



# Signs of the Times



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## Deaf Lenten Retreat March 13 - 15, 2009

At Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford, IL

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**NO DEAF MASS  
MARCH 8TH  
AT ST. THOMAS  
IN CRYSTAL LAKE**

- ~ Story of St. Paul the Apostle ~
- ~ Why Brown Scapular? ~
- ~ Rosary Praying ~
- ~ A religious movie with closed-caption ~
- ~ Deaf Mass ~



### The Jubilee year of St. Paul



Did you know...He was born in Tarsus as "Saul" around 5 AD and adopted the Christian name of Paul. It is thought he was beheaded in Rome, under Nero, around 67 AD.

Learn more about this wonderful Apostle at our Lenten Retreat, sponsored by the Deaf Ladies of the Visitation. See back page for registration information.

Lent Begins Ash Wed.  
Feb. 25th to  
April 11th

The Law of Fasting and Abstinence:

*(These rules do not apply to women who are pregnant or people who are sick)*

**Fast:** [age 18-59] You may eat 2 light meals and one regular size meal. No snacking between meals (unless doctor says you need to or need to take medicine; drinking milk water and juice is ok.)

**Abstinence:** [all ages] Eat Fish is ok. No meat (chicken, beef, pork)

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at Easter time. We Catholics usually practice Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to help make our Season of Lent rewarding. The three days before Easter are special in the Church and we call them "The Triduum", which means three days. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday (celebrating the Last Supper), then Good Friday (remembering the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus), then Holy Saturday (a day Jesus lay in the tomb; a day of rest). At sundown we prepare for the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday we celebrate God's gift of new life in Resurrection. For as Jesus Christ forgave our sins and was raised from the dead, so too he promises us life eternal. That is really something to celebrate and rejoice in!

# Diocesan News



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

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The Jubilee Year of St. Paul continues! God chose this man, Saul, who was persecuting the early church to change his ways and become a follower of Jesus Christ... and change he did. He no longer punished those who followed Jesus Christ but he preached the Gospel message to those who never heard it and helped make more followers to Jesus Christ. St. Paul is a good example for us to see how it is possible to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those people around us and offer to them a new way of life. A way of Jesus Christ that offers to all his children the gift of salvation. To be a good example of a holy life, we have to make sure that we are trying to convert (change) our hearts to make them follow Jesus and not the ways of the world (sin).

If you would like to learn more about this wonderful saint, I invite you to attend our Lenten Retreat at

the Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. There is a registration form on the back of this newsletter. The retreat Center is very nice, and the food is really good. The price is very affordable: \$90 (per person) with a roommate, for 2 nights and 5 meals included. If you do not wish to stay for the evening, and just drive in for the day...then the cost is only 15.50 which includes the Bible study class AND lunch! I hope that you will consider joining us for this Lenten prayer experience. Sometimes we need to just "get away" from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and spend some time with Jesus and this retreat will be a perfect Lenten Experience!

Also, please remember to pray for our new president, governor and new government. The times are difficult now for many people and our government leaders have a difficult job to do. Unfortunately, our new president does not support the protection of babies from the evils

of abortion, so we must pray that he and his administration will convert their thinking to protect all life, from conception to natural death. If you have not done so yet, please remember to write a note to your Senator and Representative to NOT vote for the FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) which, if it becomes a law, will make illegal any laws that help to protect unborn babies from being killed in the womb through abortion. As Catholics, we must do all we can to protect those who are innocent and helpless from harm or death. We pray that all people will change their hearts to support all life, so that all of God's children will be protected from being killed before their time.

God bless you all!!!!



## Easter Basket Blessing

Saturday—April 11, 2009  
Newman Center, DeKalb  
10:00 AM

Join Monsignor Nelson and have your Easter Basket Blessed!

## Please pray for...

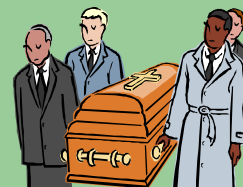
Those who are sick:

Members of the Deaf Apostolate

Those who have died:

Paul F. Hoover, January 6, 2009  
Husband of George Ann Hoover

Carl Briggs, January 27, 2009  
Member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Peoria  
& Heartland Association for the Deaf



# Ash Wednesday, Holy Triduum, Confessions Schedule

## Ash Wednesday, Holy Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

AURORA  
(Interpreted)  
St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25th  
7:00 PM

Holy Thursday April 9th  
7:30 PM

Good Friday April 10th  
7:30 PM

None Saturday

Easter Sunday April 11th  
10:30 AM

ELGIN  
(Interpreted)  
St. Thomas More  
215 Thomas More Drive

No Interpreted Mass

CRYSTAL LAKE  
(Interpreted)  
St. Thomas Church  
Route 176 & Oak

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25th  
Upon Request

Easter Sunday April 11th  
9:00 AM  
(Contact Mary so she can reserve pews. Arrive early as parking lot fills up quickly!)

