



# Signs of the Times



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## Picnic of July 20, 2008 (more on pg. 3 & 4)

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### Help Us Go Green!

Do you have e-mail?

You can help us, See page 2 for details!

### Lenten Retreat

March 13-15, 2009

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Picnic Pictures

### Another Great Picnic This Year!

We did it again! Another successful picnic full of faith, family, friends and fun. The Deaf Apostolate would like to thank Cathy Signor for all her hard work and effort as coordinator for the event, especially the "surprise anniversary party". Cathy told us she could not do it by herself and would like to thank all the volunteers for their fantastic help; especially Dawn Martin, Margaret Pendergast, Bernadette Torba, Wendy Antczak, Tom Nedved, Dave Zarembski, Rita Willibridge, Robert Caron, Christine Bonk, the Knights of Columbus and of course, everyone who attended the picnic and made it successful. Anyone who knows Cathy has probably already guessed that she is hard at work planning for next year. If you would like to help volunteer for any of our events, please contact Cathy at [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com).

# Diocesan News



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

My Dear Friends in Christ,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU,  
THANK YOU!

Words cannot express my deep gratitude to all of you for the wonderful surprise in attending the summer picnic in DeKalb which was a surprise party for my 15th year anniversary of ordination to priesthood. I have to say that I have not had too many surprises in my life... but last July was a BIG one! Smile. All the stories and love you shared with me on that day, beginning with praying Mass together was a joy I will always remember. Your kind words touched my heart! Many of you who could not attend also sent me greetings and best wishes and I am touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness. As I said that day and before, it is a joy to serve you and I thank God for the gift of allowing me to

serve the Deaf Community for so long. I hope to have many more years serving you, my "dear sheep" as your priest and shepherd. I also want to thank the people of the Newman Center too who always welcome the Catholic Deaf Community so warmly and are so generous in their donations to us!

I thank you all for your patience this past summer. As you know, I did a lot of traveling and now that I am home, I am happy to begin our bible study classes again. Check the newsletter for time and location. I would like our first Bible study class this year to be on St. Paul. Pope Benedict XVI declared this the year of St. Paul so I think it would be a great idea to learn more about this great Apostle of Jesus Christ!

I also ask for God's prayers for the Catholic Deaf Community of the Diocese of Rockford. As you know,

we have now concluded the first 100 year anniversary of the beginning of the Diocese of Rockford. The anniversary was September 23rd and now we begin our 2nd 100 years. May God continue to help us deepen our love for Him, and to strengthen our faith. May God also help us find those lost souls who seek for God and help us to be good Disciples like St. Paul in leading others to know and love Jesus Christ!

God bless you all!!!



## HELP US GO GREEN!

As the price of postage continues to rise, we are looking for ways to save money and paper. We would like to send you the Newsletter, Deaf Mass Schedule and other important announcements by e-mail in PDF format and you can print them off at home. If you would like to help, please send an e-mail to either Cathy Signor at [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com) or Deb Beatty at [DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.org](mailto:DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.org) and include your name and e-mail address saying you want to go green! Thank you to all who have asked to go green already. We also have the newsletters and announcements available on our website below.



[www.DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com](http://www.DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com)



## Please pray for...

Those who are sick:  
Our friends or family of the Deaf Apostolate



Those who have died:  
Rose Torres—July 4, 2008  
Friend of Julio and Norma DeLeon

## Bible Study: "Why Catholic?"

Rockford



Diocese of Rockford :  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL, 61108

November 8, 2008 10 - 12 AM  
Social afterwards in cafeteria





# Picnic Pictures



SURPRISE!



Thank you Knights of Columbus!







# Picnic Pictures



Bernadette Torba



Dawn Martin



Cathy Signor



Margaret Pendergast



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Christine Bonk



Yum Yum making some grub!

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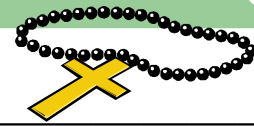
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## Deaf Ladies of the Visitation 2009 Rosary Lenten Retreat

March 13-15, 2009 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford, IL

Topics: St. Paul of Tarsus,  
Chaplet of St. Paul the Apostle Prayers,  
Why Brown Scapular?

It is the Jubilee year of St. Paul!



Did you know... He has been referred to as the "Founder of the Christian Church". He was born in Tarsus as "Saul" around 5 AD and adopted the Christian name of Paul after converting to what is now Christianity. He was an early leader of the growing Christian churches around the Roman Empire, and the writings of St. Paul are the earliest existing Christian writings known to historians. St. Paul is credited with several writings in the New Testament of the Bible, some by himself and some by others in his name. St. Paul was the "13th Apostle." The Roman Catholic church named the Apostle Paul as the patron saint of Malta in honor of his work in converting people to Christianity there. It is thought he was beheaded in Rome, under Nero, around 67 AD.

