

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**                      **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of CHURCH TIME**

OLD PALMS: please bring your old palms to Church. Give them to BRIAN SWATEK. He will burn them to use for ashes on ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb 18.

MASSES with ARCHBISHOP CUPICH. All these Masses are interpreted in ASL. You also can have a picture taken with you, your family, and the Archbishop. HOWEVER, you MUST get a ticket or register with Catholic Office of the Deaf. THURS, Feb 5, 7pm: St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, INDIAN CREEK. MON, Feb 9, 7pm: St. Domitilla, 4940 Washington St., HILLSIDE. THURS, Feb 12, 7pm: St. John Brebeuf, 8300 N. Harlem, NILES.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT (Obamacare): everyone in the United States must have health insurance. The deadline to register for 2015 is FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup>. If you register by then, your health insurance will begin coverage March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do NOT sign-up for health care insurance, you will have to pay a penalty tax!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Sun, 2/8: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch/meeting in school hall.  
    Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Blessing of throats.  
Wed, 2/11, 8:30am: stuff 2,000 Lenten letters. Coffee & rolls.  
Sun, 2/15: Mass, 10:30am Fr. Roberto Mercado celebrates! Coffee & rolls.  
    NO Mass, St. Julie Billiart.  
Wed, 2/18: ASH WEDNESDAY Services at St. Francis Borgia.  
    NOON: Mass in chapel (Fr. Joe);  
    2:00pm, Prayer Service in large church (interpreted).  
    NO DEAF Mass that evening.  
    ALL Catholic churches have Ash Wednesday Masses and services!  
Fri, 2/20: Workshop on “How to Teach Children who are DEAF and/or DISABLED about Our Catholic Faith”. MARY O’MEARA from Washington, DC. FREE. Voice/sign. 7050 W. Belmont.  
    Pizza/salad/refreshments. Open 5:30pm.  
Sun, 2/22: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.  
    4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon, INDIAN CREEK.  
Tues, 2/24, 11am-2pm: Bible Study – 7050 W. Belmont Center. Bring lunch & Bible!

FLU SEASON is still here! WASH YOUR HANDS: #1 way to prevent spread of germs. Feel sick, feverish? Stay Home; drink lots of water; rest.

PRAY FOR...Retired Pope Benedict, Cardinal George, Rabbi Goldhamer, Sr. Alverna Hollis, Sylvia Kolinek, Marie Volpentesta, Balsitis sisters, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Danny Binion (young deaf man, cancer), George Lastrico, Majka family, Anthony Ariano, Flo Angelucci, Carol Fleming, Donna Taylor, Tom Curtin; Eleanor Mesojedec who died 1/18; victims of terrorism/violence

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY:**

2/1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 95, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28  
2/2: Malachi 3:1-4/Psalm 24/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40. PRESENTATION of the LORD.  
2/3: Hebrews 12:1-4/ Mark 5:21-43. Saints BLAISE & ANSGAR.  
2/4: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/Mark 6:1-6  
2/5: Hebrews 12:18-24/ Mark 6:7-13. St. AGATHA (Martyr, 251).  
2/6: Hebrews 13: 15-21/Mark 6:30-34. Saints PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS (Martyrs, 1537)  
2/7: Hebrews 13:15-21/Mark 6:30-34  
2/8: Job 7:1-7, Psalm 147, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

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

### 1) LENTEN RETREAT DATES:

- ❖ **ROCKFORD:** MARCH 6-8, Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford, IL. beautiful grounds/good food. MSGR. GLENN NELSON. \$95 per person/shared room/two nights includes 5 meals (\$135 for private room). [www.RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/LentRetreatRegistration](http://www.RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/LentRetreatRegistration).
- ❖ **MILWAUKEE:** March 13-15 with Fr. Shawn Carey (deaf priest from Boston) at St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake, WI. Catholic Office of the Deaf will provide a \$100 scholarship to anyone from our deaf community who attends this weekend! INFO: [matenaert@archmil.org](mailto:matenaert@archmil.org)

2) MFP is Ministry Formation program for Deaf persons. MFP is a four year program that trains deaf people to work in the Church. People meet six (6) weekends/year in Mundelein, IL. MFP is an excellent way for deaf people to learn new skills in the Catholic faith. If you are a Catholic deaf person (or hearing person with good sign-language skills), you can join MFP. If you live in the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Catholic Office of the deaf will pay your full tuition. Talk with Fr. Joe Mulcrone if you are interested.

3) SUN, 2/15: I (Fr. Joe) will be visiting the deaf community in SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEXICO. Fr. Roberto Mercado (remember we had a reception when he was a new priest!) will celebrate the 10:30am Mass at St. Francis Borgia. The Mass will be in voice and sign. Fr. Roberto is learning sign-language, so please come to encourage him. FR. ROBERTO is originally from ZACATECAS, MEXICO.

4) A big THANKS to the Building Foundation Committee for last Sunday's "Open House". The Swoboda Family was there, and very excited about the new Center. I (Fr. Joe) am VERY impressed by the work of the Foundation Board and now the volunteers involved at the Center. They have done a very PROFESSIONAL job!

5) RASL (Religious ASL) week in Rockford, IL: July 12-17, 2015. This is a wonderful week to develop your ASL skills for Liturgy, teaching religious Education, Interpreters, or deaf persons signing readings at Mass. It is open to DEAF and HEARING persons. Registration is open, but will certainly be filled up very soon. [www.RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/RASL](http://www.RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/RASL)  
Scholarships are available from the Catholic Office of the Deaf (Chicago).

6) FEBRUARY 7-14, 2015 is National Marriage Week. We should ALWAYS pray for married couples and families. There is a wonderful website for married couples and Families: [www.facebook.com/foryourmarriage](http://www.facebook.com/foryourmarriage)

7) Keep in touch with Archbishop Cupich: [www.facebook.com/Archbishop-Blase-J-Cupich](http://www.facebook.com/Archbishop-Blase-J-Cupich), @ArchbishopBlase (on twitter).

8) EITC: Earned Income Tax Credit can give you money BACK from your taxes! [www.eitcoutreach.org](http://www.eitcoutreach.org)

9) SAT, 2/21, NOON-5pm: Hawthorne Race Track to support HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL for the DEAF. CASH RAFFLE; "Purse" Game, the "Wheel" prizes. TURF CLUB (Private room). INFO: 312-243-8186.

10) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: Weds, Feb 4 - 10 am to 4:30 pm at Congregation Bene Shalom, 4435 W. Oakton, Skokie; RSVP – [hebrewsemdeaf@juno.com](mailto:hebrewsemdeaf@juno.com); Fri, Feb 6, 6 to 9 pm at Panera Bread, 9611 Skokie Blvd, Skokie AND 6 to 10 at Panera Bread, 20530 Rand Road, Deer Park (new location).