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Wishing you and your family a Blessed Easter!

TERRI'S MEMO

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter!

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office (DHHMO) continues to provide various services for Sacrament Preparation, Formation, Retreats, Religious Education, Mass in American Sign Language (ASL), Interpreted Mass and others.

On my journey throughout this Lenten season I would like to share with you one of my reflections on how God's mercy for each one of us helps me to try to be merciful to one another like our heavenly Father.

One of my favorite Gospel story is about the Apostle "Doubting Thomas". This was when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His death on the Cross and Resurrection from the dead. When the Disciples told the Apostle Thomas they have seen the Lord, he refused to believe it until he saw Jesus himself. He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:27-29).

When I first heard this story I was hit by what Jesus said to Thomas "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This scripture was a strong foundation to understanding my faith better to strongly believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him - Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam "for the Greater Glory of God." This helps me understand that the Apostles struggled in their daily life just like myself and each one of us. They overcame their doubts and fears by their

faith in Jesus. They received mercy and forgiveness from our Heavenly Father. When they received the gifts of the Holy Spirit they were able to go out and preach and proclaim the Good News!

Can you see how blessed the Apostles were because they saw Jesus. And for those of us who never saw Jesus, we still believe in Him. How wonderful God works through us in mysterious ways.

Pope Francis proclaimed the Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. Below is the adopted version of Pope Francis' Mercy Prayer.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Let the Church be your visible face in the world. Send your spirit so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

May you and your family have a very Blessed Easter.

God Bless,

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HOLY WEEK







Come and Join us!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All in ASL!!!!!

Thurs. March 24, 7 pm: Holy Thursday Mass Washing of the Feet

Fri., March 25, 7 pm: Good Friday Service Veneration of the Cross

Sat. March 26, 7:45 pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Sun. March 27, 10 am: Easter Mass

Where: Parish Center (behind big Church)

St. Matthias Catholic Church 9306 W. Beloit Rd Milwaukee, WI 53227

w/ Deaf Priest Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deaf Deacon David Sommers

Any QQ? Contact: deafministry@archmil.org



Interpreted and ASL Signed Masses During Holy Week, March 24 - 27, 2016



St. Andrew Parish, Delavan

Interpreted Mass Easter Sunday—9:30am

St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

Open Captioning Mass Easter Sunday—10:00am

St. Dominic, Sheboygan

Interpreted Mass 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 Good Friday Service—12:00pm Easter Sunday—10:30 am

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

Signed Mass in Parish Center—Chapel Holy Thursday—7:00pm Good Friday Service—7:00pm Easter Vigil—7:45pm Easter Sunday—10:00am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

Interpreted Mass
Holy Thursday—6:30pm at St. Louis Parish
Good Friday Service—12:30pm
Easter Vigil—7:30pm
Easter Sunday—10:30am

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

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

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.

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.stjosephgrafton.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 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

Please Contact the Parish Office

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 - 9:00am with Fr. Christopher Klusman

NOTE: Times can change pending the availability of Fr. Christopher. Please contact the Parish Office for any changes or updates.

Times Listed Are Subject to Change



EASTER 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Here we are again, celebrating another blessed Lenten Season and Easter, together. Being here with you is truly my honor. As we pray, fast and give alms, we are reminded that we are one body in Christ.

Together, we celebrated Paczki Day or Fat Tuesday, delighting in sweet treats before starting our Lenten journeys. On Ash Wednesday, we asked our bosses if we could adjust our workdays, so we could celebrate Mass and receive our ashes. We promised ourselves and God that we would do more of some things, or less of others, in an effort to be more like Christ. While some of us have thrived, some of us have fallen short of our goals, and we feel as if we have failed.

Then, we remember that because of Christ, we have another chance. We have the sacrament of reconciliation – experiencing God's forgiveness. He died and rose to give us life. In His Resurrection, we are offered an opportunity to rise with Him and begin anew.

This year, I'm reflecting on the ninth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus performed miracles and gave second chances to those who believed. From the paralytic, to the official's daughter, to the blind men, they were all graced with fresh starts and new opportunities. They were given chances to live again.

Right now, we have the opportunity to rise and walk with Jesus. While we may fall down, we are elevated daily, through God's Grace. We are ignited with the joy that as believers, we can overcome our challenges. We are renewed with the idea of enjoying new life, here on earth. We are energized as we anticipate our new lives in heaven.

May the God of second chances bring you joy, peace and comfort, throughout this special time, and for the rest of your days.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Derome E. Kistecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee



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

HAVE MERCY ON ME

I love the sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation. It is one of my favorite sacraments. I am so inspired and honored to celebrate it, and teach it, and be thankful for it especially during this extraordinary Year of Mercy that our beloved Pope Francis declared.

