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Wishing you and your family a Blessed Easter!

TERRI'S MEMO

Dear Friends,

I looked outside this morning and I was surprised to see the snow on the ground. I thought to myself how can this be, spring started few days ago! I am looking forward to spending more time outside and enjoying the fresh air, seeing the birds coming back and watch the flowers and trees bloom. Springtime!

One of the typical tasks we do in the Spring is Spring cleaning. Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office moved down the hall to be with the department of Intercultural Ministries.

Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry continues to grow in our faith with God. We long to be with him. At our past Christmas banquet, we had the Buchman family performed in sign language about Angels. Caitlin, who is deaf, along with her hearing parents and siblings signed some Christmas songs. It was beautiful to see the whole family perform together to celebrate Christmas with the Deaf Community.

This past February, we lost a very dear friend, Fr. Gerald Hauser, who was a special friend and very strong supporter of our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community. Fr. Hauser has been very generous with his gift of financial support for our past Pilgrimages and Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist – ICDA Chapter #7. We will miss him but I know he will always be with us in Spirit. (See tribute to Fr. Hauser on page 4).

Our Lenten Retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake was given by Fr. Shawn Carey, deaf priest from Boston, MA who was ordained in 2009. The theme of this retreat was "Be Who You Are and Be It Well". We had 34 people attend this retreat and it was a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come

together to pray, reflect, spend time in silence and learn more about ourselves. We learned how we can use our gift of life from God and use it the best we can to serve others.

The D/HH Ministry Advisory Committee continue to work on the Pastoral Plan. We will present this plan to Archbishop Jerome ListECKI for his review. This plan will guide us as we journey with the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Catholics in our Archdiocese.

On February 28th Fr. Christopher had the last 6:00 p.m. ASL Mass with the deaf and hearing community at St. Roman Church. This was a difficult time for St. Roman parish. The change needed to be done due to financial reasons and having the deaf be together at one parish instead of both at St. Matthias and St. Roman. The ASL Masses will continue to be at St. Matthias Church Parish Center – Chapel every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deacon David Sommers.

On behalf of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office, we welcome Brother Joseph Thermadom who is serving as an intern under Fr. Christopher for a few weeks. Previously, his last day was set for May 1st, but now it will be April 28th. (See his letter on page 4).

May you and your family have a very Blessed Easter.

God Bless,

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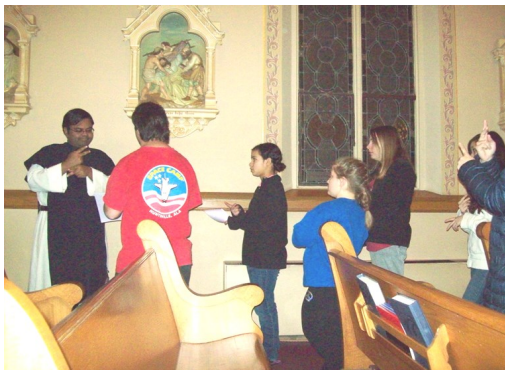




St. Andrew Parish
DEAF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reconciled and Ready

The Deaf ministry for the students attending Wisconsin School for the Deaf receive religious education at St. Andrew's in Delavan. The middle school and high school are journeying through the Lenten season. After receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, they decided something they want to *give up* for Lent and something they would like to *do* during Lent. Last week we celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) where the kids were able to confess in American Sign Language to our Deaf priest, Father Christopher Klusman. We also met Father's intern, Brother Joseph, who is from India and also Deaf. In May he will become a deacon! Then in a year from now he will be ordained a priest! It is such a positive experience for the kids to see firsthand the possibility of religious vocations available to them too in the future. After Confession, Brother Joseph led us in praying the Stations of the Cross in church. That is my favorite devotional! Spiritually, the kids are reconciled and excited to celebrate



Brother Joseph leads the students in praying the Stations of the Cross

our Savior's resurrection at Easter. We pray that all the students will be able to attend Holy Week services at a Catholic Church in their hometown as they will be home for spring break! Our elementary students moved on from creation to the story of Adam and Eve in the beautiful

paradise God created. Then we learned about their disobedience to God and are understanding the reason we needed a Savior. The children made up a play about that event. That class made me smile as I thought they were the sweetest Adam and Eve ever! It



Mia Eldred as Eve, and Bobby Paul as Adam smile with their ashes as they begin their Lenten journey.

