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TERRI'S MEMO



Dear Friends,
Spring will be here soon! The weather sure has been warm these past few days – I am looking forward to the green grass, the flowers blooming and

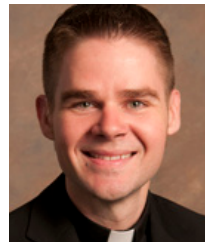
plenty of sunshine.

Recently at Mass, I heard one of my favorite Gospels of the Transfiguration. “Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.” At that moment, I recalled seeing the site while in the Holy Land. When God said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” I realized that this is when Jesus shows himself to his friends that he is divine and human. God shows his glory through his son, Jesus, and we are to follow his ways to do well and serve one another. I am so in awe how the readings in the Mass inspire me to try to work harder to do the will of God. When we share our stories, we learn from each other and do good deeds.

Here are some of the highlights of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry program: The Ephpheta/ICDA Chapter #7 hosted the Annual Christmas Dinner at Meyers this past December. Fr. Christopher celebrated Mass then dinner and prizes.

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FR. CK'S CORNER



By Fr. Christopher Klusman

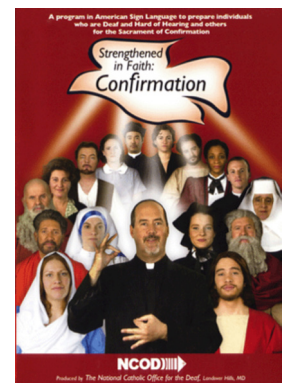
When I watched NCOD's *Strengthened in Faith: Confirmation DVD*, I was blown away. It is one of the most beautiful DVDs

that we have in ASL that richly explains about many parts of our beautiful Catholic Church that Jesus Christ founded for us.

This DVD greatly benefits the Deaf community as well as the hearing communities.

One of my most favorite and inspiring parts of the DVD is about the saints who share information about themselves.

It brought tears to my eyes when the actors/actresses dress like the saints and are signing in ASL! For this article, I would like to share with you one of



them: Servant of God Maria de la Luz Camacho, who lived from 1907 to 1934 in Mexico.



During the past few months, I have come to cherish Maria's example because she truly understood the

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MISSION STATEMENT - DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING MINISTRY

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee exists to enable all Catholic Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to participate fully in the liturgical, educational, pastoral, spiritual, and human concerns ministries in the Church.

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Eucharist, which is actually the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Himself. You would not believe the sadness that wrecked my heart these last few months at various people telling me that the Eucharist is just a symbol. There is no way that the Eucharist is a symbol. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself. Let's get to know who Maria was:

She was born on Mary 17, 1907 in Mexico City. Her beautiful name (Maria de la Luz) means "Maria of the light." "Of the light" can mean of God, who is the Light Himself. I always love seeing Jesus as the Son, but also the Sun. There is a great story about her when she was

8 years old. At school, someone broke a tool in her arts and crafts class, but it was Maria who was blamed, scolded, and told to pay for the damages. Maria didn't defend herself, but only accepted humbly the false accusation. Eventually her father found out and was proud of her for learning how to suffer in silence.

Her family was strong in the Catholic faith, which teaches us the important lesson of how we want to be strong in our Catholic faith for each other. Did you know that you can have fun (in a good way), in which Maria's favorite trick is to tie a coin with a string that when a person walks by and sees a coin, s/he would go to pick it up, only for the coin to disappear (due to Maria pulling

the string)!

Growing up, Mexico was going through some very horrible, sad, and violent changes. Mexico began to pass laws against the Catholic churches, such as that churches and convents were turned into buildings for soldiers, while priests (imagine this!) were thrown into prison or murdered. Please pray for the souls of those dear priests!

Priests (about 1 priest in the country for every 4,000 people) would risk their lives to travel to various houses to do Mass and offer other Sacraments. Houses would house the Blessed

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The theme was "St. Francis and the First Christmas Nativity." The Deaf community performed a skit telling a story about how the St. Francis' display of the Nativity helps us understand the Story of Christmas. The people enjoyed their time together to celebrate Christmas.

