

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2-7PM: The Day of Three Wise Kings. Fun for everyone, especially families. Special price for families. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. RSVP by January 6: [IDLA.response@gmail.com](mailto:IDLA.response@gmail.com) .

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

SUN, Jan 8: Mass, 10:30am, EPIPHANY (3 Kings). “Rosca de reyes” cake.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. “Rosca de reyes” cake.

SUN, Jan 15: HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

NO 4pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

SUN, Jan 22: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

THURS, Jan 26, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

SUN, Jan 29: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Fr. Roberto.

ASSISTANCE AT MASS: we need more people to volunteer to be READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS at Mass. Please see DEACON RALPH or FR. JOE. Maybe a person says, “I am not a saint.” HA! Neither is DEACON RALPH or FR. JOE!!!!!!

PRAY FOR: Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Fidel Martinez, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasz, George Lastrico, Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, 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. GEORGE BODORS (62) who died 12/20.

WASH YOUR HANDS! NUMBER 1 way to prevent colds/flu: WASH YOUR HANDS!!!!!!!!!!

PLEASE pick up your CHURCH ENVELOPES for 2017. These envelopes help you support our Catholic Deaf Center.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY, ESPECIALLY IN THIS NEW YEAR!**

1/1: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

1/2: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28. St. Basil (379), St. Gregory Nazianzen (389).

1/3: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34. The Most Holy Name of Jesus.

1/4: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42. St. Elizabeth Seton (1821, American).

1/5: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51. St. John Neumann (1860, Philadelphia).

1/6: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11. St. Andre Bessette (1937, “Miracle Man” of Montreal, Canada)

1/7: 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11. St. Raymond (1275)

1/8: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 2:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The deadline to enroll for Affordable Health Insurance is extended again! Enroll before Jan. 31 deadline to make sure you're covered in the new year.

[GetCoveredIllinois.gov](http://GetCoveredIllinois.gov).

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) 1/15: Fr. Roberto, Mrs. Swatek, and I (Fr. Joe) will be at the annual meeting of NCOD (National Catholic Office of the Deaf) in Charlotte, NC. DEACON RALPH will lead a HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 10:30am that day. There is NO MASS at St. JULIE that day.

2) THANK YOU for your many kind gifts, cards, cookies, you were all very generous!

3) Thanks to...BRIAN SWATEK for all his hard work during the Christmas holidays...also thanks to PATRICIA SLISZ, JOHN & VALENTINA FOLERZYNSKI, and BRIAN SWATEK for doing such a nice job decorating the chapel. Many of the hearing people at St. Francis Borgia told me how beautiful the deaf make the chapel each year.

4) SCAMS in 2017: because there is a new President starting in 2017, there will be many new scams to scare people and send money. Do not – NOT – send anyone money, or give them your SS# or your Credit card info. You only send money if you know for sure where you are sending it.

If you receive any letters demanding you pay money to “save your Social Security” or “Keep your Medicare”, do NOT respond. If you have a question, see Fr. Joe or Kim Eischen at CHS or Sarita Phadke in Schaumburg.

5) Next Sunday, 1/8, we will have the Mexican custom of the “Rosca de reyes” cake. Inside each cake there are little statues of Jesus. If you find one, you will have special blessings in the New Year.

6) RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) is one of the best technology universities in the world! It is in Rochester, NY. At RIT is NTID (National Training Institute for the Deaf). There are 1,200 deaf and hard of hearing students who attend NTID/RIT. There are many scholarships available to help with tuition costs. [www.rit.edu/ntid](http://www.rit.edu/ntid)

7) WOW! AARON KUBEY (son of Mark and Kate) works for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). When there were terrible floods in Louisiana this past year, Aaron was there for two months helping deaf families!

8) GREAT HELP! There is now a FREE “Crisis Text Hotline” for any deaf person who needs help because of stress, depression, violence, abuse, problems in relationships, etc. Text DEAF to 741741. You will be connected to a Crisis Counselor who understands deaf people. For more information, go to: [www.gallaudet.edu/news/crisis-text-line-update.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/news/crisis-text-line-update.html)

9) If you know of or have friends, family members, clients or customers who are dealing with substance abuse issues and who are also hard of hearing or deaf, please let them know about Anixter Center's Addiction Recovery of the Deaf program (ARD).

ARD has qualified, caring staff that can support people who have some basic knowledge of Sign Language or who are proficient in ASL with: assessment, individual and group counseling, relapse prevention, refusal skills, sober recreation and leisure, case management, and much more. For more information, contact Sylvia Orozco, Counselor, at 773-904-0105 vp, or Leslie Thomas, Manager, at 773-227-8530 voice, or 773-796-6769 VP. You can also fax them at 773-549-0351. Please help others by passing the information on!