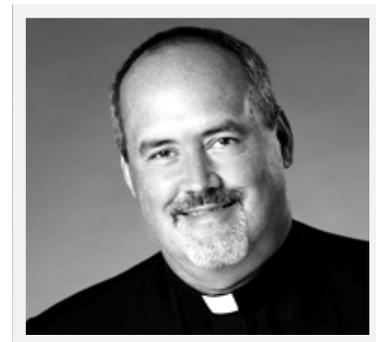
I wish you all the best with God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. MD

Fr. Michael A. Depcik, OSFS

www.frmd.org



Fr. Michael Depcik

Remember in Your Prayers

Those Who are Sick

- Gerald Blakely
- Gail Buchalski
- Phyllis Dunaj
- Bill Flower
- Helen Fowler
- Mary Hanes
- Sharon Hardenburgh
- Loretta Johnson
- Jeff Kish
- Robin Scalise Kish
- Barbara Lemker
- Bevie Lemker
- Beverly Marchuk
- Albert Migdal
- Loretta Milne
- Leanna Reif
- Betty Schommer
- Ethel Senical
- Liz Swinney
- Annette Trayner
- Ellen Trieper
- Kathy Wilson
- Karen Zabik



Mission Statement of St. John's Deaf Center &

Our Lady of Loretto West Detroit Catholic Deaf:

We strive to support a ministry where all Deaf individuals are invited to meet Jesus Christ and participate in the life of the Catholic Church using American Sign Language. We welcome everyone, including our hearing brothers and sisters, who want to experience the richness of our Deaf culture as well as deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, service, and the Sacraments.

E- News

If you would like to receive the newsletter, please give us your email address.

Contact: Gail Buchalaski at mgbuchalski7@sbcglobal.net

Or

Paul Kuplicki at kup262@prodigy.net

FYI: If you do not receive e-news from e-mail, check into junk mail or spam folder.

Unleash the Gospel Prayer

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become again your Church on mission, eagerly working together to "make disciples of all nations," according to our commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost, to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

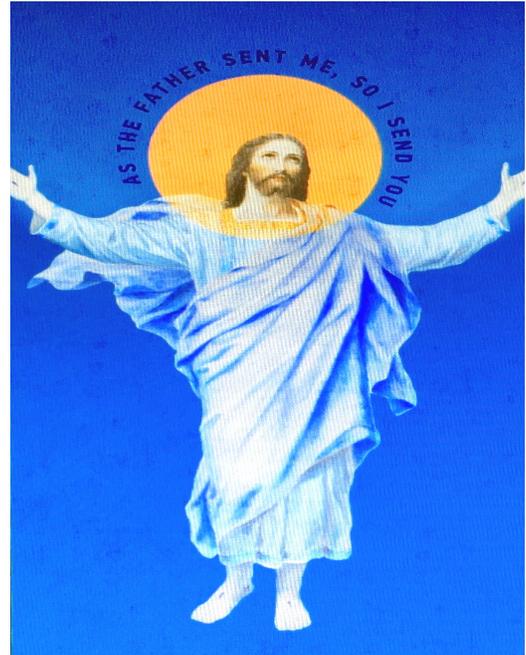
COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission above all else, so that our community becomes the spark to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne; and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead of time for "accomplishing in us far more than all we ask or imagine."

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and/or have been baptized but have never made First Holy Communion or received Confirmation, we have a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA). Please Contact Fr. MD at (VP) 586-439-0146 or depcik@desales.org

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (September 23rd) Talk to Us

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. God will always give us more than we deserve (earn)”.



Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare’s Open Enrollment Period comes around October 15-December 7 every year. This is your chance to make a change from the Medicare plan you currently have to one that better suits your need.

You will probably get many advertisements and promotions daily in your mailbox during the enrollment period. If you want to shop around for a better deal then you may want to take the time to read it to get a better deal.

Here are the five most common mistakes people make during Medicare Open Enrollment.

1. You Don’t Sign up for Prescription Drug Coverage

Some people wonder why they would pay monthly premiums for something they don’t need? Because you could face a lifetime of Part D late penalties when you finally do sign up.

As with most things in life, there is an exception. If you have creditable drug coverage from another source (an employer-sponsored health plan, Indian Health Service, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, TRICARE, or Veteran’s Health benefits), you can wait to sign up for a Part D plan without facing penalties. Creditable coverage means that the drug coverage is as good as Medicare. Your other health plans have to notify you if they meet this standard so you can make an informed decision about signing up for Part D.