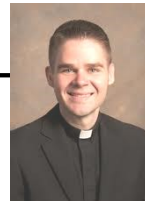
is something I will treasure in my memories. We also learned how the sacrament of Baptism erased the sin of Adam and Eve and made us a child of God! We feel pretty special and SAVED!

After Easter break we will be gearing up to finish the final preparations for one of our students who will be making his First Communion in May and one of our seniors who will be getting Confirmed. A busy, rejoicing time for sure. More details about that special day will be announced later. We are hoping many in the Deaf community will be able to join us for these important celebrations happening on May 6th.

Until then wishing all these readers a blessed Holy Week!

Forgiven and Saved,

Patty Kostechka
Religious Education Coordinator for the Deaf
St. Andrew's, Delavan



With Easter around the corner, many people are excited about the Bunny. No, I'm not talking about the Easter Bunny... since the risen Jesus is the reason for Easter! I'm talking about the Blueeeeeee Bunny, whose name is Robert Zweber.

Robert Zweber, the Blue Bunny? Huh? Let me explain why he is the Blue Bunny... When I was at the Seminary, Robert worked part-time. When I became a priest, Robert was put back full-time at the Cousins Center again. God works in wonderful and mysterious ways! You know what, Robert amazes me! He has the energy, speed, and strength of the Blue Energizer Bunny! He is retiring on March 31, 2015 from (get this) more than **45 years** of service in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee! He probably had the same speed, energy, and strength he did when he first started more than 45 years ago! Or, dare I say, he may have more now than before!?

How does Robert show his speed, energy, and strength?

Speed: During the past several years, I learned to be careful because, at the Seminary and the Cousins Center, in one blink you can see quick Robert and then, in the next blink, he's gone! It is rumored that in one blink, he is in Milwaukee, and the other blink, he can be in Chicago!

Energy: He can go into several rooms in a few minutes! While the Cousins Center looks small from the outside, inside, it is a huge mazelike building, as well as St. Francis de Sales Seminary. He will pop up at the front, then the back, then upstairs, then downstairs, and here and there. He is like a Dr. Seuss story: here and there, over and under, top and bottom, left and right. And, get this too, I never see him out of breath or tired. I truly think he has about 100 Energizer batteries stored up somewhere inside of him and it recharges itself every minute!

Strength: A few months ago, Robert and I had to move some packages. While I offered to carry a package, Robert just picked up a package like he was 20 years old! I was like, "Wow, after working at any place for more than 45 years, I hope I can be as fast, strong, and quick like Robert, the Blue Bunny!" He may have been the strong Samson from the Old Testament?

That is Robert, our Blue Bunny. He worked

for many years at St. John School for the Deaf. When it closed, he eventually worked for the Cousins Center until his retirement, while working for a brief span of time at St. Francis de Sales Seminary.

Robert and I have a lot of memories. When I was a Seminarian, we would have lunch together and we continued that tradition whenever we could at the Cousins Center. I always enjoy bumping into him (that is, if I can catch him with that one blink) and chatting with him, whether it is at the side of the Seminary or in the hallway at the Cousins Center.

The one thing you have to know about Robert is that he always has his trusty notepad and pen with him that he keeps in its front breast pocket. He amazes me that, in his communications with other people, he writes back and forth with them.

I call him the Blue Bunny because he always wears his trademark blue shirt. See a picture of me and Robert. I think it is good that he wears that blue shirt so he can be noticed (within that one blink). If he wore camouflaged/army clothing, we don't stand a chance of catching speedy Robert! He'll truly be the Invisible Man! That is what I will think after his



retirement, that he is still around in spirit, wearing that new camouflaged/army clothing.

I'm sad (in a good way) because it won't be the same without Robert. Like I said, I know his spirit will live on in the halls of St. John School for the Deaf, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, and the Cousins Center. I'm happy for him because, now he can truly enjoy bugging his wife Patricia. I'm kidding. He can finally enjoy the retirement that he truly deserves after all the hard work, energy, strength, and speed that he wholeheartedly put into his work every day of his life. He is truly a man of dedication, focus, and hard-work ethics. We're very proud of him!

Robert, the Blue Bunny, you are in my prayers for a wonderful, restful, enjoyable, and rewarding retirement! God bless you always!

For all of you out there, without blinking, you may catch Robert, the Blue Bunny and please wish Robert a happy retirement as well!

Fr. Christopher Klusman

A Loving Tribute to Rev. Gerald B. Hauser

Fr. Gerald Hauser was a longtime friend of the Deaf Community. He was an assistant pastor at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee from 1947 to 1950. He is one of the 11 priests who are co-founders of the International Catholic Deaf Congress (ICDC) and attended the very first Inaugural Conference in Toronto, Canada in 1949. Today this is now known as the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA). He served as our chaplain for the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist before it became a local ICDA Chapter #7 while serving at St. John's for about 3 years.



When Fr. Hauser left St. John's School for the Deaf, he still kept in touch with the Deaf Community. I first met Fr. Hauser when I was in grade school. Fr. Hauser was a close friend of my mother's cousin. My parents and I would drive to St. Peter's Church in Slinger to see him say the Mass and visit with him afterward. Fr. Hauser and Sr. Susan Staff, SDS (Sisters of the Divine Savior) traveled the world together. They often led groups of people on tours. Sometimes the deaf people would travel with the group. At one time he took 17 deaf people to Russia. I sure wished I had the opportunity to travel with him.

Over the years our paths crossed again when we invited him to attend the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist's 100th Anniversary Mass at the Cousins Center's Mater Christi Chapel on February 12, 2011. (Note: it was on this same date four years later that he passed away on the 104th Anniversary of our Ephpheta Sodality.) He was in attendance for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Listeki. After Mass we had dinner and celebration. I was in awe to see our former moderators, future deaf priest and deaf permanent deacon with Archbishop Listeki blessing the stole we presented to each one of them. From 1947-1950, I admired the officers of Ephpheta for preserving the main points of Fr. Hauser's homilies. Such a priceless treasure we have to remember him by his preaching the Gospel to us.

In the past few years Fr. Hauser has encouraged us to plan a several Pilgrimages with the Deaf Community. He has sponsored all three trips we had. Our first trip to Green Bay was planned with the Sisters of the Divine Savior in memory of his good friend, Alvin Deinlein (who died in 2011). We went to the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help and also Green Bay Packers Stadium. Fr. Hauser was an avid sport fan and met many of the old Packer coaches and players. It was always nice to meet with him after our trips and talk about it. You could see his face glow!

Our sincere sympathy goes to Fr. Gerald Hauser's family and to Sr. Susan Staff, SDS.

I will miss him and his stories of wisdom he shared. I am blessed that he became a part of our Deaf community and we can treasure his memories for years to come.

May the perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in Peace, Fr. Hauser.

Terri Matenaer

Welcome Intern, Brother Joseph Thermadom, OP Miss

My name is Br. Joseph Thermadom, OPMiss and I belong to the "Dominican Missionaries for the Apostolate of the Deaf and Disabled." I will graduate Master of Divinity (MDiv) this May. Right now, I am doing Internship under Fr. Christopher Klusman and he is wonderful role model to me. I was born Deaf in India and grew up in the hearing world. I moved to USA in 2008 for joining in the religious order, "Dominican Missionaries." Now I enjoy to live in both Deaf and Hearing worlds.



Fr. Gerald Hauser Obituary



Fr. Gerald Bernard Hauser, 93, died Feb. 12. Born in Rubicon to Arthur and Julia Catherine (Schmitt) Hauser, Fr. Hauser entered Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, St. Francis, in 1934 and was ordained Sept. 29, 1945, by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee.

Fr. Hauser began his priestly ministry as an assistant pastor at St. Leo Parish, Milwaukee, Oct. 10, 1945. He also served as assistant pastor, St. Kilian Parish, Hartford, 1946; assistant pastor, St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee, 1947; assistant pastor, St. Catherine Parish, Milwaukee, 1950; faculty member, Saint Francis Minor Seminary, St. Francis, 1951; director, Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute, the forerunner of the Office for Continuing Formation of Clergy, 1970; special assistant (development director) to the rector, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, St. Francis, 1980. He retired from active ministry Dec. 31, 1987.

Fr. Hauser spent the majority of his priesthood, 51 years including his student years, at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, St. Francis, as a faculty member, athletic director, director of alumni operations, editor of the Salesianum, director of the Cardinal Meyer Institute and director of financial development. He was also involved in continuing education for priests and others involved in the religious apostolate.

Throughout his career, Fr. Hauser was also a weekend parish help-out priest, including 20 years at St. Peter Parish, Slinger. He made numerous speaking appearances, and developed and led many domestic and overseas travel experiences for friends and benefactors of the seminary.

He was awarded membership in the Jerusalem-based papal Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Order.

Fr. Hauser, a talented and proficient multi-sport athlete, also scouted Major League Baseball professionally and assisted various major universities in recruitment of student scholarship athletes.

He continued serving charitable causes after retirement, including serving on the board of directors for Catholic Knights Insurance Society; initiating and developing two personal charitable Foundations, the Father Gerald B. Hauser Charitable Foundation and the Father Hauser-John Kegel Priesthood Scholarship Fund; and co-founding, with 11 international and American priests, the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) in Toronto, Canada.

Preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Richard Hauser, Fr. Hauser is survived by his sister Dolores (Robert) Weber of Rubicon; brothers Robert Hauser of West Allis and Arthur (Joan) Hauser of Cincinnati, Ohio; and sister-in-law Grace Hauser.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m., at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, 3257 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis.

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Far left: Fr. Hauser with Fr. Zerkel holding Msgr. Gerend's chalice.

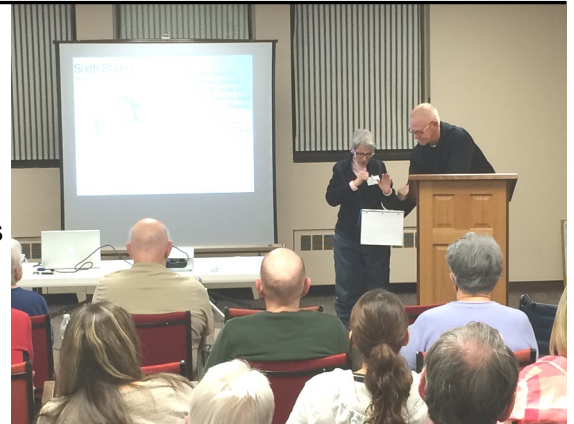
Center: Margaret Calteaux gave stole to Fr. Hauser at the 100th Anniversary of Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist.

Right: Fr. Hauser blessed the hand-made crosses for the Deaf Catholics before their pilgrimage.

Highlights of our Lenten Retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake



Left: Tracy Lenartz praying the Second Station of the Cross.



Right: Susan Sommers praying the Sixth Station of the Cross.



Left: Robert Zweber praying the Ninth Station of the Cross.



Right: Cezar Tinoco praying the Tenth Station of the Cross.



Left: Fr. Shawn presenting the spiritual teaching of St. Francis de Sales



Right: Each group focused on 1 virtue. It was fun!

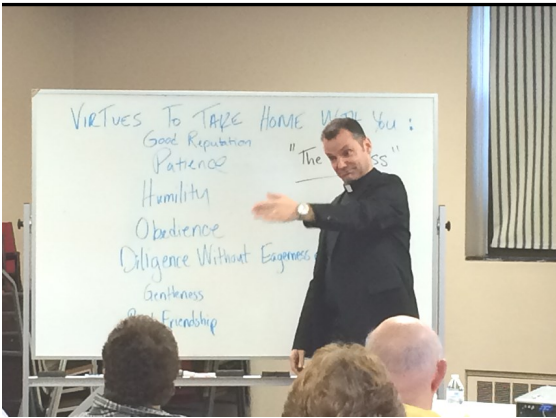


Left: Fr. Shawn blesses the Rosaries.



Right: Karen Lausten and Sue Koehn led the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

More highlights of our Lenten Retreat



Left: Fr. Shawn Carey explains the 7 Virtues.



Right: Fr. Shawn gives directions to selected leaders to lead group discussions.



Left: Group praying during Holy Hour.



Right: Courtney Gunville praying the Second Station of the Cross.



Left: Megan Drefs proclaims the First Reading of the Mass.