Fr. Christopher, Deacon David, and I attended the National Catholic Office of the Deaf (NCOD) 2018 Pastoral Week conference in Seattle, WA. The theme was "Seek and You Shall Find." They had wonderful speakers who provided us with very interesting presentations and workshops. Fr. Christopher gave a presentation on "50 Years of Mass with Sign Language." Next year's Pastoral Week Conference will be in Fort Worth, Texas, January 2019.

Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office once again will continue with our program called "Catholic That!" We are looking for various

topics that are of interest to our Deaf community. If you have any topics you would like to learn about, please let us know. We are also looking for speakers to share their interests or experiences relating to our Faith.

Here are some exciting events that are happening in 2018:

(1) International Catholic Deaf Association United States Section Midwest Regional Conference will be on April 27-28. ICDA-US chapters from Midwest region will gather for meetings and workshops. Fr. Christopher will give a workshop on "Come to the Table." Auxiliary Bishop James Schuerman and the priests who work with Deaf Ministry will celebrate Mass at the Mater Christi Chapel in the Cousins Center during conference. For more information, see page 7.

(2) Catholic Spiritual Hands will host the Catholic Deaf Family Summer Camp July 19-22, 2018 at Green Lake Conference Center. The theme for this camp is "Hearing

God's Call; Message Received." For more information, see page 9.

(3) The 5th Annual Catholic Deaf Young Adult Weekend Retreat will be on August 3-5, 2018 at the Schoenstatt Center. The theme for this retreat is "Thrive." For more information, see page 6.

(4) We will have our Fall Weekend Retreat with Father Michael Depcik from Detroit. The retreat will be at St. Benedict's Abby in Benet Lake, November 9-11, 2018. The topic of this retreat will be, "Our Lady of Fatima. What about her?" More information will be forthcoming.

Remember to check us out on Facebook! DHHMO: Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office. This has postings, announcements, etc.

May you all have a blessed Lenten journey and a Happy Easter!

God bless,
Terri Matenaer, Coordinator

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Sacraments, in which people, such as Maria, would watch and pray.

When Maria was 15 years old, she was trained to be a catechist, which is a teacher of the Catholic faith. Most Saturday nights, about 80 children would come to her home where she taught about the Catholic faith. She told the other catechists: *"Study, study hard! Only then shall we be able to instill the love of God and of His Church into the hearts of the children!"*

Around the age of 25, she knew already that she would continue to work with the hope of becoming a sister (nun). In the meantime, she became a 3rd order of St. Francis in February 1930. She worked hard to collect clothes and money for the poor and spent time with them. She still taught the adults about the Catholic faith and also taught them how to read.

Maria had a strange dream, when she saw herself lying in a park, filled with red poppies. She shared this with some people. She knew that she would die of grief if she ever denied God. In other words, she would rather die protecting the Catholic faith.

Then comes the famous incident on December 30, 1934: The drunk anti-Catholic group (who are called the "Red Shirts") planned to burn her parish (Immaculate Conception Parish) in daylight. What was worrisome was that a children's Mass was about to begin when the bad group arrived. Quickly, Maria went to dress in her best dress (green with a white collar). Her sister, Lupita, asked why and Maria said, "We are going to defend Christ, our King." Isn't that beautiful? I wish more people would do the same thing as Maria. Maria then stood at the front doors of the church with her sister. She felt afraid, but she said that

is to be expected. She told the Red Shirts that she was not afraid to die for Christ the King – they would have to go through her first in order to go into the church. Maria was worried about the children and the priest. The priest tried to quickly eat/drink the Body and Blood of Christ, while the others tried to lead the children out the back door safely away from the Red Shirts. Maria asked the others if they would join her in protecting the church and 20 people (young women, workers, and some mothers holding their children by the hand) joined her. They shouted, "Long live Christ the King! Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe!" The Red Shirts said horrible things like, "There is no God! God is dead!" How often do you hear that from others? The Red Shirts started shooting at them, and Maria was shot in the breast (as well as some others). While she was dying, a priest anointed her and she passed away peacefully. Remember her dream about the red poppies? The "Red Shirts" were the "red poppies."