TIP: If you do not take prescription medications and do not have creditable coverage from another health plan, pick the Part D plan with the lowest premium so you get coverage at the least cost.

2. Don’t Read Your Plan’s Annual Notice of Change

At the end of every year, your Medicare Advantage or Part D plan will send out an Annual Notice of Change. This document outlines what changes are coming in the new year regarding costs and coverage.

Premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments don’t come cheap and price hikes could surprise you come January 1 when the new plan kicks. Losing coverage for services or medications you use on a regular basis would cost you even more in out of pocket expenses.

TIP: Read your Annual Notice of Change every year to make sure you can afford the updated plan in the coming year and to make sure you are covered for the health care you need.

3. You Sign up for the Same Plan as Your Friend/Spouse

Many people sign up for a specific health plan based on recommendations from people they know. Maybe a friend or neighbor or even your spouse has had a good experience with a plan. Some people may choose a plan based on its brand name and reputation. While this may bode well for good customer service and coverage benefits, do not let these recommendations in and of themselves make the decision for you.

Your health is unique to you. No one shares your medical history. They may not be on the same medications or use the same doctors. In this regard, your medical needs will differ from your friends and family. You need to find a plan tailored to your individual situation first.

TIP: Recommendations from family and friends may help you to decide between plans but make sure those plans meet your personal needs first and foremost.

4. You Don’t Switch to Keep Your Doctor

Unlike Original Medicare, which works the same anywhere in the country, Medicare Advantage and Part D plans work in local networks. That means that you can only use healthcare providers within that network or you will pay for their visits out of pocket. Those costs can add up quickly.

Networks can change at any time. That means a Medicare plan could drop a provider from its network, not because there are any issues with the provider but because there is disagreement over contractual requirements. If you want to save money and keep the doctors you know and trust, or if there is a doctor you want to go to that is not in your current network, you may want to pick a plan that includes that doctor in its network.

TIP: Pick a plan that has all your healthcare providers in the network.

5. You Do Not Shop Around for a New Plan

You may think you already have the perfect plan. It covered all of your health needs the past year and it came at a reasonable cost. It also delivered satisfactory customer service. Does that mean it is going to be the best plan for you in the new year? Not necessarily.

Insurance companies have a goal to provide quality health care but in their main intention is to turn a profit. With dollars and cents running the show, insurers are competing with each other in the market and this could work to your advantage. The truth is there may be several plans that may meet your needs. Take the time to see how they compare on costs and pick the one that will save you the most money.

The Biggest Mistake

The biggest mistake people make during Medicare’s Open Enrollment is not making a change. Too many people take the path of least resistance and keep their current plans without further investigation. It is always worth a closer look to see if you can get better care at an affordable price.

I will be happy to help answer questions. Contact me at 586-200-1172 VP or see me in Tuesday’s at St. John Deaf Center.



Kathleen Mitchell

Kathy Mitchell, LMSW, ACSW
Kanson3@gmail.com



Catholic 101 Class by Fr. Mike Depcik
(Adoration at 5:45pm and class at 7pm) - OLL-WDCD on Wednesday,
September 4th and SJDC on Thursday, September 5th.

Fiat! Reflection

September 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my first “Fiat! Reflection” of November 2017, I explained the concept of “Fiat!” It is part of a Latin phrase and means, “Let it be done.” When Archangel Gabriel explains to Mary that she will become the Mother of God, Mary responds with faith and trust in God. *Ecce ancilla Domini, Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.* “Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

This is how I try to live my life every day – in big and small situations of life. Sometimes it means enduring suffering. Sometimes it means receiving great blessings of joy. Sometimes it means changing paths and transitioning to something new!

As of September 22, 2019, I will be resigning from St. John’s Deaf Center as the Pastoral Minister. The past two years have been a great blessing for me. YOU are a blessing for me. I praise God for the good things He has done, for the good people I have met, for the good work we have finished. Looking back on what we have done together, I am proud that the community of St. John’s Deaf Center is a faithful and welcoming community. Thank you for receiving me!

The decision to leave was not easy. I hope to stay involved in the community. I have dreams and goals that the Lord and I are discussing! As He leads, I want to follow! I ask for you to please pray for me. I will pray for you, and I trust that God will care for you and provide what He knows is best.

