



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 1, 2021



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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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CLP

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ⇒ AUG. 6: This is the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Matthew 17:1-8). This is also the date in 1945, when our country dropped the Atomic Bomb on HIROSHIMA, JAPAN that killed 100,000 people. World War II ended soon after that. Pray for peace!
- ⇒ The new Director for Chicago Public Schools DEAF & HARD OF HEARING PROGRAM is MR. DAILEEN M. FIGUEROA. dfigueroaquintana@cps.edu 773-553-1812v, 773-219-1432vp.
- ⇒ DANGER: The State of Illinois has issued a warning about travelling to several states due to rising numbers of COVID infection and low vaccinations. Look here for updates on safety: www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html Continue to: wear a mask, wash your hands with soap and water, avoid crowds.
- ⇒ Visit the ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. This museum is located in SKOKIE, IL Why visit? Everyone, especially young people, should learn about what happened from 1931-1945. The Nazis murdered millions of people – Jews, Catholics, persons with disabilities, DEAF PEOPLE. The Museum teaches us all about justice and injustice. Also, until Sept. 12, special exhibit about Nelson Mandela, a hero for freedom in South Africa. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org
- ⇒ PARENTS: St. Francis Borgia deaf center will offer its RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM for CHILDREN starting this Fall, IN-PERSON. We need to know asap who will be in our classes. Please see MRS. MARGARET SWATEK who is at St. Francis Borgia EVERY SUNDAY. Or, contact her at mswatek@archchicago.org
- ⇒ SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL (Bingo). We are discussing starting our Senior Citizen Bingo at St. Francis Borgia in SEPTEMBER. We will require PROOF of VACCINATIONS. Must wear a mask. We will limit the number of people who can attend to 50.

SUMMER FESTIVALS:

- Tues-Sun, Aug 3-8: MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR, Woodstock, IL. www.mchenrycountyfair.com
- Fri-Sat, Aug 6-7: Naperville IRISH FEST. www.wsirish.org
- Thurs Aug 12 to Tues Aug 22: ILLINOIS STATE FAIR, Springfield, IL. www2.illinois.gov/statefair/Pages/default.aspx
- Fri-Sun, Aug 20-22: Milwaukee Irish Fest (best Irish fest in the country!). irishfest.com/Milwaukee-Irish-Fest

PLEASE continue to act in a SAFE & HEALTHY way. Wear a mask. Use hand sanitizer, often. Always, ALWAYS, wash your hands after using the washroom.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Next mtg Aug 17. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive, serving students from pre-school through 8th grade.

INFO: www.childrenofpeacechicago.org

EAT HEALTHY! Shop ALL summer at Farmers' markets, some open this weekend.
Find a Farmer's Market near you: www.agr.state.il.us/agrihappenings/display2.php or www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/

Plenty of fun inexpensive family activities in Chicago for the summer.

MOVIES IN THE PARK, different days around the city, plays films with captions.

<https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/movies-parks>



MOSQUITOES: summer in Chicago means lots of mosquitoes. Reduce the number of mosquito eggs. How? Drain any standing water such as children's pool, bird-bath, etc in your yards. That way, the mosquitoes cannot lay their eggs.

Family Together

In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that He has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of His love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:24-35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because He has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that He has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that He will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; He will give them bread that will give them eternal life). Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that He has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

August 1, 2021

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Would that we had died at the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, as we . . . ate our fill of bread! (Exodus 16:3)

As the old saying goes, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." It's better to have a sure thing than to hope for something better that's not guaranteed. That seems to capture the Israelites' complaint to Moses. They would rather be enslaved in Egypt and have enough to eat than trust God to lead them to the Promised Land. After all, they are hungry!

It might seem shortsighted. God had just freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He parted the Red Sea for them to pass through and provided water in the desert. Why didn't they trust Him to take care of them? Why were their sights set so low, on such immediate needs?

The short answer is, it's human nature. The needs that loom before us can make us forget God's faithfulness. It's like the crowd following Jesus in today's Gospel: they searched for Him, not because they had seen healings and miracles, but because He had filled their bellies (John 6:26). Even when Jesus told them that He was the "bread of God," the One who came down from heaven to give life to the world, they still seemed preoccupied with physical food.

It can be hard to trust that in the long term, God will bring good out of a hard situation when all we want is relief. It can be a challenge to remember His promises when all we can see is what we're lacking. We need a sign of God's faithfulness, a reminder that He takes care of us.

The Eucharist is that reminder. Day after day, Jesus offers himself: the Bread come down from heaven. So today, when you receive Communion, place those pressing needs before the Lord. Receive Him and know that He has you in the palm of His hand.

"Lord, Jesus, You are the Bread of Life. Help me hunger for the food that endures."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Aug 8: Mass, 10:30am. NO Mass, St. Julie.
Sun, Aug 15: Mass, 10:30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie (Fr. Joe) Sign up at deaconed@stjulie.org
Sun, Aug 22: Mass, 10:30am. 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.
Sun, Aug 29: Mass, 10:30am.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION.
WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.
Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/
Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass
Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish
Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

Readings for the week of Aug 1, 2021

Sun Aug 1: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Mon Aug 2: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tues Aug 3: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36, 15:1-2, 10-14
Weds Aug 4: Nm 13:1-2, 25 to 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23, Mt 15:21-28
Thurs Aug 5: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Fri Aug 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Sat Aug 7: Dn 6:4-13; Ps 18:28, 34, 47, 51; Mk 17:14-20



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiard: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

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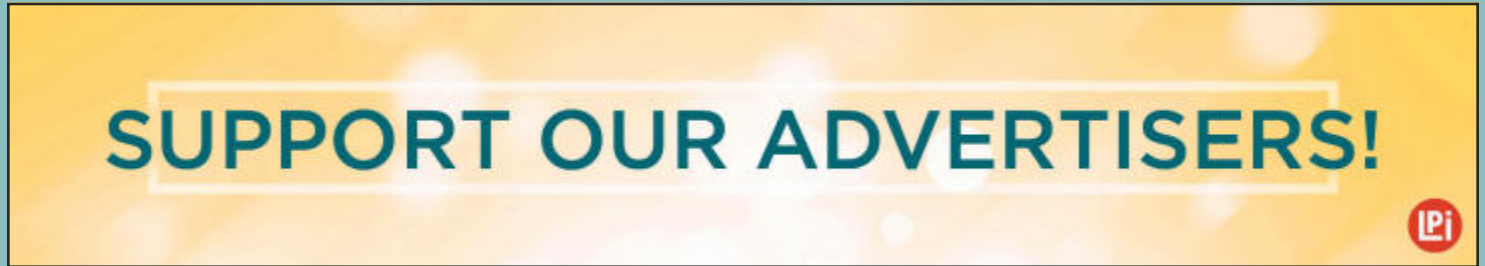
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