Hand Hand in Hand

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

TERRI'S MEMO

Dear Friends.

A blessed Advent Season to you.

As we approach the end of the year and get ready to welcome the new year of 2013, I would like to share the highlights of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Ministry Office for the year of 2012.

Early this spring we had an "Open House" for DHH office at the Cousins Center. People came together to prayer, celebrate and share in the dedication. Our special thanks to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for providing the office for us.

We are proud to witness six deaf students being confirmed by Archbishop Listecki at St. Andrews in Delavan. Archbishop took time to chat with each candidate which inspired them deeply.

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed the "Year of Faith" from October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013. This is a good time for us to renew and learn more about our Catholic Faith. We are working with the Office for Evangelization on training and developing a committee to work on planning activities throughout the year.

This past October members of the Deaf Community helped and

participated in the National Deaf Cursillo Weekend #64 at St. Benedict Retreat Center in Benet Lake, WI. We had a beautiful fall weekend. It was a wonderful spiritual experience for all of us. De Colores!

The DHH Ministry Advisory Council met twice this year to continue working on our Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Our next meeting will be in February.

Please remember and pray for all our Deaf brothers and sisters who have passed away this year. May they find peace and the gift of everlasting life.

In December I will be receiving my Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from St. Thomas University. This was a challenging and a rewarding experience. I look forward to continuing my ministry work with the Deaf Community.

May the Christmas Spirit be with you and your family. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,

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Interpreted and Signed Masses

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

714 E. Walworth Avenue Delavan, WI 53115 Phone: 262-728-5922 E-Mail: <u>standrewsdelavan@sbcglobal.net</u> Patty Kostechka's Phone: 262-728-9751 E-Mail: <u>patty.kostechka@charter.net</u> Website: <u>www.standrews-delavan.org</u> Interpreted Mass Sundays - 9:30am

St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

7616 Fritz Street Wind Lake, WI 53185 Phone: 262-895-2729 E-Mail: <u>clarewl@tds.net</u> Website: <u>www.parishesonline.com/scripts/hostedsites/</u> <u>Org.asp?ID=3632</u> Closed Captioning Mass Please Contact the Parish Office for times

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

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

St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls

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

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

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

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee 9306 W. Beloit Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53227 Phone: 414-321-0893 E-Mail: info@stmatthias-milw.org Website: www.stmatthias-milw.org Interpreted Mass in the Parish Center 1st Sunday - 9:00am Interpreted Mass in the main Church 2nd & 4th Sundays - 9:00am Signed Mass in the Parish Center 3rd Sunday - 9:00am (with Fr. Christopher Klusman)

St. Joseph Parish, Waukesha

822 North East Avenue Waukesha, WI 53186 Phone: 262-542-2589 E-Mail: stjosepharchmil.org Website: <u>www.stjosephwaukesha.org</u> Interpreted Mass Sundays - 9:30am

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish, West Bend

1610 Monroe Street West Bend, WI 53090 Phone: 262-338-5600 Email: <u>stmy@stmaryparishwb.org</u> Website: <u>www.stmaryparishwb.org</u> Interpreted Mass 2nd Sunday of the Month - 10:00am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

6400 Spring Street Racine, WI 53406 Phone: 262-886-0530 E-Mail: <u>ckechter@stpaulracine.org</u> Website: <u>www.stpaulracine.org</u> Interpreted Mass Sundays - 10:30am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

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

St. Roman Parish, Milwaukee

1810 West Bolivar Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53221 Phone: 414-937-5977 E-Mail: <u>stroman@stromans.com</u> Website: <u>www.stromans.com</u> Signed Mass with Fr. Christopher Klusman Saturdays - 6:00pm

Good Shepherd Parish, Menomonee Falls N74 W13604 Appleton Avenue 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



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Interpreted and Signed Masses for Christmas



For those listed as "None", please contact the Parish for any changes. Parish contact information are on the previous page (2).

St. Andrew Parish, Delavan	St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend
Interpreted Mass	Interpreted Mass
December 25 th Christmas Day - 9:30am	December 24 th Christmas Eve - 4:30pm
St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake	St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine
Closed Captioning	Interpreted Mass
December 24th Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass	December 24 th Christmas Eve - 4:30pm
St. Dominic, Sheboygan	St. Peter Parish, Kenosha
Interpreted Mass	Interpreted Mass
NONE	Please Contact the Parish Office for times
St. James Parish, Menomonee Falls	St. Roman Parish, Milwaukee
Interpreted Mass	Signed Mass with Fr. Christopher Klusman
NONE	December 24 th Christmas Eve - 6:00pm
St. Joseph Parish, Grafton	Good Shepherd, Menomonee Falls
Interpreted Mass	Interpreted Mass
NONE	December 25 th Christmas Day -11:00am
St. Joseph Parish, Waukesha	Shepherd of the Hills, Eden (near Fond du Lac)
Interpreted Mass	Interpreted Mass
December 24 th Christmas Eve - 4:30pm	December 25 th Christmas Day - 8:15am
St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee Interpreted Mass NONE	*Times listed are subject to change.

Special "Kick-off" Mass will be on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 4:30pm at St. James Parish W220 N6588 Town Line Road; Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 Fr. Christopher Klusman will be presiding. This is a wonderful opportunity to show support and thank St. James for providing an interpreter for Mass twice a month and opening your arms to the Deaf community.

Please see brochure for Deaf Masses & Confessions for December 2012.

For more information to get a copy of the brochure, please contact Terri Matenaer, Coordinator Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry Archdiocese of Milwaukee 3501 S. Lake Drive Milwaukee WI 53235 matenaert@archmil.org 414-203-0552—VP/Voice 262-321-0464—Voice/TTY







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

It's that time of year again when we are overloaded with all the preparations involved in celebrating Christmas. Some of it is fun anticipation; some of it can make us exhausted. In the Delavan Deaf Ministry we are trying to teach our students the anticipation of Christmas in a different light than the secular world shows us with material things.

During the fall season the high school had been learning about our Lord's teachings and the how we live through our body, soul, mind and heart in imitation of God with others through Theology of the Body curriculum. This is a new curriculum we are incorporating with the high school this year under the leadership of Tom Meitner and Father Christopher. The middle school continues on their journey of learning about Jesus' life and teaching on earth and how others were influenced positively and negatively by his words and actions. Hint: The kids were surprised that Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist was beheaded as a gift to a dancing girl.

Now we are preparing our hearts to celebrate our Deaf Mass during this season of anticipation, Advent. All the students will be participating. Father Christopher will be celebrating this Mass on **Wednesday**, **Dec. 12**th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prior to this Mass the students practiced different minister roles and learned the story of Juan Diego and the visitation of Our Lady. We invite all of you to join us for this special Mass at **6:30 PM in St. Andrew Church**. It is always a boost for the kids to celebrate the Eucharist with adult role models of the Deaf community. You are good witnesses to them.

We are also gearing up for our annual Christmas pizza party which will happen on December 19th. The kids always look forward to celebrating this traditional Happy Birthday Jesus party with food, FUN, and treats.

I also need to share with you a request for your prayers for our Deaf ministry. We have had difficulty this year with student attendance. There are many students who should be attending and are not coming to classes. There are many temptations pulling the kids away and tempting them to choose not to participate in classes. We ask the Deaf community and advocates to daily pray for our ministry which is so unique and offers so much to Deaf Catholic students that is not offered anywhere else in the state of Wisconsin. Your Deaf youth are in need of prayers.

Other news that inspires the Delavan area is the continued Deaf Bible studies lead by Deacon Dave and Father Christopher. We are being exposed to and taught the Catholicism series by Father Robert Barron. We are learning so much! The Holy Spirit is moving on those evenings and we have good attendance at these.

On **Sunday**, **December 23rd** we will have a **Deaf Mass at 2:00 with Father Christopher in church.** He will also offer an opportunity for **Deaf Confessions** after Mass. What a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Father Christopher will be celebrating our second Deaf Mass with the hearing and Deaf community at the **Sun.**, **9:30 AM Mass on January 27th.** His first mass with the parish was in Oct. Instead of having an interpreter for the Deaf there was an interpreter voicing for the hearing. It was a very emotional and proud time for the Deaf that attended. It is hard for me to find the right words for the emotions and inspiration that happened during this Mass that we celebrated together. There were many tears. The tears were not only from the Deaf, but also the hearing members of St. Andrew. The presence of the Lord and the feeling of community were overwhelming! I would like to encourage you to try to attend Mass in Delavan on January 27th. The warmth inside St. Andrew's will beat the cold outside.