Did you know... Chaplet is similar to the Rosary, a chaplet is another form of keeping track of your prayers on a set of beads. A chaplet is often a personal devotion to Jesus, Mary, or the Saints, with matching prayers depending on your intention. Catholic chaplets come in a variety of colors, sizes and materials. Often times the chaplet you are praying will contain a Crucifix or medal of the saint the chaplet is devoted to.

Did you know... The Scapular is a "Sign of Mary". If a Catholic chooses to wear the Brown Scapular, day in and day out, it should be a sign of his or her trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary. The word scapular indicates a form of clothing which monks wore when they were working. It stands for a commitment to follow Jesus like Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. This commitment finds its origin in baptism by which we become children of God.

There is so much to learn and reflect on. Do you want to learn more? We hope these topics will make you want to learn more with us. Please mark your calendars now and join us for this special retreat. You will be happy you did. If you were able to join us for our first retreat you will probably agree it was special. We learned so much about the rosary, prayer and just had a great time sharing with others.

Flyer and registration information coming soon. Please contact Cathy Signor at [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com) for more information.



# Announcements

Deaf Apostolate 2008  
 Christmas Party  
 December 14, 2008 at Noon

**DEAF LADIES OF THE VISITATION**  
 PROUDLY HOSTS A  
**DEAF APOSTOLATE'S 2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 \*\*\*\*EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*FREE ADMISSION\*\*\*\*

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008  
 TIME: DEAF MASS - 12:00, PARTY 1 - 4 PM  
 PLACE: NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER  
 CHRIST THE TEACHER UNIVERSITY PARISH  
 512 NORMAL ROAD, DEKALB, IL 60115

**MEAT & BEVERAGE PROVIDED!**  
 PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
 CHRISTMAS DESSERT TO SHARE!

**SANTA FOR KIDS!!**  
 PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA CLAUS!!  
 (\$2.00 -EACH PHOTO)  
 PLAY! SONGS!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, E-MAIL CATHY SIGNOR AT  
 CATHY.SIGNOR@YAHOO.COM OR CALL DAWN BY VP AT 815-965-9840  
 SO WE CAN KNOW HOW MANY WILL COME FOR THE MEAT.



Special THANK YOU to  
 Elijah Williams-Martin  
 Grandson of Dawn  
 Martin  
 for helping design the  
 Christmas flyer with all  
 the art Clips!  
 (printable version on  
 our website!)

**Reminder!** Our Jack Mabley Christ-  
 mas Party in Dixon will be held  
 December 20th. More information at  
 a later date. Contact Cathy Signor  
 for volunteer information @  
[cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com)

**MENU**

**MORNING DRINKS**  
 CHEESE/CRACKERS  
 HOTTAIL SAUSAGES  
 PINEAPPLES  
 VEGGIE TRAY

**LUNCH**  
 Turkey  
 Ham  
 Braeburst  
 Mashed Potato/Croquet  
 Sweet Potato  
 Stuffing  
 Spaghetti/meatballs  
 Green Beans/Corn  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Salad  
 Rolls

**DESSERT**  
 Bring your favorite Christmas dessert!

**BEVERAGE**  
 Punch  
 Coffee/Tea

## Cookie Dough and More Fundraiser



The Deaf Apostolate and the Deaf Ladies of the Visitation (DLV) are having a fundraiser. If you would like to order, please contact Dawn Martin at [purplerosey5@comcast.net](mailto:purplerosey5@comcast.net) or her VP 815-965-9840 and she will be more than happy to assist you. Please pay for your orders before October 23, 2008. You can either drop off the money and orders at Deaf Mass in DeKalb on October 26th or Deaf Mass in Rockford on October 19th. If you cannot attend those 2 Masses, you can mail your check or money order to Dawn Martin, e-mail Dawn for her home address. Please make your check or money order payable to Deaf Apostolate. Either Dawn Martin or Cathy Signor will contact you via email, vp or tty to set up a place, time and date to pick up orders. The orders will arrive in the beginning of November, 2008. This will be perfect for your Thanksgiving dessert or Christmas gifts for your friends, families, etc. Please go to our website and click on fundraiser or enter web address listed below to view the book and make your selections. Thank you for supporting Deaf Apostolate and DLV.

<http://deafapostolaterockforddiocese.weebly.com/fundraiser.html>

We now have a donation page set up on our website. Let your family and friends know about it if they would like to help support the Deaf Apostolate and Deaf Ladies of the Visitation. With a donation (\$25 suggested donation) you can request a free religious item. For more details and donation form, please visit our website and click on donation or enter web address listed below. Thank you from the Deaf Ladies of the Visitation!

<http://deafapostolaterockforddiocese.weebly.com/donation.html>

