



Signs of the Times



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Retreat Pictures

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**Annual Picnic
July 20, 2008**

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Lenten Retreat

March 13-15, 2009

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Congratulations!

**Award Winner,
Confirmation,
1st Communions,
Baptism**

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Looking Back at Our 2007 Deaf Retreat

"What a great time!" those words were repeated by all who attended the first Deaf Retreat, sponsored by The Deaf Ladies of the Visitation (DLV). Cathy Signor and Monsignor Nelson lead the retreat. Everyone had time for friendship, story sharing, praying and reflection. Some of the highlights were learning how to pray the rosary and Divine Mercy, making rosaries, attending Mass at St. Mary in Oregon, Illinois, watching a movie about St. Faustina and going out for pizza. Before breakfast Sunday, supplied by DLV, Msgr. celebrated Mass. Cathy says thank you to the members of DLV for their hard work and help, and would like everyone to continue doing something for the poor. Cathy asks everyone who is making rosaries, knitting caps or scarves for the poor to send them to her (cathy.signor@yahoo.com). Msgr. Nelson will bless them before sending them to the poor in India. This was our first retreat and we plan to be even better with our next one March 13-15, 2009 (see pg. 3)

Diocesan News



From the Director:
Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring has been a wonderful time of celebration for us all. What a joy it has been to celebrate the many sacraments with our wonderful community. To baptize the new babies; to give the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to our young kids for the first time in Holy Communion; to see our young people Confirmed in the Catholic Faith with a sacrament of receiving gifts of the Holy Spirit. It has truly been a busy and joyous spring.

Spring also means that summer is almost here. I know that many of you were not able to go to the Pilgrimage to Rome...but some are going. I still plan to attend myself and will bring back a report. I know that the committee to plan the event have been working very hard and it sounds like everything is all arranged. If you were not able to

sign up, please pray for those who are going and unite yourselves in prayer with us. The pope usually makes his messages known and you can check out what he has to say online. Check out the Vatican Website at: www.vatican.va or www.vaticanstate.va/EN/Monuments/webcam. Maybe you will see us sign to you!

I am very proud to say that the State of Illinois has recognized the hard work and devotion of the Catholic Deaf communities of Arch/Dioceses of Chicago and Rockford in their service to the residents of the Jack Mabley Center in Dixon, Illinois. I am most thankful to Father Joe Mulcrone, Deacon Casey and the Deaf Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago who for years provided such wonderful Christmas parties for the residents and who invited our participation. It has been a joy for us and the many participants to bring the joy of the Christmas season to

such a wonderful group of residents. It is a joy to see them year after year and to work with Steve Caudillo and his wonderful staff. On behalf of the Deaf Catholics of the Diocese of Rockford, thank you for the nomination and the honor.

Finally, I hope you will all be able to join us for the wonderful summer picnic part we have at the Newman Center. I am always thankful to the volunteers who help plan and organize as well as the Knights of Columbus who donate the meat for our cookout. It is always such a joy to celebrate with you all. I Hope to see you all there!

God bless you all!!!



WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE! www.deafapostolaterockforddiocese.weebly.com

Cathy Signor, Deaf Coordinator for the Deaf Ladies of the Visitation, and their members have created a website for The Deaf Apostolate Rockford Diocese. This website will contain Deaf Mass Schedules, Picnic Pictures, Christmas Pictures, information for all our upcoming events and contact information. Contact Cathy if you have pictures or important news to share on our beautiful website at cathy.signor@yahoo.com. Big thank you to DLV!

Please pray for...



Those who are sick:

Mary Hendrix

Those who have died:

Wrenolen Whitmore—March 6, 2008

Grandmother of Msgr. Glenn Nelson

Peter Cascio—March 2008

Husband of Loretta Cascio

Mariano "Mike" Musso— May 5, 2008

Brother of Del Musso



2008 Annual Picnic and 2009 Lenten Retreat



2008 Annual Summer Picnic

Hosted By Rockford diocese deaf apostolate
And deaf ladies of the visitation



Date: Sunday, July 20, 2008

Time: Mass at Noon with Picnic following at 1:00

Place: Christ the Teacher Parish

512 Normal Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

Meat, Beverages, Cake and Homemade Potato Salad Provided!

Please bring a dish to share with us! What kind? Your favorite picnic dishes like: fruit salad, vegetable tray, relish tray, watermelon, cole slaw, pickles, pasta salad, potato chips, pastas and spaghetti or green salad (No potato salad please).

