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TERRI'S MEMO:



Dear Friends,
Spring is here and with so much rain these past few weeks we could use a little more warmer weather and lots of sunshine.

Here are some of the highlights of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry program.

The Ephpheta/ICDA Chapter #7 hosted the Annual Christmas Dinner at Meyers this past December. Fr. Christopher Klusman celebrated Mass then we had dinner and door prizes. The theme was "Gifts for Our New Born Savior." A group of young Deaf adults gave a wonderful skit of the three wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus. This was a nice get together for us to pray, eat, and celebrate Christmas.

Fr. Christopher and I attended NCOD (National Catholic Office of the Deaf) Pastoral Week conference this past January in Charlotte, NC. Four people from our community also attended. The theme of this week was "Highway to Heaven." They had wonderful speakers who provided us with very interesting presentations and workshops. We benefit from the information/resources and plan to bring back what we learned and share with you all. I gave a workshop on "Bereavement Support"; it is my hope to give this workshop preparing for our future here in our area this fall. Watch for details.

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FR. CK'S CORNER



By Fr. Christopher Klusman

When we pray the Creed every Sunday, we reaffirm our belief in the "Communion of Saints."

The Saints are holy men

and women who are in heaven. Through our Baptism, they are our "Brothers and Sisters in Christ." They always help us here on Earth by praying for us. We are very blessed to have these Brothers and Sisters helping us every second. From now on, for "Fr. CK's Corner," I will write about a saint so you can get to know these amazing people better!

On October 16, 2016, Pope Francis introduced us to seven new saints, in which one is our new "Patron Saint for the Deaf!" A big thank you to Patty Kostechka for letting me know. I became very curious as to who this saint was and why he is a "Patron Saint for the Deaf." I know we are overjoyed because the more "Patron Saints for the Deaf" we have, the happier we can be!

This new saint is St.

Lodovico Pavoni. He was born September 11, 1784 in Brescia, which is a city in the northern part of Italy. He was a hearing person. He was a lively and intelligent person who was interested in the world around him and quick to recognize the social problems around him. He had to



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MISSION STATEMENT - DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING MINISTRY

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

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Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office continue to provide the program called "Catholic That!" once a month. Edgar Vizcarra gave a presentation on his experience attending World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. (See story of his lost Go Pro Camera on page 4.)

Fr. Christopher gave the presentation on a way for deaf people to pray.

We are looking for different people to give a presentation on their topics of interests or share their experiences relating to the Catholic Faith.

Thirty-seven people from various cities all over Wisconsin attended our Lenten Retreat given by Jeannine Adkins who is from Topeka, Kansas. The retreat theme was "Suffering: A Gift from God."

Jeannine also talked about the "Seven Sorrows of Mary." Many of us did not know about this topic and were inspired. Jeannine, who is deaf, is a pastoral worker for the diocese of Topeka in Kansas. Jeannine and her husband Aaron have seven children. The participants were in awe of her knowledge and love for God, Jesus and Mother Mary. A wonderful experience for all to learn and share with others. See pictures and story on page 5.

On January 25 of this year, Our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed two priests to become Auxiliary Bishops of Milwaukee. Bishop Jeffrey Haines and Bishop James Schuerman. Archbishop Jerome ListECKI ordained both of these men bishops on Friday, March 17. The archdiocese did not have an auxiliary bishop since 2014, when Bishop Donald Hying became Bishop of Gary, IN, except our retired auxiliary bishop, Richard Sklba.

This is a wonderful addition for us.

God bless,

Terri Matenaer, Coordinator

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study for the priesthood at a priest's home because Napoleon closed down the seminaries. He was ordained a priest in 1807. He realized that many problems in society were due to many young people not educated well. He wanted the boys/young men to leave bad schools, learn how to deal with peer pressure in healthy ways, and stay away from bad influences of some adults at their workplaces. St. Pavoni believed that improving society will improve the spiritual life of the people and vice versa. He did many things in his life (too many to write here), such as establishing orphanages and schools to educate boys/young men to learn how to be carpenters, silversmiths, blacksmiths, and shoemakers.

In 1823, St. Pavoni welcomed the Deaf community into his school so they can learn skills for jobs, etc. (I noticed this reminded me of the Deaf community learning different skills at St. John School for the Deaf in St. Francis, WI for future jobs.) See a picture I included to the right. This is the only picture I could find of him with a Deaf person. He is a "Patron Saint for the Deaf" because his school is one of the first



to allow the Deaf to be educated. Isn't that a wonderful gift he gave to the Deaf community? I hope to find more stories and information about his interactions with the Deaf. If you ever find any, please do let me know, so I can share them with everyone.

To share with you several more details about his life: On August 11, 1847, he founded the Congregation of the Sons of Mary Immaculate, or Pavoniani. On March 23, 1849, the people in Brescia revolted against Austria's control of Brescia. About 1,000 people of Brescia were killed by the Austrians. But, Fr. Pavoni led his children safely to a hill 10 miles away. This was to be his last heroic act before he died a few days later on Palm Sunday on April 1, 1849.

The journey to his sainthood began on February 11, 1908. Pope Benedict XV formally introduced it on March 12, 1919, naming him a "Servant of God." The validation process continued with an analysis of his life and writings and he was named "Venerable" on June 5, 1947 by Pope Pius XII — an honor noting his heroic virtues.

He became "Blessed" on April 14, 2002 by Pope Saint John Paul II. The miracle that was needed for him to become "Blessed" happened in 1909 through a woman named Maria Stevani. Due to Lodovico's intercession, she became completely cured of an extreme typhoid fever.

In order for him to become a saint, another miracle was needed. Diomar, a young man, a member of the Pavoniani, began a prayer chain begging for the cure of his father, Honorio Lopes Martins of Brazil. When the prayer chain was completed, the father was miraculously cured! St. Lodovico Pavoni became a Saint on October 16, 2016. His feast day is April 1.



St. Lodovico Pavoni, our new Patron Saint for the Deaf, pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Christopher Klusman

THOUGHTS ABOUT MASS THESE PAST TWO WEEKENDS



Greetings Friends,

I just wanted to share with you that for the past two weekends I interpreted 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew in Delavan. I was honored to interpret for Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays. I was so inspired with the Deaf community and the participation at Mass. It made me emotional and I wanted to share with you

how amazing it was to see the hearing and Deaf communities worshipping together. During the past two Sundays, we had:

- Robert and Jennifer Paul proclaim the readings so beautifully in ASL!
- Len Peacock was a minister of the cup on Pentecost. (A hearing minister asked him to take on that role!)
- Caitlyn Buchman and her brother brought up the gifts for the offertory this Sunday. (An usher asked me to ask someone from the Deaf Community to do that!)
- Bobby Paul served as an altar boy today for the first time! (There was supposed to be another hearing server with him, but that server did not show up, AND we had a visiting priest!) I was so proud of Bobby and his bravery to do this! (Thanks Fr. Bill for training him.)
- Roxy North also suited up as altar server and helped, and served as a support for Bobby. She is a humble servant.
- Both Sundays, the Deaf community in the pews did such a wonderful job of participating in the Mass with signing the responses and prayers!

These celebrations of the Lord's Supper were BEAUTIFUL!

What also impressed me was that the hearing parishioners seemed to be happy that the Deaf are worshipping with them. As an example, the usher asked me to find two people from the Deaf Community to bring up the gifts. Someone from the hearing community asked Len to be a cupbearer. Another person came up to me and mentioned how beautiful it is to see the Deaf in the pews participating fully in the responses and how beautiful the language of ASL is! YOU truly inspire others and you are respected!

I guess what I'm trying to say is that during these past two Sundays, it seemed to me that the Delavan Deaf Catholic Community really belonged here at St. Andrew's! I just truly felt the winds of the Holy Spirit working through the Deaf Community. My heart is full of gratitude to all of you and to our loving God, who asks us to follow His will and live in

peace and harmony. It was very much a joy for me to worship with you these past two weeks!

Now, for those of you reading this email that were not at Mass these past two weekends, please feel welcomed to come and join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass in Delavan. It is OK if you have never come before. This summer is a good time to start coming back to church to worship our loving God. Come sit with the others in the Deaf community up front. They will all help you to feel that YOU BELONG HERE!

Thank YOU,

Patty Kostechka

*Religious Education Coordinator for the Deaf
St. Andrew, Delavan*

Congratulations!



▲ A deep congratulation goes to Deacon David and Susan Sommers on receiving the Rev. David Walsh Pastoral Workers of the Year award. From the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD). This award was from the 2017 NCOD Pastoral Week Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

LOST MY GOPRO AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

Hello! It's been a year since I went to Poland for World Youth Day (July 25-31, 2016), where millions of youth from around the whole world came together in one place. I just wanted to share my story about my GoPro.