Amazingly, the others went after the "Red Shirts," and they ran away. The plan of the "Red Shirts" to burn the church failed! Maria is a hero!

Before her funeral when her body was returned to her father's house, over 2,000 people came by. See the picture of her surrounded by many white lilies. The children who learned about the beauty of the Catholic faith came and left flowers at Maria's body as an expression of their gratitude.

At her funeral, over 30,000 people walked with her body and casket to her resting place, praying and singing. The



archbishop even joined them!

Maria was the first martyr (a person who died defending the Catholic faith) of the war/persecution of the Catholic faith in Mexico. Maria de la Luz Camacho, pray for us!

Fr. Mike Depcik, OSFS, one of our Deaf priests, explained in sign language about Maria de la Luz Camacho that you can watch online: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sLPrB8OiUw. Enjoy watching the video!

In Mexico City in Coyoacan, her relics can be seen and prayed with at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. You can also see the photo of her (see below). I also hope that you can buy the DVD to watch the video of Maria de la Luz Camacho. You can buy the DVD on the *Our Sunday Visitor* website. There is also a Spanish version available, too.

Info from *Faces of Holiness: Modern Saints in Photos and Words* by Ann Ball, 1998.



IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

Lent is a time of reflection and pondering. It's a time of preparation. For many, it's a time of improvement and change.

Being relatively new to the Catholic Church, one thing I would love to see change in the lives of many Catholics (including myself) is how often the Holy Bible is read and studied.

Being raised Lutheran, as many Catholic converts typically are, I was shocked when I heard how generally uncommon it is for Catholics to read the Bible. "We weren't raised to read the Bible," I was often told. I would then ask, "How do you know what you believe if you've never looked into it for yourself?" People would reply, "My parents told me what to believe and I never questioned it."

Certainly, I'm not asking you to question the truthfulness of the Catholic faith. What I'm asking you to do is change things up and go to the source yourself. Don't just take other people's word for it. Open your Bible

and see what God's message is for YOU. Those readings signed during Mass? Read them for yourself! And read what is being taught in the chapters before and after the readings. Those Psalms beautifully shared? Those are songs Jesus sang when he walked on earth. Find them in your Bible and sign/sing them with Jesus!

As Catholics, we believe that every word of the Bible is "written" by God, inspired into the hearts and minds of men to be physically written down on paper. If we truly love God, why wouldn't we want to know every word he has to say to us?!

God has so much more to tell you than what you'll see during Mass. The Bible is an opportunity (an invitation!) for you to learn directly from God.

When I read the Bible, I come across familiar passages that I know from Mass or through religious songs and hymns. It warms my heart when I see them on the page. I highlight the passages so it's easier for me to find



them again later. Some Bible passages I have memorized as favorites and I call upon them for comfort in times of distress or for praise in times of joy. My favorite Bible passage? John chapter 14, verses 2 and 3. (I won't print the passage here – you have to look it up!)

The Bible is such a beautiful gift from The One who loves you more than anyone ever has or ever will. During this Lenten season, ask God how he wants you to improve as you prepare for Easter. Tell him to show you his answer in the Bible. Then open up your Bible, start reading, and watch your life change.

— Shiloh Buchman

MEN OF CHRIST 2018

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, a group of Deaf men attended the Men of Christ 2018 Conference in downtown Milwaukee. It was an amazing and profound experience that provided a lot of great fruit in which we will digest in order to receive its "vitamins and minerals" even for the rest of our lives!

For us, to be able to see thousands of men at the Conference who cared deeply about their Catholic faith served as a powerful witness and affirmation that there is still hope in a world that feels like it has been falling apart at the seams.



The presenters gave such insightful points that helped us to get to know ourselves better and what we can do from this day on...

During the whole day, we learned from outstanding presenters, prayed the powerful rosary, went to Confessions, reflected, prayed an emotional Stations of the Cross, did Adoration & Benediction, and concluded with a Saturday evening Mass with Archbishop ListECKI. Many men who we talked with from out of state applauded on how blessed we are to have a top quality Conference that they want to bring into their own home states. We are already looking forward to the next Conference in 2019!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 18, 2018 Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist/ICDA Chapter 7 held its annual Christmas Dinner at Meyer's Restaurant in Milwaukee. The theme was "St. Francis and the first Christmas Nativity."



