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Signs of the Times



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Interpreted Masses will remain at Holy Family. ONLY the monthly Deaf Mass will be held at St. Rita's. Revised Deaf Mass Schedule enclosed

St. Rita's Deaf Mass Schedule:

Mass begins at 11:30am

Sept 5, 2010

Oct. 17, 2010

Nov. 21, 2010

Dec. 12, 2010

6284 Valley Knoll Drive

Rockford, IL

St Rita's Catholic Church

Change in Rockford Deaf Mass Location!

After many years of celebrating Mass at Holy Family Church in Rockford, we are now moving to a different church for Deaf Mass. Due to changes at Holy Family the Chapel will no longer be available at the time when we have Mass. Even though we are sad to leave Holy Family after 20 years, we are happy to have found another parish to open their doors to us. We will now be celebrating the Deaf Mass at St. Rita's church lower level Chapel in Rockford, IL. This change is only for Deaf Mass. The dates and times for the Deaf Mass are in the new revised schedule. The address for St. Rita's is 6284 Valley Knoll Drive, Rockford, IL. We will celebrate the Mass in the lower level Chapel. Please remember this change is only for the Deaf Mass. Mass will still be interpreted at the regular dates and times at Holy Family. We are so happy that St. Rita's opened their doors for us. We want to thank Holy Family and St. Rita parishes and the Pastors for allowing us to have so many interpreted and Deaf Masses. Please remember that God is always with us and He will always provide for us when we are in need. "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." -Matthew 6:32-33 See you at St. Rita's!

Diocesan News



From the Director:

Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

What an exciting time we have all been having! I am happy to say that we had a great turnout at our annual deaf picnic at the Newman Center in DeKalb. The mass was beautiful and what a fun time everyone had during the picnic. The Knights of Columbus cooked up some delicious food for us and it was nice to see all the kids having a fun time playing some games. I was happy to announce the winners for the Chinese auction and the free raffle. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped set up for the picnic. Thanks to all the people who donated items for our raffle and auction.

I would like to remind everyone that there is a change in the deaf mass schedule. Our normal deaf mass date and times will remain for Holy Family Church in Rockford, but due to space we will now be celebrating that mass at St. Rita's in Rockford. (6284 Valley Knoll Drive Rockford, IL) Mass will still be interpreted at Holy Family, but our deaf mass will be changing locations from Holy

Family to St. Rita's. The chapel at St. Rita's is beautiful and I think you will be very happy with the space they have given us. A huge thanks to Monsignor Gerald Kobbeman for opening his church doors to us.

I have been hearing amazing things about the summer bible study that Deacon Dave Zarembski has been leading. Dave's weekly Thursday night bible studies have had a huge impact on the deaf community, and it is really helping those in attendance learn so much and grow together as a community of Christ. Thank you Dave for offering your time and service to God and the deaf culture.

I have also heard very good things about our Deaf Ladies of the Visitation bible discussions. The ladies hold a monthly study on Sundays at different houses. Their next planned meeting is Sunday, September 12th at 3:00 pm. They will be discussing the Eucharist at Bernadette Torba's house. They need to know how many are attending so contact Cathy Signor or Dawn Martin to let them know. I would like to thank all the ladies for

everything that they do for our Deaf Apostolate family.

I am excited to announce that we have a new seminarian to the diocese that is happy to begin his work with the deaf community. If you were at the picnic, you would have seen him, if not I am sure you will meet him soon. His name is Kyle Manno and he will be attending Mundelein seminary at the end of August. He is very eager to work with the deaf community and his love for sign language is strong. He will make a great addition to helping serve Christ and the deaf Catholics.

I am looking forward to all the upcoming events and excited to see all of you at the Deaf Masses that I will be celebrating. If you know anyone that would be interested in coming to any of our Deaf Masses please invite them. We would love to fill our churches with the deaf community and see more people grow in a love for God!

God bless you all!!!!



Please pray for...

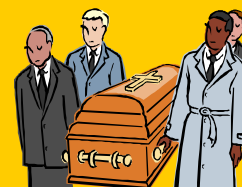
Those who are sick:

Mary Hendrix - sister-in-law to Margaret Pendergast
And members of our Deaf Apostolate who may be sick



Those who have died:

Marie Nesmith, November 12, 2010 - Mother of BethAnn (David) Zarembski
Loretta Olson, April 3, 2010 - Mother of Lisa Olson
Larry Bonk, May 19, 2010 - Father of Christine Bonk
Stacy Frantzen, June of 2010 - Member of St. Joseph, Aurora
Kevin Nesmith, July 11, 2010 - Brother of BethAnn (David) Zarembski





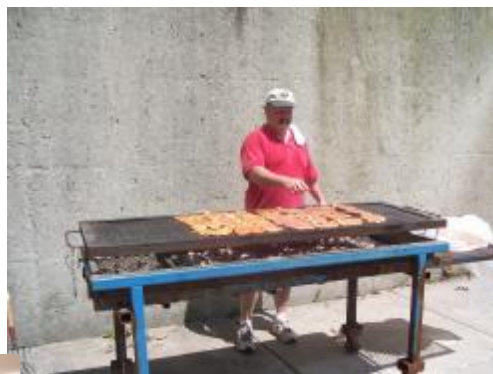
Deaf Picnic



Deaf Catholics got to come together to celebrate Mass and enjoy a picnic as a community of Christ. We had a great turnout for the events and it truly was a fun, faith filled time. We had some of our members' sign the readings and the psalm, and when it came time for the Gospel Monsignor Nelson read and gave a beautiful homily. He taught us that things in the world cannot make us rich, but only God's love is the real richness that a person can have. We must build our house in the Kingdom of God. After Mass everyone headed downstairs to have a picnic. The Knights of Columbus were so helpful; they cooked delicious food on the grill and donated the food they cooked and their time to the deaf community. It was great to see everyone talking and having a good time together. We finished the picnic with a Chinese auction and a free raffle. We would like to thank all the winners and all the people who donated their time and money. We cannot wait until next year to celebrate!



