



# Signs of the Times



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## Our Deaf Lenten Retreat Held March 13 - 15, 2009

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### ANNUAL DEAF PICNIC



SUNDAY,  
AUG. 2,  
2009

Begins with Deaf Mass at Noon with our picnic party after from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. See page 4 for more details and we hope to see you there!

### SCHEDULE

INSIDE THIS ISSUE is our July—December 2009 Deaf Mass Schedule

Mark your calendars our annual CHRISTMAS PARTY is Sunday Dec. 20th and JACK MABLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY is Sat. Dec. 12th. Volunteers are needed please contact Cathy Signor



Celebrating The Jubilee year of St. Paul

#### A message from Cathy Signor, our Deaf Coordinator:

The Deaf Ladies of the Visitation and I would like to thank everyone for coming to our 2nd Rosary Lenten Retreat this past March! We had a great time with wonderful prayer services of the Chaplet of St. Paul and the Holy Rosary. We learned about St. Paul and watched a movie about him too. Thank you to Msgr. Nelson who did a wonderful lecture about St. Paul. Thank you to Dave Zarembski for his first time lecture for the deaf about "Why Brown Scapular?", bravo Dave! Thank you also to Dawn Martin, Margaret Pendergast and Mary Permin for help in hosting, set up and clean up, excellent job! One of our deaf e-mailed me to let us know how much they enjoyed the retreat and that her husband improved after the retreat! The retreat was great for inspiration, resting, meeting new/old friends, learning more about God and visiting our beloved God.

Our 3rd Rosary Lenten Retreat is set for March 12, 13 & 14, 2010 at the same place, Bishop Lane Retreat Center. Mark your calendars now and our retreat flyer with more information will be coming soon! We would love to see everyone again!

# Diocesan News



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

My Dear Friends in Christ,  
 Welcome to Summer! It has certainly been a very busy year and I want to thank all those who have helped keep our wonderful activities alive. We are already getting ready for our upcoming summer picnic at Christ the Teacher University Parish in DeKalb on August 2, 2009 (see back page for details). We will start with Mass at 12:00 Noon and then continue with our picnic. I hope that you can make it and join in on the fun. I still remember the homemade potato Salad from last year that was so lovingly made.... I am getting hungry now just thinking about it... hehehe.

I want to thank all those that helped make our Retreat last spring such a GREAT success! We had many participants and such a lovely place at the retreat center in Rockford.... Cathy Signor gave a summary on the front page of the newsletter. I hope you think it was interesting and you will consider

joining us next spring. Retreats give us time to get away from the busy world and focus our minds on God for a short time. I gave a talk on St. Paul (Since the pope named last year a year of St. Paul). This next year, beginning in June, Pope Benedict XVI has named this year the "Year of the Priest." As you know, the television news stories never give us positive stories about priests and many people make fun of priests.... It is good to remember to say prayer for your priests and for future priests. Think about it... if there were no more priests, there would be no more Mass and no more Sacraments... and no more Body of Christ! SCARY! I have known so many good and faithful priests who serve their communities well. Also, God has truly blessed the deaf community recently with a newly ordained priest in Boston, Father Shawn Carey (Congratulations Shawn!!!), and in our area, Christopher Klusman from Milwaukee who is studying to be a

priest and will be ordained a deacon soon. Please pray for these young men and others who may consider the priesthood. As a priest now of 16 years, I can honestly say that being a priest is a special gift from God and I consider myself truly blessed to serve you all. I am not worthy of the task, but I accept the vocation joyfully. I humbly ask for your prayers as well as I pray for you daily. You are a special blessing in my life and I thank God for the opportunity to serve you, "my dear sheep." (smile)

May you have a safe and blessed summer vacation!

God bless you all!!!



Congratulations  
Caitlin Sesko  
 STUDENT OF THE WEEK  
 May 5, 2009  
 Daughter of Ralph & Wendy Sesko

*Congratulations!*



Congratulations  
Lori Cazel  
 On passing your test as a  
 Nationally Certified Interpreter



Congratulations  
Cody Durbin  
 On your First Communion!  
 Son of Larry & Ileana Durbin



Congratulations  
Camila H. Covelli  
 On your Baptism!  
 Daughter of Hirma Covelli

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<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))

## Please pray for...



Those who are sick: Wendy Antczak  
 Theresa Keller  
 Bernadette Torba (Pray for successful hip surgery this summer)  
 Joyce Pusateri (Bernadette Torba's Sister)

Those who have died: Nicole A.LaPlante– Daughter of Melfy Wasik  
 Charles Schaefer– Husband of Nancy Schaefer  
 Mary Keller– Sister of Theresa Keller  
 Joseph Bulat–Uncle of Bernadette Torba





# Garage Sale - Fundraiser!

## Easter Basket Blessing Pictures



### We need your help for our fundraiser



Hello everyone!! It is time for our fundraising to support our Deaf Apostolate again this year! We need any donations of clothes (clean & mended), furniture, appliances (working, please!), books, household items (not broken) and any other items. Anyone who is interested in donating items, can bring them to one of our Deaf Masses only at 2 churches, Holy Family Church, Rockford, IL or Newman Church, DeKalb, IL until the end of August. All proceeds & contributions from the sale will go directly to our Deaf Apostolate and Deaf Ladies of the Visitation. Important: Please let Cathy Signor know that you plan to drop items off and at which Church so they will be there to collect. Cathy's E-mail address: [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com) or VP Dawn 815-965-9840. Deaf Ladies of the Visitation want to thank everyone who is willing to donate!

God Bless You!

You can also visit our website :

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



2009 Easter Basket Blessing Pictures





# It's Time for Our Picnic!



## *Deaf Ladies of the Visitation*

PROUDLY HOSTS

## Deaf Apostolate 2009 Picnic



**COME AND JOIN WITH US TO CELEBRATE DEAF MASS AND PICNIC!**

WHEN: August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

TIME: 12:00 pm - Deaf Mass

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Picnic

WHERE: Newman Catholic Student Center

Christ the Teacher University Parish

512 Normal Road

DeKalb, IL 60115

**\*\*Deaf Ladies of Visitation will provide:** Sandwiches, beverages, desserts and homemade potato salad. **\*\***

Please bring your favorite picnic dish! (For example) Relish tray, Veggie tray, Watermelon, Pasta salad, Fruit salad, Baked green beans, etc.

**Games for kids! Prizes! Chinese Auction! Bingo!**

More information or Volunteers?

Contact: E-mail Cathy Signor at [cathy.signor@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.signor@yahoo.com) or

VP Dawn Martin at 815-977-7640.



**FAITH**



**GOD**



**FAMILY**



From I-90...Exit to By-pass 20 to Freeport. Take next exit to 20 to Belvidere. First Stoplight on 20 turns right on Mill Road. At stop sign, 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 onto Hillcrest. Turn RIGHT at stop sign 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)

From I-39... Exit to I-38 to DeKalb. Drive many miles till you see the tower that says N.I.U. Huskies, turn LEFT onto Annie Glidden Road. Turn 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/Newman Center Church is on your left about 3 blocks down. Park in church parking lot. (Not in University parking lot)

From I-88... Exit to 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/Newman Center Church is on your left about 3 blocks down. Park in church parking lot. (Not in University parking lot)