▲ Deacon David gave the homily. Sixty-seven people attended Mass.



▲ The food was delicious. Sixty-five people attended the dinner.

Christmas is a time for giving. Guests brought food for the poor, and the food and money donations were given to the food pantry at St. Matthias Church.

Sissy Zoellick served as MC. Elaine Klusman made the fruit basket center pieces, which were then given away at a drawing. Sissy Zoellick made a nice small gift at each plate for us to take home.



▲ The day started with Mass celebrated by Fr. Christopher Klusman and assisted by Deacon David Sommers.



▲ Fr. Christopher Klusman and Rob Kordus told us the story of St. Francis and the first Christmas Nativity.

Officers of Ephpheta/ICDA Chapter 7 include Carlos Velez, President; Karen Lausten, Vice President; Margaret Calteaux, Secretary; Arvilla Rank, Treasurer; Fr. Christopher Klusman, Chaplain; and Deacon David Sommers, Assistant Chaplain. All officers were present.

The committee for the event included Sissy and Todd Zoellick, Carlos Velez, Rob Kordus, and Arvilla Rank.

5th Annual Catholic Deaf Young Adult Weekend Retreat



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7 p.m. Friday night – 1 p.m. Sunday

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“Come to the Table”

41st Biennial Conference

Hosted by: Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist/
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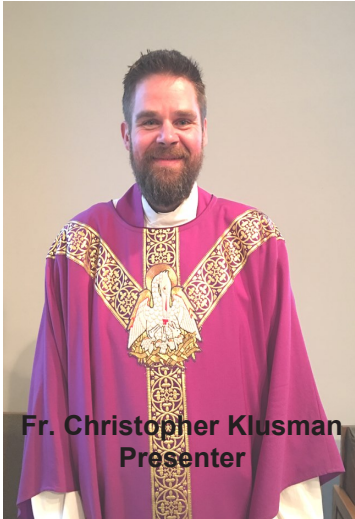
April 27-28, 2018

Need more information?

Visit www.icda-us.org or email 2018icdausmwr@gmail.com

Tentative Schedule

Friday	3:00p - 5:00p	ODMR meeting Part 1
	5:00p - 6:30p	Reception
	6:45p - 9:00p	Workshop Part 1
Saturday	7:30a - 8:30a	Continental Breakfast
	8:45a - 11:00a	ODMR meeting Part 2
	11:00a - 12:15p	Box Lunch
	12:30p - 3:30p	Workshop Part 2
	4:30p - 5:30p	Mass (off site)
	6:30p - 10:00p	Dinner/Banquet



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Come and Join Us!

Sun. March 25, 9 am: Palm Sunday Mass

Tues. March 27, 7:30 pm ~ Interpreted Chrism Mass

at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral

(812 N. Jackson Street Milwaukee, WI 53202)

Thurs. March 29, 7 pm ~ Holy Thursday Mass

Washing of the Feet

Fri. March 30, 6:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm ~ Veneration of the Cross

Sunday April 1, 9 am ~ Easter Mass

Where: Parish Center (behind big Church)

St. Matthias Catholic Church

9306 W. Beloit Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53227

w/ Fr. Christopher Klusman

and Deacon David Sommers



Any QQ? Contact: Terri Matenaer, matenaert@archmil.org



CATHOLIC *Spiritual* HANDS

Hearing God's Call • Message Received

July 19-22, 2018

Green Lake Conference Center

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This is a three-day camp geared towards Catholic families to understand the message received and to hear God's call, through sign language.

Cost: \$200 per site*

Includes campsite, conference room use and other supplies and materials

\$80 commitment (40%) deposit due April 1, 2018

\$120+ balance due May 12, 2018**

REGISTRATION: Online registration at www.csh.faith

You will be subscribed to CSH Camp 2018 mailing list for additional information when released and reminders.



