



Signs of the Times



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Deaf Mass Schedule For July-December 2011

Congratulations Father Christopher Klusman!

Printable colored copies of our Newsletter and event information is Available on our website: <http://DeafApostolateRockfordDiocese.weebly.com/index.html>

Congratulations to Jonathan Handschuh on your 1st Communion May 7, 2011 at St. Mary in DeKalb Son of Hannah Handschuh



Saturday, May 21, 2011, Deacon Christopher Klusman was ordained into the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at St. John Cathedral by Archbishop Jerome Listeki. Monsignor Nelson had the special honor of concelebrating and interpreting the ordination Mass. Newly-ordained Father Klusman celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at St. Matthias Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Many of you know Fr. Klusman in our Rockford Deaf Apostolate family and many people went to his first Mass.

Fr. Klusman has been assigned to St. Roman Parish, 1710 W. Bolivar Avenue in Milwaukee on a half-time basis beginning June 21, 2011. Fr. Klusman attended Neeskara Elementary and Sholes Middle School, St. Thomas More High School and University of Wisconsin-Madison before entering St. Francis de Sales Seminary. Fr. Klusman has a special gift from God in serving as a priest and we thank God for giving us Fr. Klusman! Monsignor Nelson has more on this special event on page two in his director's thoughts. Congratulations Fr. Chris!!!

Diocesan News



From the Director:

Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is finally here!!! I hope you all take some time to enjoy the leisure that God wants us to have. Many people work very hard and we are made by God to live (not just work) ... so just as Jesus spent time with his friends, we must do the same! Please plan to join us in Dekalb for our annual summer Deaf Mass and picnic at Christ the Teacher University Parish/ Newman Center. Mass begins at 12:00 noon and the picnic begins after Mass. Hope to see you there!

I write this reflection with great joy in my heart having returned from Milwaukee to participate in the beautiful Mass where Father Christopher Klusman was ordained a Catholic Priest!!!! It was such a beautiful ceremony!! God was truly present. The church was filled with so many people who drove (and some even flew) to Milwaukee for such a joyous event. It was an

honor and a privilege to be present for such a holy event. To see Archbishop Listecky lay his hands on Christopher's head to change him from a deacon to a priest! From that moment on, Christopher was made a holy priest of God who now serves the will of our heavenly Father, just like Jesus Christ!!! Father Christopher now is able to forgive sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! He can now take simple bread and wine and change it into the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! It seems just like yesterday when he would drive to Rockford from Wisconsin to join us for Sunday Mass or Bible study. We knew back then how wonderful Christopher was. We could see it in his smile. We could see it in his words. We could see it from the way that he loves all people with a generous heart. The Catholic Church is truly blessed to have Father Christopher Klusman serve as a holy priest! Please remember to say some prayers for Father Klusman who

now has to learn what it means to work as a priest. I remember my first years as a "baby priest" and there was so much to learn. I enjoyed my first years very much and I remember the wonderful support and love I received from the people I served. Please remember to do the same for Father Christopher who I know will appreciate the support. God bless you Father Christopher, thank you for responding to God's call to serve as a priest!

Also, please pray that God will continue to call more young men to be priests and young women to be nuns. He still calls them to serve, and they need to have the courage and love to respond. We are all called to serve God, let us all do so with generous hearts!!!

God bless you all!!!!



The International Catholic Deaf Association is holding their 6th Biennial Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois from July 10-15, 2011. The combo rate of \$210 member or \$220 non-member includes the conference as well as welcome night dinner on Sunday, wine & cheese social night on Monday, tour to shrine/picnic on Wednesday and Banquet on Thursday. If you prefer, you can do single events at the non-combo rate \$60 member and \$70 non-member and pay for events separately. The presenters are:

Msgr. Glenn Nelson, Fr. Michael Depcik, Deacon Patrick Graybill and Ms. Marybeth Barth.

The link for registration form is <http://www.icda-us.org/ICDA%20US%20Conf%202011/Registration2.htm>

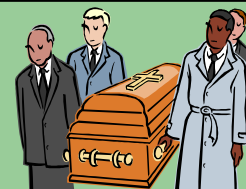
The link for all the conference information is http://www.icda-us.org/2011_ICDA-US_Conf.htm

The link for hotel information is <http://www.icda-us.org/ICDA%20US%20Conf%202011/Hotel.htm>

Please pray for...

Those who are sick:

Those members of our Deaf Apostolate and their families



Those who have died:

Cheryl Meyer died April 18, 2011, at the age of 55 years
Wife of Steve and sister-in-law to Kathy (Robert) Caron

Oliver Leo Hoffman, Jr. died April 22, 2011, at the age of 80 years
Husband of Barbara Hoffman and sons David and John



It is with sadness that we announce the passing away of Oliver Hoffman, we will miss him dearly.

*Please pray for him and the repose of his soul.
May God lead him into paradise.*



Mark your calendars, it is Picnic time!

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Deaf Ladies of the Visitation

PROUDLY HOSTS

Deaf Apostolate 2011 Picnic



WHEN: July 24, 2011

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



COME AND JOIN WITH US TO CELEBRATE MASS & PICNIC!

*** The sandwiches, beverages, cake and homemade potato salad will be provided. ***

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISHES!

(For example) Relish Tray, Veggie Tray, Watermelon, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Baked Green Beans, Fruit Tray, etc.

Games for kids! Prizes! Chinese Auction!

Everyone is Welcome!

More information or Volunteers?
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Fr. Klusman's Ordination Pictures



Congratulations!