I wanted to work on a video project for the Deaf Community, where they get to see our journey. I filmed everything of our journey for that whole week at World Youth Day.

My GoPro story happened on the day before our last day of WYD. We had to travel 18 miles on a walking pilgrimage to a vigil site. About half-way during the long walk, I unexpectedly lost my GoPro. I stopped and told the group that I had lost my GoPro, which included all that I had been filming for the whole week. I decided to give up quickly when we started looking for my GoPro. I knew it would be impossible ... definitely impossible to find my GoPro, because ... more than 3 million people were around, and I was thousands of miles away from home. I hadn't put my info on my GoPro and my group was almost exhausted from the long walk to keep looking for it. They kept asking me if I was all right. I do not think about it because I was thinking about my group's safety. I wanted them to save their energy. I told them, "do not worry too much and keep forward." I knew my GoPro was gone for sure, but I was not sad that my GoPro was gone. I was sad because I was unable to show my video project to the Deaf Community. It was gone.

Mel Chua, one of the members from my group, came to me and told me to pray to St. Anthony to recover lost things. I decided to give it a try, but I knew it would not work and it would be gone for good. I kept pushing the group forward – I did not want them to think about my GoPro.

When WYD was over and all of us returned home, someone sent me a Facebook message asking me if I had lost something. Unbelievably, a Polish guy found my GoPro and found me on Facebook. I was shocked – how was this possible?! I never knew, but St. Anthony did answer my simple prayer. I was thrilled to learn that he sent back my



▲ My GoPro that was sent back to me.



► "I'm actually here at WYD in Poland!?"

GoPro. When I got it, I checked to make sure everything was in one piece. After that, I worked on the video project and showed the video to the Deaf Community about our rich experience and journey.

I will never forget this powerful answer to my prayer.

Edgar Vizcarra



◀ Christmas Dinner on December 18 – the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist/ICDA #7 had Mass, followed by the annual Christmas dinner at Meyer's Restaurant. Waving hands of job well done to the committee: Rob Kordus III, Carlos Velez, Sissy and Todd Zoellick, Arvilla Rank and Fr. Christopher Klusman. Enjoy the group picture.

LENTEN RETREAT WITH JEANNINE ADKINS – “OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD”

On a beautiful spring Friday, the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry Office staff and their helpers welcomed about 40 people to the Lenten Retreat at St. Francis de Sales Seminary Retreat Center. When all checked in, we gathered in the dining room for pizza, then moved to the assembly room for the first part of the retreat. Fr. Christopher and Terri introduced Jeannine Adkin from Topeka, Kansas. Jeannine explained her background and her relationship with God through her journey.

Jeannine continued her presentation, talking about the Seven Sorrows (Swords) of Mary. This was a new learning lesson for some of us. They are the Prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the Loss of the Child Jesus in the temple, the Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross, the Crucifixion, the Taking Down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross, and the Burial of Jesus. We met in small groups and each group was to give an example of our experiences that are similar to Mary's.

Throughout the weekend, we prayed the Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Mass. We all left feeling very inspired, enriched and anxiously waiting for more retreats.



▲ Participants from the Lenten Retreat.



▲ Fr. Christopher blesses Susan Sommers during benediction.



▲ Participants break into group discussions.



▲ Jeannine read from the “Suffering Gift from God” list of reflections received from the participants.



▲ Jeannine Adkins led the retreat on “Open your Heart to God,” based on the book, “Suffering is a Gift.”



▲ Lulu Lee heading up to the dome at St. Francis de Sales Seminary.

INTERPRETED AND ASL MASSES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake

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

St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan

2133 N. 22nd Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081
 Phone: 920-458-7070
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 Interpreted Mass: Please Contact the Parish Office

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

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 Website: www.stjosephgrafton.org
 Interpreted Mass: 1st & 4th Saturdays at 4:00 pm, 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am

St. Mary Immaculate Conception, West Bend

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

St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

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 E-Mail: info@stmatthias-milw.org
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 ASL Mass in the Parish Center/Chapel
 With Fr. Christopher Klusman and Deacon David Sommers
 Sundays - 9:00am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine

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

St. Peter Parish, Kenosha

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

Remember, an emergency is:

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

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

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

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