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CATHOLIC DEAF NEWSLETTER- SEPTEMBER 2021



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ANXIETY

Fall is almost here! That means getting ready for school or college. Many students are going back to school in person (not zoom) since COVID-19 outbreak. Schools/Colleges are making new rules about wearing mask or vaccinations. COVID-19 is spreading everywhere. Many parents and students are nervous about going back to school in person.

What is anxiety? It is a feeling of worry, unease, or nervousness about something with unsure outcome. We don't know much about covid virus and new variants. We should prepare our children and help them less uneasy returning to school.

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From Fr. MD's Desk

Dear Deaf Catholic Community,

It is hard to believe that our summer is ending this month. Fall comes next and then Winter. We then repeat the cycle next year with Spring and finally Summer. Likewise, the Church follows a cycle of liturgical seasons. The Church is now in the season called Ordinary Time. This will be followed by the new season of Advent which begins the last Sunday of November. We will then celebrate Christmas then Lent, and finally Easter. After that, we will return to Ordinary Time once again.

However, in the next life - hopefully in Heaven, we will be outside of "time". Eternity, in other words, means there is no time. People in the afterlife do not feel the longness of a time. For them, 2,000 years feels like a less than one fourth second. In fact, there is no such thing as a second in the afterlife because, as mentioned above, time does not exist

I always like to ponder many mysteries about the afterlife. I have no doubts that people will have many wonderful surprises when they reach Heaven.

Not surprisingly, due to the rise of Delta variant, the Archdiocese has issued new church guidelines. All people are **highly encouraged** to wear masks while attending Mass inside a church regardless of if they are already fully vaccinated or not. They are also to maintain safe social distance. I respectfully ask that all people going to our Masses at OLL, Holy Innocents, and St. John's Deaf Center to wear a mask.

Please know that there is a good chance that the Archdiocese will change the guideline once again. The main goal of the Archdiocese is to keep our churches safe for people who go to church. The Archdiocese is following recommendations made by Center of Disease Control and Prevention.

Have a blessed and safe month of September. Yours in Christ,

Fr. MD

Saints >>>

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Archangels

By Gail



St. Michael is a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture 4 times (twice in the book of Daniel, once in the book of Jude, and once in Revelation). St. Michael and his angels fight against Lucifer and devils. We pray to St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan and rescue souls from Satan.

St. Gabriel is a messenger of God. He appeared to Daniel in a vision about the Messiah, to Zachariah foretelling the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce that she will become pregnant with a baby boy, Jesus, the Son of God.

St. Raphael is a healer and traveler. He appears in the Book of Tobit. He restores sight to young Tobit. He works to heal people's minds, spirits, and bodies.

Remember in your prayers!

For those who are sick, awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Helen Booker
- Jackie Felix
- Ellen Gibb
- Paul Kuplicki, Sr.
- Bev Marchuk
- Harold Miller
- Loretta Milne
- Mike Rea
- Betty Schommer
- Kathy Wilson
- Karen Zabik

And for all members of our church who are lonely, grieving and dealing with mental issues.



CATHOLIC FAITH 101

Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph" since this year marks the 150th anniversary since of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

This month, Fr. Mike will be presenting about St. Joseph. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about St. Joseph and increase our love for Him!

When? Tuesday, September 21 at 3 pm EST

Where? SJDC and RingCentral -This is a hybrid meeting.

At St. John's Deaf Center for those who are fully vaccinated and can attend in person.

Those unable to attend in person, can join us via RingCentral (max 20 participants).

To register, visit our website or use this QRcode



Open to members of the Detroit Catholic Deaf community

Anxiety>>>

How do you know if your child experience anxiety? There are some signs of anxiety in children:

Finding it hard to focus
Not sleeping or waking up in in the night with bad dreams
Always crying
Complaining of tummy ache and feel sick.

There are many more signs. What can you do to help your child?

It is important to talk to your child about their anxiety or worries.

Focus on positives
Teach children relaxing skills
It is a good idea to seek counseling help if your child is:

Not getting better or getting worse

Self-help is not working
School grades are dropping
Contact me if you need more information.

Stay well,

Kathy Mitchell

Are We Pointing to Heaven? –

by Veronica

Since attending Jesus' Deaf CREW summer program in July, I have been reflecting on how my actions, my daily routine and my spiritual habits are leading me to be closer to God. Not only that, but how the way I live my life, is bringing Jesus to the people that I encounter: at home, at work, at the store, while driving (YES!! Even how I respond to other drivers has an impact), and so forth. Am I pointing to Heaven? Are you?

I want to go to Heaven!! And I am certain that you too!! So, what can we do different (or more often) to be in the right path to heaven?

Here are a few simple ideas:

1. Eliminate distractions when talking to God. One of the biggest distraction is technology (phone, TV, internet, VP, etc.). Make sure that you turn off these devices to be able to talk to God without interruptions.

2. Find your quiet place. Whether at home, at church, or any place you are, make sure to find a quiet place to pray, to find your ground, to clear your mind. Remember, it's hard to hear God's voice when we are busy!

3. Praise God in your daily life. It's hard to recognize the good things when we are frustrated, sick, lonely, stuck in traffic, etc. But in the midst of the good and especially the bad, let's take time to praise God. There are so many blessings that we might take for granted: home, car, food, freedoms, Deaf priest, family and friends. Praising God help us to put things in perspective.

4. Do something nice for someone else. The most important part of being a Christian is being Jesus' arms and feet: Putting faith into action. Call or visit someone who is lonely. Smile more often. Remember to say thank you. Open the door for someone else. Each little thing counts. As Mother Theresa said, "we can do no great things, only small things with great love".

5. Receive the Holy Sacraments. Attend Mass, receive the Holy Communion, go to confession. Our bodies need food and so does our souls! Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation! He will accompany us in our earthly journey and leads us to Heaven!

Praying the Rosary virtually >>>

Q: Do you have 20 minutes?

A: Join us to pray the Rosary from the comfort of your home!!



Join us one time, a couple times or as often as you wish! No obligation, just the desire to pray for ourselves, our community, our country, and the world!

Please send an email to Balcarcel.veronica@aod.org to get the RingCentral link.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon EST.

1700 CLUB

Congratulations to

Barbara Spurgis

1700 Club
\$ 100
Winner

August 2021

Summer Picnic...

Sunday, September 26 at 1pm

St. John's Deaf Center Parish Council is hosting a picnic on Sunday, September 26 starting at 1pm at Neil E. Reid Park (37705 Harper Ave, Clinton Twp, MI 48036) in Clinton Township. Fr. Mike will be officiating Mass at 4 pm. Please bring your own sack lunch. Parish Council will be providing water and lemonade. Looking forward to a blessed time together!



ST. John's Deaf Center is OPEN!!

St. John Deaf Center is open from 10 am to 3 pm every Tuesday. If you are already fully vaccinated, you are welcome to join us. We will have Mass at 10:30 am. Please bring your own lunch and drink.

Starting on Tuesday, September 14, we will have hot lunch, dessert and coffee or hot tea for purchase. The lunch cost is \$5.00. Come and enjoy seeing everyone again since March 2020!

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH

Starting Sunday, August 29 our 11:30 Mass has permanently moved to 12:00 pm (Noon)

Please join us!

Jesus' Deaf CREW Summer Program-Brooklyn, Michigan



Our first Jesus' Deaf CREW summer program had 21 participants from all over United States. Weather was perfect and our time together was filled with prayer, learning and fellowship! Looking forward for next year!!

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