

LENT BEGINS!

- ❖ **WED, 3/1, ASH WEDNESDAY:** ALL Catholic Churches give ashes this day! St. Francis Borgia: NOON Mass & Ashes. 2:30pm, Ash/prayer service in large church (Interpreted).
- ❖ **RULES for ALL CATHOLICS:** Catholics 14 and older do NOT eat meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent. Catholics 18-59 eat only one large meal/two small meals on Ash Wed. & Good Friday. No eating between meals.
- ❖ **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY,** every Tuesday in Lent at SDC (Swoboda Deaf Center). Doors open 11am; Bible study 12:30-2pm. Bring your own lunch.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION for DEAF COMMUNITY: Sunday, March 19, we will have a FREE workshop on Immigration, 12:30-2pm, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Arranged by Chicago Irish Immigrant Support. Interpreted in ASL (thanks to Chicago Hearing Society!). Also, voiced in Spanish. Refreshments.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wed, Mar 1: ASH WEDNESDAY (see above).

Sun, Mar 5: First Sunday of Lent. Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Tues, Mar 7: BIBLE STUDY (see above) Bring your own lunch.

***Sat, Mar 11: Change clocks AHEAD one hour. Change batteries in smoke alarms.**

Sun, Mar 12: Mass, 10:30am. NO St. Patrick party that day.

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

Tues, Mar 14: Bible Study, SDC. Bring your own lunch.

Sat, Mar 18, 1-6pm, Hawthorne Race Event to support Deaf Children.

Sun, Mar 19: Mass, 10:30am. IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP after Mass.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie. St. Patrick party.

Tues, Mar 21: Bible Study at SDC. Bring your own lunch.

Thurs, Mar 23, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sat, Mar 25, 11am: Confirmation, St. Francis Borgia.

Sun, Mar 26: Mass, 10:30am. S. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH celebration.

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

Tues, Mar 28: Bible Study, SDC. Bring your own lunch.

PRAY FOR: Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasa, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Richard Iovito, Theresa Stanis, 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, Carmen Reyes, Penny Hendee and Arlene Redmond..

READ YOUR BIBLE...ESPECIALLY for LENT!

2/26: Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

2/27: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

2/28: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

3/1: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

3/2: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

3/3: Isaiah 58:1-9; Matt. 9:14-15. St. Katherine Drexel (American, 1955).

3/4: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32. St. Casimir (1484)

3/5: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

A good place to learn about our faith: Fr. Mike's "Kitchen Table" at:
www.frmd.org

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) GOOD QUESTION! Someone recently asked me why the readings each day of Lent “jump around”? During most of the year, the readings at Mass each day follow a set schedule usually giving us readings from the same book for a week or two. During Lent, each day has a different set of readings than the day before. The Church does this so that each day there is a “theme” or idea we should think about. “How do these readings TODAY teach me about God and my life?”

2) NEXT WEEKEND, I (Fr. Joe) will be in MESA, AZ to give a Mission for the deaf community in Arizona. This will happen at St. Timothy Parish, MESA. If there is a funeral or emergency, contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf. FR. MERCADO is in town and will be able to help out.

3) WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP for LENT? How about giving up...gossiping about others or spreading negative stories about people on VP or texting?

4) Cardinal Cupich has made a good suggestion for Lent. The Cardinal feels we all need more “silence” (quiet time to think) in our lives. Cardinal Cupich suggested that after Communion at Mass, we should spend some silent time with God. Starting the First Sunday of Lent, after we receive Holy Communion, we will all (yes, including children) sit quietly to let God communicate His love to our hearts.

5) SAT, 3/18, 2-7PM: Hawthorne Race Event supports HOLY TRINITY DEAF SCHOOL. The event will be in the TURF CLUB, a very nice room at Hawthorne. The food buffet is excellent. (Remember that beer, wine, and pop is included in the admission price.) I (Fr. Joe) hope to see you there that day.

6) MARCH 3-4: IRISH FEST, Manhattan, IL. Near St. Joseph Church, Manhattan. www.manhattanirishfest.com, 815-791-3214. Mkestel.irishfest@gmail.com

7) SAT, 3/11, NOON-MIDNIGHT: Irish-American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chgo. St. Patrick’s Celebration. \$15/adult. Children 12 and under, FREE. Irish dancing, food/drink, exhibits, culture. A wonderful experience of being IRISH!!!! www.irish-american.org. 773-282-7035.

8) Each month, DEACON CASEY prints a list of those who have died that month. He puts a copy on the door in the Deaf Center. Many of these are people I remember in our community. Some are older and go back into the 1950-60s. I always take time to look at the list. It is a good reminder for me.

We all die. No one lives forever. We have been blessed by so many good and wonderful people in our community, hearing and deaf. Sometimes life goes so quickly, we do not take the time to thank people or to tell them we appreciate the good things they have done. Then, one day, it is too late.

During this coming LENT, make a point to be grateful. Thank people – our family, our friends, our co-workers, the person who checks out/serves our food or helps us in other ways - - for their kindnesses and good work. PRAY for the souls of those who have died that they will go to heaven. PRAY, as Jesus taught us in the Gospel last Sunday, to pray for our enemies. PRAY for God’s love to change the hearts of those who seem only filled with evil and hatred.

9) TAX HELP: CHS (Chicago Hearing Society) is offering FREE Income Tax help for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing. Sites include: Chicago Hearing Society offices, Schaumburg (March 8) and Swoboda Deaf Center, March 6. You must RSVP: 773-904-0143vp, keischen@anixter.org ALSO.....EITC (earned Income Tax Credit) can save money for individuals and families. Make sure you ask your tax preparer if EITC can help you.