Harold Freeman, Geri Danaher,
Carole Arneson, Pam Goliver



Bernadette Torba and Mary Permin



Carole Arneson, Pam Golliver,
Dan Bowers, Dena Shott

Thanks to the Knights of
Columbus we ate some
delicious food!



Dan and Anne Stanko

More Picnic



Having a good time!



Monsignor Nelson making the crowd laugh!



The kids having fun fishing for prizes!



Look at all the people!



Brenda Nedved



Nathan Fredrick



Dan Bowers



Pam Golliver



and More Picnic



Kyle Manno



Another Winner!



Chris Grimes



Joe Siudzinski



Geri Danaher



Sally Rains



Myrtle Crawford



Carole Ameson



Dan Stanko



Drucilla Ronchea



Carl Gelumbis



last of picnic pics



Dena Shott



TICKET



Dale Thompson



Barbi Hoffman



Alice Thompson



Church Picnic



Oliver Hoffman



Donna Kowalski

Seminarian



Hi! My name is Kyle Manno, I am 23 years old and hearing. I love working with the deaf community. I would like to take some time and tell you about myself and my journey with God and the deaf community. While growing up as a child I always found an interest in sign language, but was never sure where to learn it. When I began studying music at Northern Illinois University I met Monsignor Glenn Nelson. I began learning sign language from Monsignor and began attending mass and events with him. I remember my first retreat with the deaf. After the weekend was over I had such a love for the community and wanted to continue my involvement.

As my college went on I began feeling a vocation towards the Priesthood. Through prayer I came to understand that God called me to become a Priest. He also called me to be a Priest who helps teach the deaf. I cannot wait until the day when I am a Priest celebrating the mass for the deaf. There is a huge need for Priests who know sign language and who love the deaf community. I hope that my presence in the Priesthood brings more of the deaf culture to know and love Christ and the Catholic Church. I just recently applied for seminary and have been accepted. I am happy to begin my journey to Priesthood at the end of August!

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."



Summer Bible Study

Weekly by Dave Zarembski
Monthly by Deaf Ladies of the Visitation

Thank you so much to **Dave Zarembski** for having a summer bible study for the deaf. Every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm a group studied the Old and New Testament. The bible study was not only learning about the bible, but also consisted of prayer. Prayer is a very important part of our lives. This summer bible study helped the deaf community learn more about God and grow closer to him in prayer. Many of the deaf said that the bible study was so beautiful and helpful for them. We want to thank Dave Zarembski for bringing Christ closer to us and for his beautiful sign language. Thank you Dave for your service to the deaf community.

Also **thank you** very much to the **Deaf Ladies of the Visitation** for having a monthly bible discussion in your homes! The next monthly meeting is on September 12, 2010, at 3:00 pm. It will be at Bernadette Torba's home this time. Please contact **Cathy Signor** at cathy.signor@yahoo.com or **Dawn Martin** at 815-977-7640 in advance so they have enough tables set up. Please contact them on future monthly dates directly.

Printable colored copies of our Newsletter and event information is Available on our website: www.DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com
(If you no longer want a mailed copy and prefer e-mail, contact DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.Org)

Announcements



Mark your calendars
now!

**Jack Mabley Christmas Party
Saturday Dec. 11, 2010**



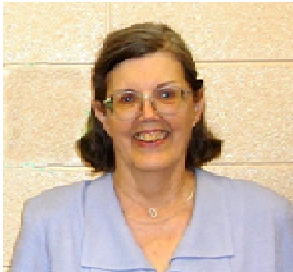
**Deaf Christmas Party
Sunday Dec. 19, 2010
Starting with Noon Mass @ the Newman Center**

Congratulations!

Jacob A Brower was born on
June 1, 2010 to Ben and
Kristi Brower.



This beautiful new baby boy is the
grandson of our own Cathy Signor!



I want to pay special tribute to **NANCY M. HUBER** who died from pneumonia, August 14, 2010. Nancy was the person who got me involved in teaching and working with deaf children many, many years ago. Although Nancy retired a few years ago from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Office of the Deaf, she continued to volunteer to help the deaf community. She was a religious educator for the deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children for over 40 years, founding board member of the National Catholic Office of the Deaf. A member of the

International Catholic Deaf Association, Board Member of Choices, recipient of numerous awards locally and nationally, for her work in special education and the religious formation of children. A faithful Catholic and teacher of deaf children in the Chicago Public Schools and Holy Trinity School, and a strong supporter CARE (Chicago Association of Religious Educators). Nancy will be truly missed and we pray for her soul and those of her family. Thank you Nancy for all you have done for the deaf community. Monsignor Glenn L. Nelson and the Rockford Diocese Deaf Community.

HELP! We need to update our database information and can't do it without you!

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