A Few of My Favorite Things about Confession:

- taking an inventory of my thoughts and actions
- learning to practice humility and admitting my relationship with my Savior has suffered because of my actions
- the burden, or heavy feeling being lifted when I am able to admit I am sorry
- the opportunity to spiritually grow and heal from the advice my Confessor gives me
- the penance that helps me on my journey to know, love and serve God better
- the feeling I have when I walk out of the confessional and I feel like I have this invisible shield of grace enveloping me, like a super power armor that deflects the temptations of the devil
- most importantly the gift of forgiveness from God. When I know that he has taken away my sins and is hungry to welcome me back to a stronger loving relationship with Him. He has mercy on me! Sometimes I can hardly take it in!

If you have not gone to Confession for a while, I would like to encourage you take that brave step to go to Confession, to CELEBRATE Confession. If you are afraid or do not remember what to do, please do not worry. The priest will help walk you through it.

I remember several older Deaf sharing stories with me about how they used to have to write their sins on a piece of paper and hand them to a priest in Confession. I know in some places that still happens. I know in many places Deaf do not go to Confession. As a hearing person I have tried to imagine that often and every time I do, I feel a little sad. We, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, are so blessed to have a Deaf priest which allows the Deaf to access this sacrament and confess in your own native language of American Sign Language. If you ever have the opportunity to see and talk to our Archbishop Listecki make sure you thank him that we have our very own Deaf priest here in this diocese. We also have some priest who can sign.

I am afraid I am starting to preach. I didn't want to do that. I just wanted to **celebrate** Confession. So I will put my preaching aside, and hope you can bear with me while I brag.

What an honor it has been to prepare two of our youngest students for receiving, for the first time, the sacrament of Reconciliation during this extraordinary Year of Mercy! Mia Eldred, 3rd grade and Robert Paul, 2nd grade made their First Confession on March 2nd. They are both students at Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Since the school year began they have been attending religion classes too learning about God's love for them. They know that Jesus came to take away our sins. We learned what a sin was, and then we had to think about anytime we might have sinned. We created dramas and role played how to go to Confession. One of our favorite vocabulary words as we prepared for this sacrament was F-O-R-G-I-V-E-N-E-S-S. Finally, after many classes we were ready when Father Christopher came to celebrate with us our First Reconciliation/Confession! You might notice a bit of a glow on the kids in the pictures with this article. I am so proud of them!

As a treat after Confession, our music director, Brian Wrightson, came to church and took them up the many stairs to the choir loft high above. That was such a mysterious place for them! They wondered what was up there. Finally they were



Mia and Bobby feel the beat of the drum with music director, Brian Wrightson

able to see for themselves and feel. Mr. Wrightson let them try the piano, the tambourines, and the drums. Though they cannot hear any of the music they could feel the vibrations, especially for the drums! Now they are almost experts about the choir loft. Another church mystery solved.

Currently Mia and Robert are preparing for another big day in their lives. The excitement mounts as we look forward to May 22nd, when they both will make their First Communion! We are preparing for receiving this sacrament in classes now. Please consider joining us at St. Andrew Church on May

22nd, at the 9:30 Mass. Father Christopher Klusman will celebrate. The Mass will be in ASL. This would be a wonderful way to support these two young Deaf children by seeing many Deaf role models and supporters sharing the joy of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.



First Confession JOY! Mia Eldred, Fr. Christopher Klusman, Bobby Paul

Anxious to Celebrate, Patty Kostechka

Fr. CK's Corner

Can you believe it? Holy Week is here? Where did the time go? I hope that this past Lenten season was a graced-filled time packed with many blessings for you. I prayed that the Lenten season helped bring you much closer to Jesus than ever before.



EWTN said that Holy Week is the "week that changed the world!" That is a perfect phrase. I hope you pray about this wonderful phrase and the important lesson it teaches us.

I hope to see you at the Holy Week Masses/services, especially our ASL Easter Vigil Mass! I can't wait for us to bring back our "Alleluias" during Easter Vigil, especially our "Alleluia Drum!" For our Deaf/Hard of Hearing brothers and sisters in Christ who are far away or unable to come due to health/age reasons, please know of our prayers and thoughts with you during this sacred time.

May God bless you always! Remember to keep close to our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, as well as all the saints. Alleluia, Christ has risen indeed!!!! Alleluia!! Fr. Christopher Klusman

What is Ultreya? Why is it important?

Before we learn about an Ultreya, it is important to know its connection to the Cursillo. Many of us attended a Cursillo. What is a Cursillo? A Cursillo is a Spanish word that means "short course in Christianity". At the Cursillo, we felt inspired. We met new people. We had a wonderful time. Is this enough? NO! What did we do when we came home? Did we continue the spirit? Did we meet regularly with a small group to share our faith, i.e. piety (prayer, relationship with Jesus), study (reading, special TV programs, DVDs, other people), and action for Jesus (Church, community, work, family, friends). The group should include around 3-6 friends, family members, or co-workers. This is called a group reunion. Some of my friends call it a prayer group. That is ok. A group of 5 people meets in Milwaukee every month.