Though I know we are facing some challenges in the ministry, I like to look at them as opportunities. I always need to stop and thank God for blessing us so richly with the resources and support we have in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Advent begins the church new year. So I wish you a happy new year, and a Christmas journey that finds each of us having room to welcome Jesus in our hearts AND welcome Jesus in the people that we meet during this holiday season.

Make it happy...keep it holy. Patty Kostechka



Fr. CK's Corner

A blessed Advent season to you all! I love Advent because it tells us something GREAT is coming up: Christmas! You know how special our family's birthdays are: your mother's birthday, your father's birthday, your spouse's birthday, your child's birthday, and/or your best friend's birthday. Imagine Jesus' birthday!!!

In my previous article in the Fall *Hand in Hand* newsletter, I mentioned that I would write these columns about aspects of our faith, in recognition of the "Year of Faith" from October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013. In this column, I will focus on saints because they are great role models of how to live faithful lives, as well as our family members.

People often say that Catholics "worship" saints and that having statues and pictures of saints are like "idols." This is NOT true. We do NOT worship saints. We only worship the one Triune God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We practice devotion to our saints. Devotion is not the same as worship. Because of our baptism, the saints become our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is why we say that they are our family members. As we are devoted to love our family members, we are also devoted to love our brothers and sisters in Christ who are saints.

Monsignor Nelson, the Director of the Deaf Apostolate in Rockford, Illinois, taught me an unforgettable example: Having family photos at home and at other people's homes (or even photos from your wallet or purse), they include pictures of several family members who passed away. One person may have a picture of "Papa" or "Grandma" and say that how that person taught him/her so many good things. That person loves "Papa" or "Grandma" and whenever s/he looks at that picture, s/he is reminded of his/her presence and example. You know they would "watch over us." This is the same for us when we have our statues and pictures of our saints. Statues and pictures are like our "photos" of them. They taught us so many things. This is why we have statues and pictures of saints to remind us of our beautiful

brothers and sisters in Christ watching over us and praying for us.

When I was growing up and throughout my years at the Seminary, I often wondered if there were any saints who are Deaf, as well as those who ministered with the Deaf community. Before joining the Seminary, Fr. Mike Depcik, OSFS, a Deaf priest, taught me about St. Francis de Sales, who befriended Martin, a deaf man. I came to respect St. Francis de Sales and asked him for his prayers for me and the Catholic Deaf community. I wondered, "Is St. Francis de Sales the only saint that worked with the Deaf? Is there a deaf saint?"

After becoming a priest, little did I know that my prayers would be answered! Twice! And in a big way! I learned about a hearing man who became a saint during the year 2006. His name is St. Filippo Smaldone (you will see his picture on the cover of the brochure for "Deaf Masses and Confessions for December 2012." See more information on page 3 on how to get this brochure.) He ministered with the Deaf community for many years. And, at the Deaf Cursillo #64 hosted by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, I learned that we have a <u>deaf</u> saint: Fr. René Goupil! God is great!

I will focus here only on St. Filippo Smaldone and I will explain in another Hand in Hand newsletter on St. René Goupil. He was born on July 27, 1848 in Naples, Italy. While in the seminary, he was so involved with the deaf in Naples, Italy. On September 23, 1871, he was ordained a priest! In March



1885, with the help of Fr. Lorenzo Apicelia and several nuns he had trained, he founded a school for the deaf in Lecce, Italy. He was a priest with a big heart for prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and loving service. I was amazed to learn that he was so devoted to the deaf. St. Filippo Smaldone saw the image of God reflected in the deaf. He used to repeat that, just

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(Continued from page 5) as we prostrate (lay oneself flat on the ground face downward in reverence) before the Blessed Sacrament, so we should kneel before a deaf person. Wow! He doesn't mean that we "worship" deaf, but he meant that we are to still see that the deaf are made in the image and likeness of God! This reminded me of Jesus' washing St. Peter's feet, which showed Jesus' loving service to the apostles and how the apostles are called to pass on that loving service of Jesus onto others. This is what St. Filippo Smaldone did to the deaf community. Praise God for the gift of him!

During his journey to the sainthood, he was made "Venerable" by Blessed John Paul in July 1995, "Blessed" by Blessed John Paul in May 1996, and finally a saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 15, 2006. Wouldn't it be so nice to have a statue or picture of St. Filippo Smaldone in our homes? And wouldn't it be nice to pray with him for the Catholic Deaf community in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and everywhere else in the world!? Yes, that will be great! St. Filippo Smaldone, pray for us!