Right: Fr. Shawn gives a homily at the closing Mass of the Retreat.



2015 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Lenten Retreat Group Picture

Highlights of our busy Winter/Spring



These Pictures from the 2014 ICDA Christmas Mass and Banquet with Fr. Christopher Klusman and an oscar-worthy performance by the Buchman family



These pictures from the last ASL Mass at 6:00pm St. Roman Parish on February 28, 2015





Mass of Atonement

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015
7:00 pm**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2201 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

“Please join me during Safe Environment Week for our annual Mass of Atonement. This mass is a faith-filled, heartfelt and visible action step as we continue our path of reconciliation and resolution.

While no single statement or event can make up for the painful abuse of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, as believers we know that in Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection, we find hope beyond measure as we move toward a brighter future”

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi



Interpreter will be provided



Interpreted and Signed Masses throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

714 E. Walworth Avenue
Delavan, WI 53115
Patty Kostechka's Phone: 262-728-9751
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 - 9:30am

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 Saturdays - 4:00pm

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

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

St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls

W220 N6588 Town Line Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Phone: 262-251-3944
E-Mail: stjameschurch@bizwi.rr.com
Website: www.stjames-parish.com
Interpreted Mass
2nd & 4th Saturdays - 4:30pm

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

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

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend

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

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 - 10:30am

St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington

1800 N. Wisconsin Street
Port Washington, WI 53074
Phone: 262-284-4266
E-Mail: stpeterport@archmil.org
Website: www.capsweacanconnect.com
Interpreted Mass
Please Contact the Parish Office

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

Good Shepherd Parish, Menomonee Falls

N88 W17658 Christman Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Phone: 262-255-2035
E-Mail: goodshepherd@gdinet.com
Website: www.mygoodshepherd.org
Interpreted Mass
Sundays - 11:00am

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

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
Signed Mass in the Parish Chapel
Sundays - 11:00am with Fr. Christopher Klusman

Times Listed Are Subject to Change



Interpreted and ASL Signed Masses During Holy Week, April 2 - 5, 2015



St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday—9:30am
Easter Sunday—9:30am

St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

Open Captioning Mass
Easter Sunday—10:00am

St. Dominic, Sheboygan

Interpreted Mass
Saturday for Palm Sunday—5:00pm
Holy Thursday—6:30pm
Good Friday Service—12:10pm
Easter Sunday—10:30am

St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls

Interpreted Mass
Saturday for Palm Sunday—4:30pm

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

Interpreted Mass
Saturday for Palm Sunday—4:00pm
Palm Sunday—10:30am
Good Friday Service—12:00pm
Easter Sunday—10:30 am

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend

Interpreted Mass
Easter Sunday—9:30am

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

ASL Signed Mass in Parish Center—Chapel
Palm Sunday—11:00am (10:30am-Rosary)
Holy Thursday—7:00pm (6:30pm-Rosary)
Good Friday Service—7:00pm (6:30pm-Rosary)
Easter Sunday—11:00am (10:30am-Rosary)

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

Interpreted Mass
Palm Sunday—10:30am
Holy Thursday—6:30pm
Good Friday Service—12:30pm
Good Friday Station of the Cross—6:30pm
Easter Vigil—7:30pm
Easter Sunday—10:30am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

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

Shepherd of the Hills Parish, Eden

(near Fond du Lac)
Interpreted Mass
Easter Sunday—8:15am

Times Listed Above Are Subject to Change

What are you doing this Holy Week?

In the Catholic liturgical traditions for Holy Week, we remember and even re-enact events central to our faith. **Holy Week** begins on Palm Sunday. Holding palm branches, we envision Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On other Sundays of the year, the congregation listens silently to the readings at Mass. On **Palm Sunday**, the priest, deacon, readers, and members of the congregation all have parts to read in the Passion narrative. The **Easter Triduum** begins on Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Mass on **Holy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper. The priest may wash the feet of 12 people, re-enacting a very humble act of Jesus as One who came to serve and prepare His followers to do the same. After Mass, an empty tabernacle left open,

the altar laid bare, and empty holy water fonts reflect the desolation the Lord's death would bring. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on **Good Friday** serves as a continuation of the Mass on Holy Thursday. There is no consecration of bread and wine on Good Friday. The faithful come forward in veneration of the Cross. Through day-long fasting and abstinence, we memorialize the suffering Jesus endured and express repentance. After sunset on **Holy Saturday**, lighting of the paschal candle from a new fire on the vigil of Easter symbolizes Jesus, the Light who dispelled the darkness of sin. New members are welcomed into the sacramental life of the Church, as all of the faithful celebrate the salvation won through the Lord Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

