

NEXT SUNDAY, 2/12; BLESSING OF THROATS, St. Francis Borgia/ St. Julie Billiart.

DRIVERS: each time you get gas, remember to clean your car lights, front & rear.

The season of LENT begins MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. We NEED at St. Francis Borgia Deaf center, MORE volunteers to be READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS at Mass, especially during Lent! See DEACON HINCH!

RULES re: Reception of Holy Communion at Mass.

- ❖ When you come to receive Jesus at Holy Communion, you should be thinking about how wonderful it is that Jesus is giving YOU His Body & Blood.
- ❖ When you receive Communion in your hand, you take one step to the side and give yourself the host (Holy Communion). Do NOT start to walk back to your pew with Holy Communion in your hand.
- ❖ PARENTS: make sure if your child receives Holy Communion, he/she puts the host in his/her mouth right there. They are NEVER to walk back to the pew with Holy Communion in their hands.
- ❖ When you arrive back at your seat, do NOT start to talk/sign with those around you. Instead, close your eyes, be quiet, thank Jesus for His love for you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Sun, Feb 12: Mass, 10:30am CCE Lunch & Meeting. BLESSING THROATS

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments. BLESSING THROATS

Sun, Feb 19: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie. "SOUP & SALAD" Social after Mass.

Thurs, Feb 23: 9am-2pm, Senior Citizen Bingo.

Sun, Feb 26: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

WED, Mar 1: ASH WEDNESDAY.

PRAY FOR.... Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasa, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Majka family, Caroline Goraj, James Mulcrone, William Costello, Marie Volpentesta, Bob Ryan, Mark & Diane Kubey, Danny Rivera, Lee Husted, Witold & Maria Poplawska, Mary Jane Ryan, Schelag Foler, Drucilla Ronchen, Kevin Ronchen. JOSEPH KULA (82) also who died 1/30; Joseph Nedved (father of Tom (Carla), who died 1/26.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

2/5: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

2/6: \*Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56. St. Paul Miki & Companions (crucified in Japan, 1597, because of their Catholic Faith).

2/7: Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13

2/8: Genesis 2: 4-17; Mark 7:14-23. St. Jerome Emiliani (1537), St. Josephine Bakhita (1947)\*\*

2/9: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

2/10: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37. St. Scholastica (543, twin sister of St. Benedict).

2/11: Genesis 3: 9-24; Mark 8:1-10. Our Lady of Lourdes.

2/12: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

## **SOME NOTES from FR. JOE:**

- 1) I had planned to be in Mexico. I had to stay because of Joe Kula's funeral. Joe was fine man and a wonderful volunteer both here and at St. Julie Billiart. He died very unexpectedly. He and wife MARY ANN were married 56 years.
- 2) \*This week, we begin reading at Mass the very first book of the Bible, GENESIS. Genesis begins with the story of God's creation. This should remind us that all of nature, all the universe is a gift to us from God. We should treat the world with respect. Polluting the air and water, harms everyone!
- 3) \*\*ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA is an amazing SAINT. She was born in SUDAN, AFRICA in 1869 and raised a Muslim. At age 7, men kidnapped her and sold her as a slave. An Italian family bought her, and brought her back to Italy; then they freed her. She was so impressed by the Catholic Faith that she became a Catholic. In 1896, she joined a religious order, the Daughters of Charity. She was never bitter about what happened to her. Instead, she was always very sweet to everyone. In the last years of her life, she suffered a very painful illness, yet she never complained and died in 1947. In 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II declared her the first Sudanese saint!
- 4) Do you like live theatre? Glenbrook South High School has an annual Variety Show. The show includes high school students singing, dancing, juggling and many different acts. One special act will be songs interpreted in ASL. Although the whole show will NOT be interpreted, much of the show is VISUAL. It is located in Glenview, 30 minutes from SFB. Free tickets and bus ride are available. The show dates are Feb. 22-25. If interested, please contact Rosemarie Carsello at rcarsello@hotmail.com by Feb. 11.
- 5) OLD PALMS: bring them to church. Brian Swatek will burn them to be used as ashes on ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.
- 6) CARDINAL CUPICH made a wonderful statement re: the lives of immigrants to the United States.
- 7) FR. MERCADO is very grateful for everyone's patience as he gets used to signing the Mass. Thanks to our interpreters.
- 8) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: Sat, Feb 11, 8 pm at Starbucks, 1230 N. Wells, Chicago.
- 9) Winter is the perfect time to enjoy the beauty and energy at a local conservatory. There are several conveniently located close to public transportation. FREE (donations accepted). **Garfield Park Conservatory**, 300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100, [garfieldconservatory.org](http://garfieldconservatory.org); **Lincoln Park Conservatory**, 2391 N. Stockton Drive 312-742-7736, [lincolnparkconservancy.org](http://lincolnparkconservancy.org); **Oak Park Conservatory**, 615 Garfield St. 708-725-2400, [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)
- 10) FOR DEAF IMMIGRANTS: learn to read & write English; learn about & get US citizenship; practice your ASL. Classes every Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm. At Northwest Church of Christ, 4602 N Kilbourn, Chicago. INFO: Demir Bekiri at dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com