We will have fun games for the children, prizes, raffle and Bingo game!

Your help is appreciated, volunteers are needed to help with children games & bingo
Please contact Cathy Signor at cathy.signor@yahoo.com to volunteer



From I-88... Exit Dekalb (Annie Glidden Road), drive North. Turn Right on Lucinda (N.I.U. Field House is on the right) Drive to next Stoplight and turn LEFT on Normal Road. Christ the Teacher Parish is one block on right hand side... park in church parking lot (not in University Parking lot)

From I-90... Exit to By-pass 20 to Freeport. Take next exit to 20 to Belvidere. First stoplight on 20 turn RIGHT on Mill road. At stopsign, turn Left on W.State Street. Drive over bridge and turn Right where green sign says Cherry Valley Road (walnut). Go one block and turn LEFT onto Cherry Valley Road (says also Genoa Road). Drive many miles and turn RIGHT onto Annie Glidden Road. Drive many miles to N.I.U. campus and Turn LEFT on Hillcrest. Turn Right at stopsign on Normal Road. Christ the Teacher parish./Newman Center Church is on your left about 3 blocks down: park in church parking lot (not in University Parking lot)

Deaf Ladies of the Visitation 2009 Rosary Lenten Retreat



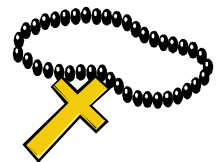
Mark Your Calendar in 2009 Now for This Special Retreat!
March 13-15, 2009 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford, IL

Topic: How to pray the Rosary with St. Michael

(More information on this retreat in upcoming issues)

If you were able to join us for our first Rosary Retreat you will probably agree it was a useful time of reflection. We learned so much about the rosary, prayer and just had a great time sharing with others. See some pictures on page 4 of this issue.

(contact Cathy Signor at cathy.signor@yahoo.com for more info)



Congratulations!

Caitlin Sesko

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Feb.25 - Mar.2,2008



The daughter of Ralph and Wendy Sesko earned this award from nominations by her teachers based on attitude, behavior and effort.

Congratulations Caitlin!

Congratulations! On Your First Communion



Spencer Foulks
Son of Jim & Julie Foulks

Rachel Nedved
Daughter of Thomas & Carla Nedved

Andrew Wisniewski
Son of Mark & Ellen Wisniewski



Travis Joshua Michael Durbin

Son of Larry & Ileana Durbin
Sponsor: Dennis O'Brien



WELCOME! Jaden Mercedes Brower



Granddaughter of
Cathy Signor
Born 12-10-2007
Baptized
4-13-2008
By Msgr. Nelson

Things to Know of Interest



Fr. MD's Kitchen Table

Father Mike Depcik is pleased to announce his new website of Video Blogs or to the computer person, Vlogs. Would you like to know more about the rosary, saints or do you have a question for Fr. MD? Fr. Mike updates his Vlogs every week. Visit www.frmd.org and let Fr. Mike know if you enjoy his Vlogs.

Summer Camp For Deaf Catholics



Camp Mark Seven is offering a Summer Bible Institute week, Sunday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 28th, 2008, in Old Forge, New York. Located on the Fourth Lake in the Adirondack Mountains it was established in 1981 by Fr. Thomas Coughlin and members of the Deaf Catholic Community. Cost is \$375 and includes room and board, conferences, recreation and an ICDA Scholarship of \$100 for any applicant. Travel costs to and from New York are not included. Topic for that week is the Gospel of St. Matthew in ASL. Starts with breakfast, morning Mass and prayer, morning conference on the Scriptures, lunch, recreation (swimming, hiking, reading, boating), afternoon reflection, evening prayers, dinner and a bonfire conference in the evening. If interested, look at their website www.CampMark7.org or contact Carrie Fisher the Camp Director at cmfishio@gmail.com or campdir@campmark7.org.



The Deaf Apostolate of the Diocese of Rockford and Community of St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center of the Archdiocese of Chicago were selected to receive the 2008 Illinois Department of Human Service Group Volunteer of the Year Award. On June 9th, Monsignor Nelson accepted the award on behalf of the volunteers of the Deaf Apostolate. The award is for all the hard work, time, treasure and talent given by everyone towards the Jack Mabley Developmental Center Christmas Party. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone!