

THIS WEDNESDAY, Feb 10, is ASH WEDNESDAY. LENT begins.

- ❖ ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES offer ashes that day. ST. PETER CHURCH, 110 W. Madison, Chgo: priests are on the street in front of the church.
- ❖ DEAF MASS/ASHES, St. Francis Borgia, will be NOON. NO Deaf Mass at night. PRAYER SERVICE, 2:30pm, church, INTERPRETED.

**LENT RULES FOR ALL CATHOLICS**

- 1) Catholics 14 and older do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent.
- 2) Catholics 18-59, do not eat between meals; can eat one large, two small meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Feb 10, ASH WED, see above

Sun, Feb 14: Mass, 10:30am. PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

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

Tues, Feb 16: BIBLE STUDY. 12:30-2pm. Refreshments. Doors open at 11am. Swoboda Center.

Sun, Feb 21: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

Tues, Feb 23: BIBLE STUDY. 12:30-2pm. Swoboda Center.

Thurs, Feb 25, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social, St. Francis Borgia.

Sat, Feb 27, NOON-2PM: FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN at St. Francis Borgia for Confessions.

Sun, Feb 28: Mass, 10:30am. HOT DOG Day. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.

FUN! We can still have fun during Lent!

SAT, Feb 27, 6-10pm: NoMSing Fundraiser, Ascension Parish, OAK PARK.

SUN, Mar 6: CCE St. Patrick's Dinner. Delicious food. Soda bread Contest!

FRI, Mar 11, 5:30pm: "DEAF NIGHT", St. Mary of Vernon Fish Fry.

SUN, Mar 12: St. Joseph Table (Italian), St. Francis Borgia.

4pm: Mass, St. Patrick Dinner, St. Julie Billiart.

SAT, Mar 19, NOON-6PM: Hawthorne race day to support Holy Trinity.

PRAY FOR...Sr. Rita Wigginton, George & Laverne Lastrico, Bob Healy, Susan Postl, Mark Kubey, Balsitis sisters, Evelyn Rzasa, Anthony Ariano, Donna Taylor, Majka family, Marie Volpentesta, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Fidel Martinez, Nathan Kucera

**READ YOUR BIBLE IN LENT:**

Sun, 2/7: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

2/8: 1 Kings 8:1-13/ Mark 6:53-56. ST. JEROME EMILIANI, 1537, patron saint of abandoned children; St. \*JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, 1947.

2/9: 1 Kings 8:22-30/ Mark 7:1-13

\*\*2/10: ASH WEDNESDAY. Joel 2:12-18, Psalm 51, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

2/11: Our Lady of Lourdes. Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Luke 9:22-25. Blessed Mary appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, 1858.

2/12: Isaiah 58: 1-9/ Matthew 9:14-15

2/13: Isaiah 58:9-14, Psalm 91, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

ON-LINE LENTEN RETREAT (Free): [www.kolbehouseministry.org](http://www.kolbehouseministry.org)

FR. MIKE DEPCIK'S "KITCHEN": [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

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

\*St. Josephine Bakhita was born in SUDAN, AFRICA in 1870. She was raised a Muslim. Slave traders kidnapped her at age 7. At age 12, they sold her to an Italian family. She moved to Italy, and eventually converted to the Catholic Faith. In 1896, she joined a group of Religious Sisters, and remained with them till she died in 1947. She had much suffering in her life, but never complained.

\*\* The Bible readings for Ash Wednesday are very powerful. Everyone should read them and think about their lives. During LENT, the Church chooses special readings for each day. We list these readings every week in our Church paper. Want to do something special for Lent? Promise to read the Bible each day.

ITALY 2018: there will be a pilgrimage to Rome to see the Pope and visit Italy in June 2018. If you save \$100/month starting NOW, you will save enough money to pay for most of the trip that year. The trip from Chicago will also go to SICILY.

We have a number of our children in our Religious Education Program making their FIRST RECONCILIATION this Sunday. Congratulations to them and their families: LUIS AVILA-LOPEZ, ALEXANDER LARA, CRISTAL MENA, EDGAR PILLACELA, BRANDON TOLAYO, MAXWELL VESELSKY.

PARENTS: the Art Institute of Chicago offers many wonderful programs for families. They will provide a sign-language interpreter upon request. familyprograms@artic.edu, 312-857-7161.

WED, 3/2, pilgrimage to Holy Name Cathedral. Bus leaves SFB, 10am. Walk through "Holy Door". Tour Cathedral. Mass, 12:10. Hour and a half to get lunch, visit Michigan Ave. Bus leaves cathedral, 2:30pm. Must SIGN-UP. \$5/bus.

MON, 3/14, 9am-2pm: FREE Tax help for deaf persons from Chicago Hearing Society. Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chgo. Must RSVP: Kim Eischen - 1-773-904-0143vp or keischen@anixter.org

DON'T FORGET. Next Sunday, PANCAKE BREAKFAST at St. Francis Borgia to support Mid-West ICDA!

Are YOU registered to vote? 2016 is a very important election year. We vote for President, a Senator from Illinois, many officials in State of Illinois government. For deaf people, there are BIG concerns. What will happen to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)? Will the next president FULLY support the ADA? What about Affordable Health Care (Obamacare) & Medicaid? Will the next President keep these programs or get rid of them? If DEAF people do not register and vote, then they cannot complain when the government cuts these programs.

SUPPORT OUR DEAF COMMUNITY! When you write your WILL or LIVING TRUST, remember to include St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center!

DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: Sat, Feb 13 at 7 pm at Starbucks, 1220 N. Wells (new location at Division Street)

TAX LETTERS: the Catholic Office of the Deaf sent out letters to all those who donated to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center in 2015. You can use this letter to prove deductions for your income tax. If you did not receive a letter OR the amount we wrote down was wrong, please see TK HILL or FR. JOE immediately.