Don't forget again the richness of our Catholic faith! We are so lucky to have such amazing, courageous, inspiring, and devoted saints, who are our brothers and sisters. Thanks be to God!

> A blessed Advent season & Merry Christmas to you all! Fr. Christopher Klusman



Catholic Quiz

- 1. Who is our first pope?
- (a) John Paul (b) Peter (c) Paul (d) John, the Beloved Disciple
- 2. Which is in the New Testament?
- (a) Joshua (b) 2 Samuel (c) James (d) Isaiah
- 3. Mass for Christ the King is a:
- (a) Optional Memorial (b) Feast (c) Solemnity (d) Memorial
- 4. What color does the priest wear during Advent:(a) purple(b) white(c) red(d) green



Prayer for Advent

It is to you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. My hope has always been in you. When my strength fails do not forsake me. But be my hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Promised Hope of all the world. Amen.





Prayer for the Feast of Christmas

A light shall shine upon us this day: for our Lord is born to us; and He shall be called Wonderful, God, the Prince of peace, the Father of the world to come, of Whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we who rejoice in celebrating the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ may deserve by holiness of life to attain unto fellowship with Him. Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome to our new video web series called: "C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith"

This can be found on:

http://www.archmil.org/Year-of-Faith.htm

These videos are captioned. Look for the grey CC on the lower right hand corner to turn on the caption.

Love it? Share it with friends, and encourage them to subscribe to the RSS feed so they can follow the series throughout the Year of Faith.





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Love One Another

October 30, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Saturday at the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St John the Evangelist Cathedral, members of the Congregation of the Great Spirit joined Cathedral parishioners to give thanks to God for the new American saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American woman to be so honored, canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012.

The Liturgy began with a reading of a short biography, "Lily of the Mohawks." A few years after her birth in 1656, her parents and brother died from a smallpox epidemic. Although she survived, her face was left permanently scarred and her eyesight damaged. Tekakwitha means "one who bumps into things," a probable reference to her poor eyesight.

She was raised by an uncle, but she never forgot her parents' Christian faith despite the fact that her relatives did not allow her to study or practice Catholicism. When she was 20, the Jesuits began to catechize the people. Kateri learned as much as she could about the faith and was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1676.

She suffered great persecution by members of her tribe and so she fled her village and escaped to Canada. There, at the mission, she was an example of unfailing gentleness, humility, kindness and good humor, which won the hearts of the people. The Eucharist, rosary and the contemplation of Jesus' passion, was her devotional life.

She made a perpetual vow of virginity, giving herself totally to Christ. Kateri stated, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, Son of Mary. I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

She was only 24 years old when she died, and it is reported that all the scars that marred her face disappeared, when she took her last breath. Her outward beauty was a sign of her inward purity. Her last words were, "Jesus, I love you."

The Congregation of the Great Spirit engaged the faithful in the ritual practices associated with liturgical celebration in Native American worship. Majestic drumming and chanting filled the Cathedral. Father Ed Cook, pastor of the Congregation of the Great Spirit, explained the symbolic gestures and the reverential respect for our God-given creation. The pride that the Native American community felt was evident.

Our nation has not always treated our Native American community with the respect and honor they deserve. However, there is no denying the recognition of holiness in the life of this young woman

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who stands as an example for all Americans through her struggle to live fully the faith. I was present on June 22, 1980 in Rome when Pope John Paul II beatified Kateri. At that time he said, "Her beatification should remind us that we are all called to a life of holiness, for in baptism, God has chosen each one of us 'to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence.' (Eph.1-4). Holiness of life, union with Christ through prayer and works of charity, is not something reserved to a select few among the members of the Church. It is the vocation of everyone. My brothers and sisters, may you be inspired and encouraged by the life of Blessed Kateri. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer of assistance. May God bless you as He blessed her."

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, help us to follow Jesus and to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Hope starts here, *Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki* Archbishop of Milwaukee



Love One Another

November 7, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In every election, there are winners and losers. But after any election, no matter how disappointing or exhilarating the outcome, the work of governing the country becomes the priority and that means seeking the common good.