What is an Ultreya? An Ultreya is a gathering of many people, a reunion, a gathering of small groups. The word, "Ultreya," in English, means "Onward." According to the dictionary, "onward" means "forward" or "keep moving." One reason God called us to attend a Cursillo is so we can learn how to be an evangelizer, to share the good news about Jesus through our example, words/signs, and actions. Its purpose is to keep the spirit and friendship of the Cursillo weekend.

It encourages us to live what we learned at the Cursillo and to evangelize the world.

An Ultreya is an opportunity where we can find people to meet for a group reunion/prayer group. We can invite people who have not made a Cursillo to plan to attend a Cursillo in the future. Hearing people can attend a Cursillo in their own Diocese. For Deaf people, the National Deaf Cursillo tries to arrange one Cursillo every year.

In the Milwaukee area we have been meeting three times per year. It is an important time to pray together, share, and renew the spirit of the Cursillo, to keep the spirit of the Cursillo alive, to practice what we learned during the Cursillo so that we can learn more about God and to share the good news of God everywhere.

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Goodbye and Good Luck



Best wishes to Courtney Gunville and Scott Baughman on the next chapter of their lives! Thank you for your time serving on the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Advisory Committee.

We are looking for anyone to serve on our committee. If you or someone you know from Milwaukee Northwest area, Ozaukee, Walworth or Fond du Lac/Sheboygan Counties, please contact Terri Matenaer: matenaert@archmil.org or 414-203-0552—VideoPhone/Voice





Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office invited Fr. Paul Zirimenya from San Francisco to give a Lenten Day Retreat on The Temptations of Jesus. The retreat was held at the Cousin Center on March 5, 2016.

Photo descriptions:

Upper left: Fr. Paul explained the

temptations to the participants.

Upper right: Participants listened to Fr. Paul's talk.

Middle: Fr. Paul listen to some questions

asked by the participants.

Lower left: Edgar Vizcarra gave Fr. Paul a gift.

Lower right: Fr. Paul can now celebrate Wisconsin!







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With the issue of Homosexuality, or Same Sex Attraction (SSA), touching so many of our people directly or indirectly these days, the Archdiocese wants to ensure that a ministry is available to help both those who have some degree of SSA, and also to help parents and family members of people who have SSA. Courage International has been in existence since 1980, and remains the only outreach to people in this situation that is officially approved and supported by the Church. It is organized by local chapters in a support-group format, and it requires the ministry of at least one priest chaplain, often supported by other co-chaplains. EnCourage is the "sister" organization to Courage, using the same format, that offers help and support to parents and family members who know that someone they love struggles with SSA.

We have recently begun both a Courage and an EnCourage ministry in the Archdiocese. Father Nathan Reesman has been assigned as the chaplain, and to act as a resource on the topic. Father John Paul Mitchell is also helping as a co-chaplain.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from being connected to this ministry, please visit either the Courage website www.couragerc.org, or the Courage and EnCourage webpage found on the main page of the Nazareth Project:

http://www.johnpaul2center.org/Nazareth-Project/CourageEnCourage.htm. The chaplains can be reached using the contact links on the Nazareth page.

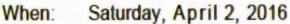


Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office presents

Day of Reflection

By: Tim Gall

Theme: "7 Missing Books"



Time: 10am-5pm (including 4pm Mass)

Where: Cousins Center

More info:

(Dining Room #3) 3501 S. Lake Drive St. Francis, WI 53235

Cost: \$5.00 (lunch included but

bring your own beverage)
Contact Terri Matenaer

VP 414-203-0552

Email: matenaert@archmil.org



Voice interpreting will be provided.

Deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2016

2016 Day of Reflection Registration Form

Name(s):	PREREGISTRATION
	IS REQUIRED
Address with City, State, Zip:	Yes, I/We would like to attend the 2016 Day of Reflection
	of people attending
VP/TTY: ()	\$Total amount included
Email:	Send this form & money payable to:
Any Special Diet:	Deaf/HoH Ministry Office c/o Terri Matenaer, Coordinator 3501 South Lake Drive St. Francis, WI 53235





Mass of Atonement

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 7 p.m.

> St. Joseph Parish 12130 W. Center St. Wauwatosa, WI 53222

"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

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.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Presents:



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Friday, April 8 "Evangelization in Our Environment" by Arvilla Rank

Free!

Time: 7 to 8:30 pm

Location: St. Matthias Parish

9306 W. Beiolt Ave., Milwaukee, Wi 53227

(In Stelger Hall (basement). Look for balloon near door.)

International Catholic Deaf Association United States Section Midwest Region April 22-23, 2016

40th Biennial ICDA-US Midwest Conference
Theme: "FAITH JOURNEY PAST TO PRESENT"
Marriott Chicago Northwest in Hoffman Estates, IL
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<u>IMPORTANT</u>: 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 you need immediate assistance please contact Terri Matenaer (see contact information listed above).

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