With Jesus and Mary, let us try every day to pray, “Fiat!” *Lord, whatever Your will is – whether it is challenging or if I like it – may Your perfect will be accomplished in my life!*



Annmarie Kowalczyk

Liturgy of the Word for
Children on Sunday, September 8th and
22nd at 11:30am in Holy Innocents
Church.

OLL-WDCD Liturgical Roles

Our Lady of Loretto

25700 W. 6 Mile Rd., Reford, MI 48240

(Chapel located in school building behind the church) Time: 9:30am

OLL-WDCD Liturgical Roles

September 1st – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: M. Imielowski

Response: M. Meldrum

Ushers: N. Dodge and J. Karolski

September 8th – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: J. Morris

Response: M. Kulpa

Ushers: J. Bogden and S. Bogden

September 15th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: K. Mitchell

Response: M. Meldrum

Ushers: J. Karolski and N. Dodge

September 22nd – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: S. Meldrum

Response: A. Kowalczyk

Ushers: J. Bogden and S. Bogden

September 29th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: L. Reif

Response: D. Gariepy

Ushers: N. Dodge and J. Karolski

For the whole month of September

Altar Servers: J. Kulpa, J. Morris, and M. Imielowski

SJDC Liturgical Roles

Holy Innocents Church

16359 Frazho Rd., Roseville, MI 48066

Time: 11:30am

SJDC Liturgical Roles

September 1st – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors: E. Gibb and P. Kuplicki

Response: D. Gibb

EM: Host – J. Vardon

Chalices – B. Buchalski and B. Aylesworth

September 8th – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors: J. Vardon and A. Gable

Response: B. Aylesworth

EM: Host – A. Kowalczyk

Chalices – J. Felix and G. Buchalski

September 15th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors: C. Kuplicki and G. Buchalski

Response: A. Trayner

EM: Host – A. Kowalczyk

Chalices – S. Smith and P. Dudis

September 22nd – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors: B. Buchalski and S. Smith

Response: B. Aylesworth

EM: Host – D. Knight

Chalices – L. Trayner and S. DeFilippo

September 29th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors: L. Trayner and E. Gibb

Response: A. Trayner

EM: Host – D. Graham

Chalices – B. Wilson and J. Galbo

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9 AM–Noon

➤➤➤ Mass Ministry Training (all ministries)

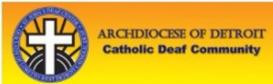
SJDC & OLL Ministry Volunteers will gather for a morning of prayer and training. We will discuss each ministry. Learn more about the Mass. Pray together and have fun! Very important for everyone to attend!

Eucharistic Ministers
Responders
Readers
Ushers
Please RSVP to Annmarie K.

New People are welcome to come and start serving!
Contact Annmarie K.

We will have Mass together.
A light snack will be served.
Bring your questions!

St. John's Deaf Center
16103 Chesterfield Ave.
Eastpointe, MI 48021
(Parking Lot: 24800 Phlox Ave.)



Pro-Life Events

➤ Life Chain

**Sunday, Oct 6th
2 PM**

13 Mile & Gratiot, Roseville
Stand (or sit) along city streets and pray for abortion to stop. Join many other people to show that you support all life! Hold Pro-Life signs! Meet there or caravan after Mass

➤ Spiritual Adoption

Many babies are aborted every day. "Adopt" a baby by praying for him/her. You may name your baby and pray for him/her every day for nine months! Pray that the baby will be born! **"Conception:" October 1st!**

➤ 40 Days for Life

Near 8 Mile & Gratiot, Detroit
Dates TBA

Hosted by: Deaf Ladies of Our Mother of Perpetual Help



Deborah

Thinking of selling or buying a new home?
Deborah can work with you on all your Real Estate questions.
Deborah Marsden
Email: deborah@cbpreferred.com
Cell: [313-516-6841](tel:313-516-6841) Text/Voice, FaceTime
Office: [734-549-6000](tel:734-549-6000)

I have been working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community for 30 years!



Sew What? – Ladies sewing group will meet at SJDC from 10am to 1pm on Thursday, September 12th and 26th. If you want to learn to sew or crochet for **charity**, come and Jakki Felix will be happy to help you.



Senior Citizens at New SJDC

Every Tuesday, Open at 10:15 AM to ???