Christians are called to strive for those principles that come from the gospel. The goals of Christianity are beyond any political party or organization; instead, they are rooted in the teachings of the Church. The issues which were important for Catholics in the political campaign remain the important issues for all Catholics: the dignity of human life, concern for the poor, marriage being of one man and one woman, comprehensive immigration law and religious freedom. These are not campaign rhetoric or slogans, but rather stem from the Church's care for the human person and society. We must continue to work and support these principles.

The Church throughout history has existed in various political and social climates. At times, it has been easier for the Church to function and, at other times, more difficult. Blessed John Paul II became a leading figure in the downfall of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. He did so not because it was a political goal but instead because the Gospel demanded Christian witness. He did so by challenging the government with the truth, and a firm belief in the power of faith. We must use John Paul II as an example in pursuing those issues that need to be addressed.

Today's responsorial psalm says it all: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." As we prepare to move forward as a country, we do so with prayers for our nation and its elected leaders committed to the founding principles that have made our nation great. But perhaps the words of St. Thomas More might be an appropriate reminder for all Catholics: "the king's good servant, but God's first." His commandment is simple: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Hope starts here, *Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki* Archbishop of Milwaukee



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The National Deaf Cursillo hosted the Deaf Cursillo #64 in Benet Lake, WI on October 4-7, 2012. We had 22 candidates along with about 20 team and angels participated this wonderful retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey. De Colores!

Thank you for allowing us to serve the delicious pancake breakfast! We will do it again in January 2013!



Dan Houlihan and Marika Kovacs-Houlihan are great role models as parents as they show support with each of their children.



Riley, Caden, Ainsley, and Zane explained the importance of KODA Camp and how people's donations of money will help them go to KODA Camp. This will be the 1st year all four of them can go together!

If you would like to support Zane, Riley, Ainsley and Caden Houlihan, make the check payable to **Marika Kovacs-Houlihan** and send the check to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry; Archdiocese of Milwaukee; 3501 S. Lake Drive; Milwaukee WI 53235 Thank you for your support!

> Answers from Catholic Quiz: 1. b. 2. c. 3. c. 4. a.



Christmas Reflection



Let us put ourselves in God's presence.

"God's love for us is fundamental for our lives, and it raises important questions about who God is and who we are" (Pope Benedict XVI, *God Is Love* [*Deus Caritas Est*] [Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006], no. 2).

Success Is in God's Hands, Not Ours Alone

Christmas celebrates the fruit of Mary and Joseph's trust in God. The long-awaited Messiah, sent to save us from our sins and win back the eternal blessedness lost by Adam's sin, is born. The Son of God is like us in all things but sin. We learn from the Incarnation that our success is in God's hands. Without the Father's love we would be lost for all eternity. Mary and Joseph sacrificed greatly to make the arduous journey to Bethlehem, to obey God's directive to flee into Egypt, and to go to Nazareth to raise Jesus. Ambiguity, uncertainty, and brokenness touched the Holy Family. Their lives teach us that we cannot understand God's designs. This wonderful lesson urges parents to put their families in God's hands and trust that their efforts will bear fruit. Faithful parents are examples for us, single or married.

We, too, are to put ourselves in God's hands. In so doing, God's grace helps us realize better the depths of who we are and what we are called to become.

Pause to reflect on the importance of trusting God and putting our lives in his hands.