Mark Your Calendar

Closed Captioned Sunday Mass on TV

Heart of the Nation produces and televises weekly Sunday Mass nationwide, providing compassionate spiritual care for Catholics unable to participate in holy Mass at a parish. The Mass are filmed at our very own St. Francis de Sales

Seminary in Milwaukee. If unable to attend Mass at a parish, please join with us on TV for captioned Mass on Sundays on Channel 6 (WITI) at 5:30am and/or Channel 24 (WCGV) at 9:00am.



Heart of the Nation
MY SUNDAY MASS

Tuesday, March 31st - 7:30pm - Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

812 North Jackson Street

Milwaukee, WI 53202



Interpreter will be provided



Saturday, April 18th - 10:30am - Ordination of Deacons

(Three men will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate)

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

812 North Jackson Street; Milwaukee, WI 53202



Interpreter will be provided



Ministry Formation Program (MFP) for the Deaf

Do you want to know and learn about your Catholic Faith? Would you like to find out how you can serve as lay ministers? Then the Ministry Formation Program for the Deaf is a good place for you to attend. The Ministry Formation Program is a 4 year program that helps train Catholic Deaf Adults who wish to serve as active lay ministers. This program meets 6 times a year from September to May. The weekend starts Friday evening through Sunday noon.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Registration Deadline is June 30, 2015

If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact:

Sr. Rita Wigginton, OSU; 3105 Lexington Road; Louisville, KY 40206

(502) 416-0126 VP OR (502) 640-4957 Text or Voice OR email: rawigginton@gmail.com

OLD PHOTOS WANTED!

To all alumni who attended St. John's School for the Deaf, this is to let you know that Mark Hansen (Ex-'71) is now collecting original photos for the school history project. Any of you that have your PERSONAL snapshots, bring them to us for scanning. This will help us build a digital library. We will be glad to give it back unless you want to donate them to us. We will preserve those originals hopefully in an acid free scrapbook.

Some of you may taken the old PROFESSIONAL school photos from the 2010 Alumni Reunion or any other times, we want them BACK! Without that, we won't have a better history book, that is for sure. The sooner you help returning them, that would help shorten the research time for this history project.

We will appreciate that you help spread the word to other alumni who may not read about this here.

Thank you for your interest!

Mark Hansen, Deaf Historian

Mark Your Calendar

RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK 2015

July 12–July 17, 2015

This week long program will focus on a variety of aspects of the Catholic Mass. In light of the new English Translation of the Roman Missal; this workshop will be very helpful.



Bishop Lane Retreat Center

7708 E. McGregor Road; Rockford, IL 61102

This year's program is intended for

- **Priests, deacons and seminarians** who work with the Deaf Community
- **Working interpreters** who have been certified (or qualified in their state). Others can send DVD or video to establish skill level. (See registration form.)
- **Deaf ASL lectors** - members of the Deaf community who are **now** doing the readings for Sunday liturgies.

For more information contact Deb Beatty, Coordinator; DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.org
www.rockforddiocese.org/deafapostolate/raslweek

International Catholic Deaf Association - United States Section

July 26-30, 2015

8th Biennial ICDA-US National Conference

Theme: Life in Christ

Doubletree Hotel in Independence, Ohio

Proudly hosted by ICDA-US Chapter #18

New Addition to the Conference—Deaf Young Adults Events

www.icda-us.org



Women of Christ

November 7, 2015

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Theme: Seeking the Truth: 2000 Years
of Scripture & Tradition

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Contact Information

Office Hours ~ Wednesdays 8:30am - 3:30pm

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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.

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

NOTE: Fr. Christopher Klusman is off on Mondays. If it is on Monday that you need a priest for an Emergency please contact St. Roman Church front desk at 414-282-9063 for Fr. Brian Holbus.

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