



# Signs of the Times



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Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi



Medieval Town of San Gimignano

The Porziuncola in Assisi



Holy Steps, Rome



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome



Shrine San Giovanni Rotondo



Sistine Chapel, Rome

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Registration**

**Join us on a Pilgrimage for Deaf Catholics to  
Rome and the Vatican City  
With Monsignor Glenn Nelson  
See the Brochure inside**

**Please Add These Dates to January–June 2008 Mass Schedule**  
Our schedule was already printed before receiving news that  
Father Mike Depcik will be celebrating Deaf Mass  
February 17, 2008 at St. Thomas More, Elgin at 11:30 AM  
May 18, 2008 at St. Thomas Parish Center, Crystal Lake at 9:00 AM

# Diocesan News



**From the Director:**  
Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am happy to announce that the final plans for our Deaf Pilgrimage to Rome have been finalized. Mark your calendars for June 16-27, 2008. I am including the information in this newsletter so you can make plans to attend. We will plan to visit many beautiful places. We will have time for prayer as well.

Let me mention that this Rockford trip will require some walking. If you are not in good health or have problems walking on cobblestone streets, I would recommend finding another trip to attend that is not as strenuous. I do not mean to scare anyone, but most of us are not used to walking up and down hills everyday for hours. We will not be hiking, but a good check up at the doctor before you sign up for the trip should be done to insure that you can attend.

We ask that if you will be able to attend the Pilgrimage, you have a \$500 check made out to the Deaf

Apostolate by February 16, 2008. Final payment will be due by April 18, 2008. There is limited space so we recommend that you sign up as soon as possible. Please know that the dollar is very weak now so you may want to save extra money than what you expect. Some meals we must provide ourselves when we are there and costs will be high because of the exchange rate. Obviously this is out of our control, but we can pray for a strong economy by June (smile).

On a special note, I want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the Jack Mabley Center and Deaf Apostolate Christmas Parties such a great success! Many people were so generous with purchasing gifts, and I thank you on behalf of the residents of the Jack Mabley Center. The food was excellent and so was the entertainment. Thanks to all for putting us in the Christmas spirit!

I am happy to announce that

father Michael Depcik will be celebrating some Masses for the Deaf Apostolate in the Rockford Diocese. He has already celebrated Mass in Rockford and has agreed to celebrate a Mass in Elgin and Crystal Lake this spring. I hope you will welcome Father Mike with open arms when he comes.

Also, we will be having a Deaf Retreat this Lent for anyone who can attend. Mark your calendar for March 8 & 9. Details are in this newsletter. Space is limited but we hope you can join us for this wonderfully spiritual weekend.

May you have a blessed Christmas season and a joyous New Year.

God bless you all!!!!



This beautiful drawing to the left of the Mother Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the Manger was drawn by our very talented Jessica Gravel. Thank you Jessie for sharing your time and talent with us.



Drawing by  
Jessica Gravel



## Christmas Mass Schedule



DeKALB  
(DEAF MASS)  
Newman Center  
512 Normal Rd.  
  
Christmas Eve  
December 24 4:30 PM

AURORA  
(Interpreted)  
St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street  
  
Christmas Eve  
5:00 PM



CRYSTAL LAKE  
(Interpreted)  
St. Thomas Church  
Route 176 & Oak  
  
Christmas Eve 4:00 PM



ROCKFORD  
(Interpreted)  
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel  
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.  
  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 PM  
  
Christmas Day 9:30 AM

## New Year's Mass Schedule



AURORA  
(Interpreted)  
St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street  
January 1st 9:30 AM  
(if interpreter is available)

CRYSTAL LAKE  
(Interpreted)  
St. Thomas Church  
Route 176 & Oak  
Upon Request to  
Mary Donner  
Dockie50@yahoo.com

DeKALB  
(DEAF MASS)  
Newman Center  
512 Normal Rd.  
10:00 AM

ROCKFORD  
(Interpreted)  
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel  
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.  
January 1st 12:10 PM

Mary,  
Mother of God  
IS a Holy Day  
of  
Obligation

### DeKalb

Christ the Teacher/Newman Center  
  
512 Normal Road, DeKalb, IL 60115  
Library/Hoffman Room  
  
TBA

### Bible Study:

### "Why Catholic?"



### Rockford

Diocese of Rockford :  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
  
555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL, 61108  
  
January 26, 2008  
10AM-12:00 Noon

## Please pray for...

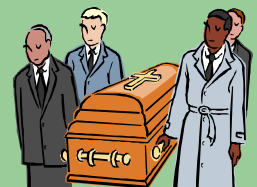
Those who are sick:

Jenny Manalli



Those who have died:

Clara Gratto—November 21, 2007  
Grandmother of Wendy Adams



# Christmas Party Pictures

PICTURES FROM DeKALB PARTY: DECEMBER 16, 2007



PICTURES FROM JACK MABLEY CENTER: DECEMBER 15, 2007

