

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Beginning TODAY, we will not be distributing the Precious Blood/Chalice at communion time. To reduce exposure to winter germs.

MEDICARE PART D open enrollment open now until Dec 7. If you need to enroll, change to a different plan, or learn about what changes to expect, it is important to do this before Dec 7. If you need to enroll for AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE, you must do this by Dec. 15. For assistance or info, contact Sarita Phadke at 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Fri, Dec 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Mass at NOON.

Sat, Dec 9: Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass at 6pm social after Mass

Sun, Dec 10: Mass 10:30 am. Rel Ed classes 9 to 10:15. Parent sign class.

Reconciliation for religious ed children.

Mass, 4pm at SJB followed by Christmas Party.

Sun, Dec 17: Mass 10:30 am. Rel Ed classes 9 to 10:15. Parent sign class.

Sun, Dec. 24: Mass 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- ❖ SUN, DEC 24: Mass, 4pm, St. Francis Borgia. "Birthday party for Jesus"
Mass, 8pm, St. Julie. Refreshments.
- ❖ MON, DEC 25: Christmas Mass, 10:30am. Refreshments.
NO Mass at St. Mary of Vernon.
- ❖ SUN, DEC 31: 5pm Mass. Fr. Joe Mulcrone celebrates. Open House after
Mass. FREE.
- ❖ MON, JAN 1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

PRAY FOR: Lenae Leseberg, Lori Patyk, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Bob Healy, Penny Hendee, Susan Postl, Paul & Charlotte Seegert, Mary Ann Kula, Donna Taylor, Leandra Williams, Claudia Glenn, Theresa Stanis, Esther Stolarski, Majka family, Caroline Goraj, James Mulcrone, William Costello, Bob Ryan, Mark & Diane Kubey, Danny Rivera, Lee Husted, Mary Jane Ryan, Schelag Foler, John Hoberg, Drucilla Ronchen, Kevin Ronchen, Arlene Redmond, Dolores Amato, Clarence Whitt, Elena Sabbia, Peggy Crotty, Joan Christian, Genevieve Uhren, Nicole Arendt, Fr. Michael Hayduk.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

12/03: Is 63:16-19, 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-19; 1 Corinth 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.

First Sunday of Advent.

12/04: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11.

12/05: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24.

12/06: Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37.

12/07: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1-9, 19-27; Matthew 7:21-27.

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

12/08: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Luke 1:26-38.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

12/09: Isaiah 30:19-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:5-8.

If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like to see Fr. Roberto, please contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-957-4766 vp, 312-534-7899 v, or cathdeafch@archchicago.org.

During this time of the year, we attend holiday parties, social events. We have to be careful. If we have several drinks, we should NOT be driving home. Alcohol with a lot of food makes us feel very drowsy. It is easy for us to fall asleep at the wheel or to drive through a red light or STOP sign.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. ROBERTO

During Thanksgiving weekend, I took some time to reflect on the reasons I am thankful this year. My transition into full-time Deaf Ministry has been more challenging than expected. Learning sign language, understanding the SFB Deaf Community, and working to meet your expectations & needs of me have made this transition difficult and frustrating at times. But I am extremely thankful for how many of you have accepted me. I am thankful for your patience, support, and encouragement. I am thankful and encouraged by the support and hard work of many of you, your efforts to keep this community strong. I am thankful for your generosity and support to our brothers and sisters at the Dixon Residential Facility. I am thankful for the generosity to the Coat Drive for children who have been abused. I find encouragement in all of these gifts to keep trying and keep improving. Thank you for your continued support.

KEEP CHILDREN WARM! Each year, we collect warm clothes for children who are victims of sexual abuse. We need clothes (NEW or HOME-MADE only!), ages 3 to 16, boys and girls. Do NOT wrap; all must be inspected! Drop off at St. Francis Borgia Deaf center beginning 11/19! Sweaters, scarves, mittens, hats, coats, sweats/hoodies, warm socks.

Did you forget to bring the gifts you wanted to add to the Christmas bundles for the residents of Mabley Center in Dixon? Please see Richard Kush TODAY to plan a drop off.

LITTLE RED CYRANO: an apocalyptic clown comedy for all audiences – new play, LIVE THEATRE, featuring d/Deaf actors. At Strawdog Theatre, 1802 W Berenice, Chicago now thru Jan. 7. INFO: <https://redtheater.org/red-cyrano/>

LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) provides help for people with limited income to pay high gas & electric bills. Enrollment begins Oct 1 for seniors, Nov 1 for families with children under 65, Dec 1 for everyone. For help or info, contact Sarita Phadke at 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org.

SAFETY CHECK: replace old outdoor lights NOW, before the snow/ice come...make sure you replaced the batteries in your smoke alarms...do NOT put cans of kerosene, paint, thinner, grease near the furnace, hot water heater, washer/dryer...make sure your fire extinguisher is up to date...clean out OUTSIDE vents for washer/dryer.

EVENTS COMING UP

- Fr. Dec 8: Inspiring Deaf Ladies Glass Painting Party, 6 to 9 pm at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Addison. \$15 per person. INFO: http://www.swobodadeafcenter.org/?page_id=117 or Facebook
- Sat, Dec 9: Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, hosted by Illinois Deaf Latino Assoc. Mass, 6 pm; Fiesta 7 to 10 pm at SFB. FREE, bring potluck dish to share. INFO: IDLA.response@gmail.com
- Wed, Dec 13: St. Francis Borgia Deaf Senior Citizen Christmas Party at Poretta's Banquet 11am to 4pm. For more information or buy tickets contact Annette Langston. 708-223-2125Vp or langstonannette@gmail.com
- Sun, Dec. 17: CHICAGOLAND DEAF SENIORS Christmas luncheon. 2 to 4 pm at Manzo's in Des Plaines. \$25/person. INFO: ecqqke@aol.com.
- Sun, Dec. 31 – Let's Groove Our Way NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont. 7 pm to 1 am. Dress for 1970s style. Early bird tix to Dec. 17; ticket deadline Dec 27. INFO: http://www.swobodadeafcenter.org/?page_id=117 or Facebook