



Catholic Office of the Deaf



Signs of the Times



Volume 58

Jesus is the Son of Man who came to seek and to save that which was lost! (Luke 19:10)

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Year C: The Gospel of Luke "The Evangelist"

Our Deaf Mass Schedule for Jan. 2010 thru June 2010 will be sent out in late December.

We are now going into "Cycle C" of our Church Year with the beginning of Advent on November 29th. This is called "Year C: The Gospel of Luke, The Evangelist". The Gospel of Luke is the third and longest of the four canonical Gospels [Matthew, Mark, Luke and John]. Luke was a doctor and a man of intelligence. Luke's gospel is a collection of many interviews from eye-witnesses and close followers of Jesus. He learned important facts about the conception and birth of Jesus and wrote them in his gospel (some of the facts were not contained in the other gospel accounts). Luke records the details of Mary's extended family, the ageing couple Zachariah and Elizabeth, and their experiences (as parents-to-be) throughout the conception and pregnancy of John the Baptist. Luke also records details of the conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary (a young virgin), when she is told that she will conceive and give birth to God's Son. So, Luke the doctor records two women, who are at the two extremes of the child-bearing age. These records not only show Luke's intense interest as a physician; they also highlight one of Luke's main purposes in his gospel: to show the genuine humanity of Jesus. Luke mentions the Holy Spirit more than the other two gospels, Matthew and Mark. In his interviews, Luke obtained records of six more miracles that were not included by the other writers. In all the miracles people testify of the lovely kindness of Jesus. He is so tender ("Do not fear", Luke 5:10), generous (Luke 7:47-48) and compassionate (Luke 8:49-50). He breaks taboos (Luke 5:13) and stereotypes of hatred (Luke 5:30). Luke also documents fifteen or more stories in the teachings of Jesus that the other writers did not include. I encourage you to read the Gospel of Luke and learn more of Jesus' life and ministry as told by Luke.

Diocesan News



From the Director:

Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! Another year has passed and once again we are blessed with a new life. We thank God for all the blessings he has given us, even during these difficult economic times. So many people have been suffering during this last year and I know it has been very challenging for them. But we do remember how Jesus himself was poor and just because we may lack luxury items or even simple needs, through charity of others and the church we will always be provided for, and no matter how poor in pocket we may be, we can still be rich in faith, hope and love. Let us remember to watch out for our neighbors. Some people may be embarrassed to ask for help so we want to make sure that their needs are met.

If you remember from last year, the first international pilgrimage to Rome took place in the summer time and there was a wonderful

turn out. Well this November, the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care will hold its 24th International Conference at the Vatican on the topic: The Deaf Person in the Life of the Church. Such an exciting time to see the Universal Catholic Church meet to address the needs of Deaf Catholics throughout the world! I will be attending this conference as an observer and I will bring your thoughts and prayers with me. Please pray for those Deaf Catholics who will be presenting on your behalf. It gives me great joy and hope for the future of the Deaf Apostolate around the globe. This is such a joy to know that YOUR Catholic Church understands your call and wishes to serve you as best as She can. The Church loves all her members.

I invite all of you to help join us in celebrating Christmas this year. Our Christmas Mass begins at 12:00 Noon in DeKalb at Christ the Teacher University Parish on Decem-

ber 20. The party begins afterwards at 1:00 PM. Please join us for prayer and fellowship. Also, thank you to all who have donated gifts for the residents of the Jack Mabley Center. It is always a joy to bring Christmas to the residents there in Dixon, I hope you will consider volunteering to help bring Christ Cheer to a very special community.

Finally, I take this opportunity again to thank all of my wonderful interpreters and volunteers who help make the Deaf Apostolate such an active and life-giving ministry. I could not do this work alone, and I am glad I do not have to...you are all WONDERFUL!

God bless you all!!!!



Please pray for...

Those who are sick: Mrs. Michele Witzak-Madison, WI
Deanne Seymour—Daughter of Steve and Pam Seymour

Those who have died:

Jerry Cross—June 19, 2009 resident of Jack Mabley Center
Leon Bongey—July 13, 2009, Brother of Clara Vilani
Peter Adams—August 14, 2009 Father of Mark (Wendy) Adams
Alvin Knabe—September 11, 2009 Grandfather of Kevin Knabe



Deaf Apostolate Christmas Door Prize Drawing Sunday - December 20, 2009

Raffle to be held at Newman Christ the Teacher Parish, 512 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL.

