



Catholic Office of the Deaf



Signs of the Times



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We will be sending out a Newsletter in November that will have Advent Mass schedule and Confession schedule.

We will also be publishing Picnic pictures in that issue

October-December 2012 REVISED Deaf Mass Schedule is enclosed!

Mark your calendars!
Our Christmas Party is December 16

Jack Mabley
Christmas Party is December 8

Printable colored copies of our Newsletter and event information is Available on our website:

<http://RockfordDiocese.org/DeafApostolate/>

If you no longer want a mailed copy and prefer e-mail, contact DBeatty@RockfordDiocese.org

Forming Consciences
for **Faithful Citizenship**
A Call to Political Responsibility from the **Catholic Bishops of the United States** with Introductory Note

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Election 2012...Are you informed and are you ready?

No one can tell us how to vote or who to vote for. This is something we all have a right to do. What you can do is be a well informed and faithful voter. Does the candidate support your Catholic teachings of life, dignity and common good? Ask yourself this question and vote with your conscience. As this election season is upon us, take the time to become informed on where your candidate stands on issues that are important to you and your faith. I urge you to read "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" by the USCCB. It is available online in PDF at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

Diocesan News



From the Director:
Msgr. Glenn L. Nelson

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Some of you may have already heard, but in case you have not, I wanted to let you know that as of October 1, 2012, I have finished my time as pastor at the Newman Catholic Student Center/Christ the Teacher University Parish in DeKalb, IL. Since Bishop Malloy came to us last May, we have had some priests retire from their work here in the Chancery Office. I am now going to have to take over some extra work in my Rockford Office so I have to give up the parish to focus on my full time work in the Chancery. Sad news for me to leave Newman Center since I enjoyed very much the people of the Parish and they were always so welcoming for the Deaf Community. Good News? We are still welcome in DeKalb for our Deaf Masses and for our parties... so we will plan to keep our regular Christmas Mass time and Party in DeKalb!

More good news is that Bishop Malloy is not assigning me to a hearing parish so that I can focus my weekend pastoral work on the Deaf Community! Yeah! You have always been very patient and understanding with my busy schedule and even though I know I will still be busy, I can focus more on serving your needs. I will also have the help of a new Deacon who will be ordained next week, Dave Zaremski! We must all remember him in prayer as he prepares to enter into the ordained ministry of the Catholic Church. He and I will sit down and discuss how he can help in the Deaf Apostolate. I know he is excited and ready to serve in any way that is needed.

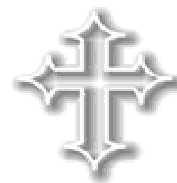
For your information, I have transferred the VP phone to my office in Rockford. The new VP phone number is (815) 217- 2234. The phone will work during our regular business hours [8:30 AM to 4:30 PM]. If I do not answer, please just

leave a message. Please do not call over and over since I may be in a meeting at the time of your call and cannot answer when I hear it ring. I will call you back when I am available. If you need to contact me another way, please use our email address: RockfordHI@aol.com.

Finally, because of my change in work, I need to change the Mass schedule around a little bit. I have included a NEW Mass schedule for you that is good until January 1.

Please pray for me as I take on the new transition. Please pray for Dave Zaremski too as he joins our ministry team!

God bless you all!!!!



CHANGES IN OUR OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2012 DEAF MASS SCHEDULE

AURORA- St. Joseph Parish Center 9:00 AM
October 28
November 4 - **NEW DATE**
~~November 11 - CANCELLED~~
December 23

CRYSTAL LAKE - St. Thomas Parish Center 9:00 AM
October 21
November 25
December 9 - **NEW DATE**
~~December 30 - CANCELLED~~

DEKALB - Newman Center NEW TIME 11:30 AM
October 14
November 4
December 16 NOON Mass/Christmas Party

ELGIN - St. Thomas More Chapel 11:30 AM
October 21 NOON Confirmation Mass in Church
November 25
December 9 - **NEW DATE**
~~December 30 - CANCELLED~~

ROCKFORD - St. Rita Chapel Lower Level 11:30 AM
October 28
November 11
December 23
December 25 - **NEW ADDITION** at 9:00 AM
January 1 - **NEW ADDITION** at 9:00 AM

FREEPORT - Saturdays/St. Thomas Aquinas 4:30 PM
~~October 6 - CANCELLED~~
November 10
~~November 24 - CANCELLED~~
December 22

Please pray for...



Dave Zaremski as he is ordained a Deacon on October 6, 2012, and joins our Ministry team

Those who are sick and those who have died:
Our members of the Deaf Apostolate and their families

(If someone is sick or has died, please let us know so we can pray for them)



Deaf Retreat 2012



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