500 Card Games \$3.00

Lunch \$5.00

Address:

16103 Chesterfield Ave.

Eastpointe, MI 48021

SJDC will be closed on September 3, 2019

September

LABOR DAY



September

2nd – Labor Day

3rd – SJDC Senior Citizens closed

4th – OLL-WDCD Adoration at 5:45pm & Catholic 101 class at 7pm

5th – SJDC Adoration at 5:45pm & Catholic 101 class at 7pm

6th – Friday Prayer for the Deaf Catholics

7th – SJDC/OLL-WDCD Mass Ministry Training from 9am to 12 noon at SJDC

8th – Liturgy of the Word for Children in Holy Innocents Church at 11:30am

National Grandparents Day

11th – National Day of Service and Remembrance

Patriot Day

SJDC Rosary at 6pm & Parish Council Meeting at 7pm

12th – The Most Holy Name of Mary

13th – Friday Prayer for the Deaf Catholics

20th – Friday Prayer for the Deaf Catholics

21st – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

22nd – Liturgy of the Word for Children in Holy Innocents Church at 11:30am

23rd – Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Autumn Begins

27th – Feast of St. Vincent De Paul, Priest

Friday Prayer for the Deaf Catholics

28th – Deaf Celebration Day 2019 from 10am to 5pm at Southfield Civic Center

October

1st – SJDC Prayer Service for Blessing animals in Chapel at 7pm

1700 Club Winners 2019

August: Gail Buchalski



November 3, 2019 - All Saints' Day Trunk & Treat (Halloween) at Holy Innocents Church after Mass

November 16, 2019 - SJDC Dingo

December 7, 2019 - OLL-WDCD Christmas Party

December 8 or 15, 2019 - SJDC Christmas Party



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi – Fr. Mike Depcik will lead a prayer service, which he will bless all animals present at a Chapel. If you want to have your dog, cat, or other pets being blessed, then bring them to St. John's Deaf Center on Tuesday, October 1st at 7pm.

“Opening Doors to Witness Christ”

Catholic Services Appeal 2019

Each year the Church calls us to help our local churches, support programs offered by the Archdiocese, give as faithful stewards, and pray for Christ’s work to be done. As Catholics, it is our **DUTY** to help people in need; we can do that through the CSA. **The Catholic Deaf Community depends on the success of CSA. We need your help.** There are 2 ways to do it: a one-time donation, or, a payment plan. These are difficult times for everyone but this is a one-time yearly donation. Please pray over this, remembering all the gifts God has given you. **ALL CHECKS [OLL-WDCD & SJDC] payable to SJDC-CSA God bless you!**

Please mail CSA cards to:

SJDC CSA, Attn: Paul Kuplicki; 16103 Chesterfield Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021

	
Give online by Credit Card or Bank EFT at:	
Pledged \$ _____ Initial Payment \$ _____ Balance Due \$ _____	Please select Method of Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Gave by Credit Card or Bank EFT Online* <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Monthly Payments (Starting in July) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly - July/Oct/Jan/April EMAIL ADDRESS _____
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT - CSA	
2019	PARISH AUDIT USE INITIAL PAYMENT _____ CHECK _____ CASH _____ DATE _____ AUDITOR _____ <small>Have you considered the church in your will? Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.</small>
Your gift helps Unleash the Gospel and serve our community! * or give by Credit Card or Bank EFT by calling 1-888-331-8695 between 10am - 5pm M-F	



10th Biennial ICDA-US Section Conference in Santa Clara, California from July 15th to 19th.

Mass & Prayer Service at Blessed Solanus Casey center in Detroit, MI on July 24th.



2019 Photo Directory—BUY NOW!

St. John's Deaf Center/
OLL West-Detroit Deaf

Please e-mail:
sjdcnewsletter@gmail.com
Subject: Photo Directory

Pick-up at SJDC—Tuesdays
Holy Innocents or OLL—
Sundays

Limited books left. First come,
first serve. When all books are
sold, there are no others.

\$5



Remember the blessings and the friends and the memories!

To celebrate 45 and 35 years of
our Deaf communities, we
made a Photo Directory
("Yearbook"). We have
EXTRAS! If you would like to
purchase a Photo Directory you
can!

Detroit Tigers vs Kansas City Royals on August 9th.



Fr. Mike Depcik and Fr. Matthew Hysell from Canada were offering the Mass at Holy Innocents Church on August 11th.

Detroit Deaf Picnic on August 17th.



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For more Pictures, see at [www.sjdc-oll.org/
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**Fr. MD's Kitchen Table
Website**

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- Answers to questions about the Catholic faith
- Interviews
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