ASL SIGN & INTERPRETED MASS FOR HOLY WEEK MARCH 25 – APRIL 1, 2018

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday – 9:00 am
Good Friday Service – 12 Noon
Easter Sunday – 9:00 am

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

Interpreted Mass
Holy Thursday – 6:30 pm
Good Friday Service – 12:10 pm
Easter Sunday – 10:30 pm

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday (on Saturday) – 4:00 pm
Good Friday Service – 12:00 Noon
Easter Sunday – 10:30 am

St. Matthias Parish Center, Milwaukee

ASL Mass in Parish Center-Chapel
Palm Sunday – 9:00 am
Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm
***Stations of the Cross – 6:30 pm
Easter Vigil – 7:45 pm
(Watch Announcement Mass may be cancelled).
Easter Sunday – 9:00 am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday – 10:00 am
Holy Thursday – 6:30 pm at St. Louis Catholic Church
in Caledonia.
Good Friday Service – 12:30 pm
Easter Vigil (Saturday) – 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday – 10:00 am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday – 10:30 am
Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service – 12:30 pm
Easter Sunday – 10:30 am

Please Note: Mass times subject to change

INTERPRETED AND ASL MASSES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

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 Patty's E-Mail: patty.kostechka@charter.net
 Parish Phone: 262-728-5922
 Parish E-Mail: standrewsdelavan@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.standrews-delavan.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 9:00am

St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

7616 Fritz Street, Wind Lake, WI 53185
 Phone: 262-895-2729
 E-Mail: clarewl@tds.net
 Website: www.stclarewindlake.org
 Closed Captioning Mass: 2nd Saturday of the Month – 4:00pm

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

2133 N. 22nd Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081
 Phone: 920-458-7070
 E-Mail: tewinkelel@catholicnorth.org
 Website: www.stdominic.us
 Interpreted Mass: Please Contact the Parish Office

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

1619 Washington Street. Grafton, WI 53024
 Phone: 262-375-6500
 E-Mail: parish@stjosephgrafton.org
 Website: www.stjosephgrafton.org
 Interpreted Mass: 1st & 4th Saturdays at 4:00 pm,
 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend

1610 Monroe Street, West Bend, WI 53090
 Phone: 262-338-5600
 Email: rprim@stmaryparisheswb.org
 Website: www.stmaryparishwb.org
 Interpreted Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month - 9:30 am

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

9306 W. Beloit Road
 Milwaukee, WI 53227
 Phone: 414-321-0893
 E-Mail: info@stmatthias-milw.org
 Website: www.stmatthias-milw.org
 ASL Mass in the Parish Center-Chapel
 With Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deacon David Sommers
 Sundays - 9:00 am
 Note: If no ASL Mass, then will have Interpreted Mass in the
 main Church.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

6400 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406
 Phone: 262-886-0530
 E-Mail: ckechter@stpaulracine.org
 Website: www.stpaulracine.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 10:00am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

2224 30th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53144
 Phone: 262-551-9004
 E-Mail: rectory@stpeterskenosha.com
 Website: www.stpeterskenosha.org
 Interpreted Mass: Sundays - 10:30am

Shepherd of the Hills Parish, Eden

(near Fond du Lac)
 W1562 County Road B, Eden, WI 53019
 Phone: 920-477-3201
 E-Mail: sgitter@sothparish.org
 Website: www.sothparish.org
 Interpreted Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 8:15am

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IMPORTANT: Fr. Christopher Klusman's text number for EMERGENCY ONLY: 414-793-1369.

Remember, an emergency is:

- A death in the family & make plans for funeral.
- Request for anointing and/or visit because of serious car accident, heart attack, life-threatening health issue, or sudden surgery. Tell me where to meet (hospital, hospice, home, etc.)
- Crisis: Abuse, domestic violence, alcohol/drug abuse, or thoughts of abortion or suicide.

If you have any questions about what is an emergency, please email me at: klusmanc@archmil.org

NOTE: Fr. Christopher Klusman is off on Tuesdays. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Terri Matenaer (see contact information above).

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