Reflection Questions

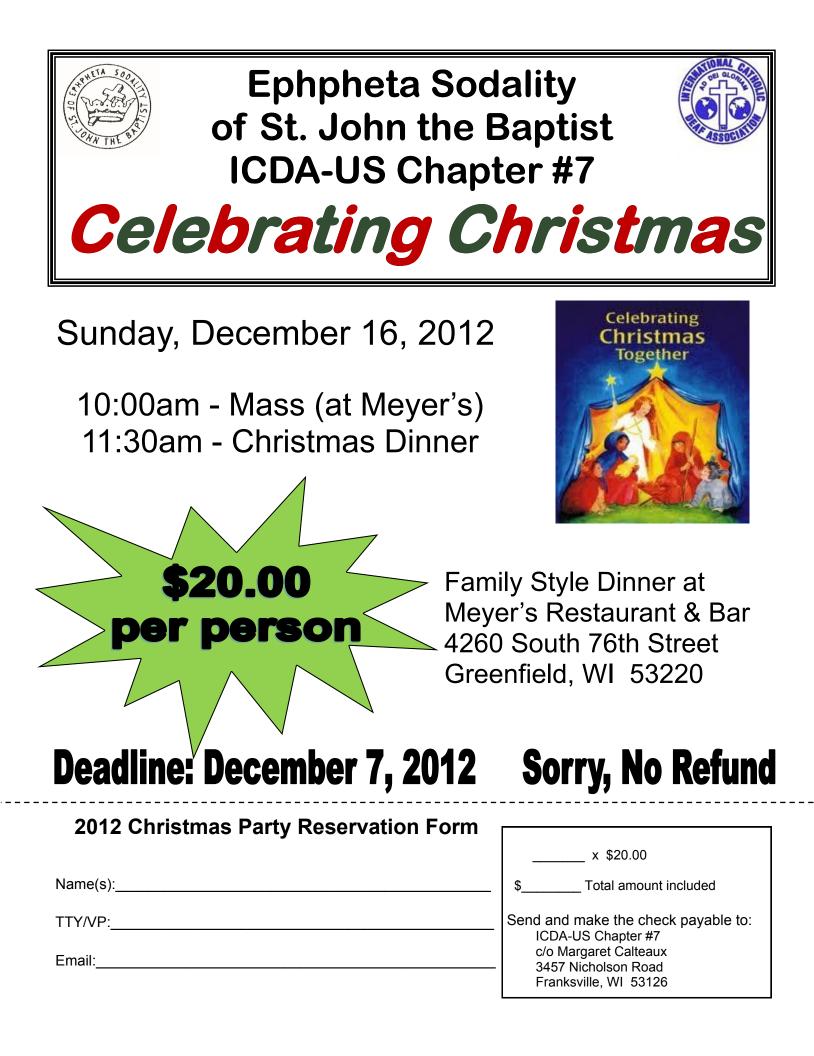
The wisdom of the Christmas story invites us to ask the following questions:

- 1. How can we imitate the Holy Family during difficult times, such as job loss,
- sickness, times of doubt, and death?
- 2. In what ways does Jesus' coming at Christmas help us appreciate our need to put our lives in God's hands?

Let us pray, asking the Holy Spirit to give us courage in difficult times to imitate the Holy Family.

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Taken from www.usccb.org





Mark Your Calendar

Heart of the Nation MY SUNDAY MASS	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Closed Captioned Sunday Mass on TV TV Mass filmed at our very own St. Francis de Sales Seminary Milwaukee Viewing Area: 5:30am—Ch. 6 (WITI) 9:00am—Ch. 24 (WCGV)	Saturday, January 19, 2013 2:00 p.m. St. Francis Parish 1927 North 4th Street Milwaukee, WI 53212
National Catholic Office for the Deaf National Catholic Office for the Deaf Site: Sheraton in Phoenix, AZ WWW.ncod.org	July 14-19, 2013 7th ICDA-US Biennial Conference <u>www.icda-us.org</u> Hosted by ICDA-US Chapter #29, St. Francis of Assisi Church for the Deaf Gallaudet University, Washington, DC Richard Smrz, Chair: icda2013@gmail.com
March 8-10, 2013 Retreat with Monsignor Nelson in Rockford, IL More information to come!	April 6, 2013 "DEAF DAY" University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee More information to come!
Websites of Interest	
Archdiocese of Milwaukee www.archmil.org	International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA)–US Section www.icda-us.org
Archdiocese of Milwaukee Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry www.archmil.org/offices/deaf-ministry.htm The Deaf Apostolate of the Diocese of Rockford	 International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons (ICF) www.icfdeafservice.org National Catholic Office for the Deaf
www.rockforddiocese.org/deafapostolate Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the BaptistICDA Ch. #7 www.catholicdeafwis.org/	National Catholic Once for the Deal www.ncod.org National Catholic Partnership On Disability www.ncpd.org
Center for Deaf-Blind Persons in Milwaukee www.deaf-blind.org	American Association of Deaf-Blind www.aadb.org
Chicago Catholic Deaf www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com	Hearing Loss Association of America <u>www.hearingloss.org</u>
Fr. Mike Depcik's Vlog www.frmd.org	Mass Times for Travel

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry Contact Information

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

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IMPORTANT: Fr. Christopher's text number has been changed. Please delete his old text number: 414-350-2240. The new text number is: **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.

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