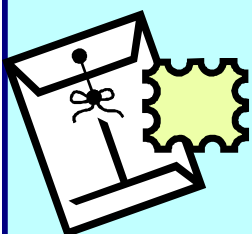
Raffle Tickets are \$2 each ****First Prize is a Wii console** ****Second Prize is a 19" Sanyo HDTV LCD**

****Third Prize is a Sanyo Digital Camera** Contact Cathy.Signor@yahoo.com to purchase your tickets



3rd Rosary Lenten Retreat

Mark your calendars for March 12-14, 2010 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford. We are accepting early registrations! Watch for our retreat flyer coming soon! Please Contact Cathy Signor for information at Cathy.Signor@yahoo.com



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 or Deb Beatty at 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

Picnic Pictures



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Confessions



Dixon

St. Patrick Church
612 S. Highland Ave.

December 12
4:00 PM

ROCKFORD

Holy Family
Parish Center Chapel
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.

November 29
12:30PM

AURORA

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street

November 29
8:30 AM

CRYSTAL LAKE

St. Thomas Parish Center
272 King Street

December 13
8:30 AM

DeKALB

Newman Center
512 Normal Rd.

December 6
9:00 AM
December 14
7:00 PM

ELGIN

St. Thomas More Church
215 Thomas More Dr

December 13
12:30 PM

FREEPORT

St. Thomas Aquinas
1400 Kiwanis Dr.

By Appointment
TTY 815/758-0279

Feast of Immaculate Conception

AURORA
(Interpreted)
St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
7:00 PM

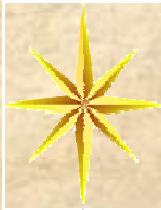
CRYSTAL LAKE
(Interpreted)
St. Thomas Church
Route 176 & Oak
Upon Request to
Mary Donner
Dockie50@yahoo.com

DeKALB
(DEAF MASS)
Newman Center
512 Normal Rd.
7:00 PM

ROCKFORD
(Interpreted)
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.
5:30 PM

December 8th
Holy Day
of
Obligation

Christmas Mass Schedule



DeKALB
(DEAF MASS)
Newman Center
512 Normal Rd.

Christmas Eve
December 24 5:30 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

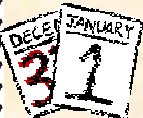


ROCKFORD
(Interpreted)
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.

(Christmas Eve Children's
Mass in Gym 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

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

DeKALB
(Interpreted)
Newman Center
512 Normal Rd.
Possible 10:15 ?
Contact Deb to confirm
DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.org

ROCKFORD
(Interpreted)
Holy Family Parish Center Chapel
Alpine & Highcrest Rds.
Contact Sheila Antosch
On Mass Time
smarcm2terp@catholicexchange.com

Mary,
Mother of
God
IS a Holy Day
of
Obligation



Christmas Party

Diocese of Rockford

Deaf Apostolate Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20th, at Christ the Teacher Parish in DeKalb
12:00 Noon Mass



Deaf Mass at 12 noon ***Christmas Party following at 1:00 PM

Lunch and beverages will be served

Please bring your favorite holiday dessert to share!

Bring the family, Santa Claus will be there for the children
(Please RSVP by December 14th to Cathy Signor at cathy.signor@yahoo.com
or call Dawn on VP at 815-965-9840 so they have a count for the meat)

For menu or directions, see our website listed below
<http://DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com/christmas-flyer.html>



Jack Mabley Center 2009 Christmas Party

Saturday—December 12, 2009 Dixon, Illinois

Once again the Rockford Diocese Deaf Apostolate will be hosting a Christmas Party for the residents at the Jack Mabley Developmental Center in Dixon, Illinois. Through the generosity of many volunteers and Secret Santas, we are able to provide a special day of gifts, cake, pizza, Christmas stories, prayer and a visit from Santa Claus. Special thanks is given to Cathy Signor who helps in coordinating this special day and asks Santa to stop by for the residents. Contact Cathy.Signor@yahoo.com



(Picture of magnet above)

Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnet

\$5.00 per magnet, For the Deaf Apostolate Office to promote the true meaning of Christmas. Purchase yours today!

Send \$5.00 with your return address information to:

Deaf Apostolate Car Magnet Order
Diocese of Rockford
PO Box 7044
Rockford, IL 61125