Triduum Masses upon request  
please contact Mary Donner at  
[dockie50@yahoo.com](mailto:dockie50@yahoo.com)

ROCKFORD  
(Interpreted)  
Holy Family Church  
Alpine & Highcrest Roads

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25th  
7:30 PM

Holy Thursday April 9th  
7:30 PM

Good Friday April 10th  
7:30 PM

None Saturday

Easter Sunday April 11th  
9:30 AM



Ash Wed. February 25th  
April 9th-10th-11th, 2009  
Easter April 12th, 2009

Good Friday is a day  
of Fast and Abstinence

DeKALB  
Newman Center  
512 Normal Rd.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 25th  
Deaf Mass 7:30 PM

Holy Thursday April 9th  
Interpreted 7:30 PM

Good Friday April 10th  
Interpreted at Noon

Holy Saturday April 11th  
Interpreted 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday April 11th  
Deaf Mass 10:30 AM

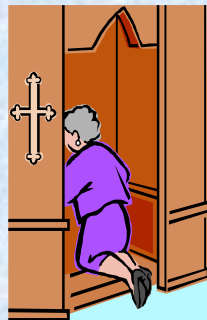
## Confession Schedule

AURORA  
St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street

March 1, 2009  
8:30 to 9:00 AM

ELGIN  
St. Thomas More  
215 Thomas More Drive

March 8, 2009  
After 11:30 AM Mass



CRYSTAL LAKE  
St. Thomas Church  
Route 176 & Oak

By Appointment

ROCKFORD  
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel  
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.

March 1, 2009  
After 11:30 AM Mass

Amboy  
St. Patrick Church  
32 N. Jones Avenue

March 28, 2009  
4:00 to 4:30 PM

Freeport  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
1400 Kiwanis Drive

By Appointment

DeKALB  
Newman Center  
512 Normal Rd.

March 22, 2009  
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Printable colored copies of our Newsletter and event information is  
Available on our website:

<http://DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com/index.html>

(If you no longer want a mailed copy and prefer e-mail, contact [DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.Org](mailto:DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.Org))



# Lenten Retreat

## Deaf Ladies of the Visitation

Proudly hosts

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rosary Lenten Retreat for the Deaf

With *Monsignor Nelson!*

March 13, 14 and 15, 2009

Bishop Lane Retreat Center

7708 E. McGregor Road, Rockford, Illinois 61102

~ Story of St. Paul the Apostle ~ Why Brown Scapular? ~ Rosary Praying ~ A religious movie with closed-caption ~ Deaf Mass ~

Costs for Each Person:

\$90.00 for 2 nights (Share Room)

\$100.00 for 2 nights (Private Own Room)

Includes:

5 meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday), Linens and Towels.

Deaf Ladies of the Visitation will provide snacks for Friday and Saturday nights.

Can't spend the night? Register for a day for \$15.50 and it includes Lunch!

Arrival at Bishop Lane Retreat: Friday, March 13, 2009 at 7 pm.

Departure: Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 2 pm.

REGISTRATION DUE: **MARCH 1, 2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rosary Lenten Retreat for the Deaf  
Registration Form per Person

(Check)

----- \$90.00 for 2 nights (Share Room) (March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> nights)

----- \$100.00 for 2 nights (Private Own Room) (March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> nights)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.50 Saturday, March 13th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM includes Lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.50 Sunday, March 14th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM includes Lunch

(limited number of rooms available, reserve early!)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TTY OR VP (CIRCLE): \_\_\_\_\_

Make a check/money order to "Deaf Apostolate". Mail the check/money order and copy of form to:

Deaf Apostolate Office, Attn: Deb Beatty, DLV, PO Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125

For more information, please contact Cathy Signor, [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com) or VP Dawn 815-965-9840

(See our website for flyer and directions)

<http://deafapostolaterockforddiocese.weebly.com/retreat-flyer.html>