

# Hand



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*Have a Blessed Easter!*

## TERRI'S MEMO

Dear Friends,

Spring is in the Air!

I knew spring is here when I first saw a red cardinal flapping its wings outside my window. The bright red color bird carefully looked around to find the best place to build a nest in my evergreen tree to prepare for their young ones that will be born soon. When I saw him hanging on the window still, I saw its beautiful eyes and I felt God's warm presence. It seems like he was building a nest for someone he is having a relationship with. During this Lenten season, we should be building a nest for God. Many of us used to think that Lent was about "giving up something" such as candy, ice cream, favorite food, watching TV, or going out. Lent really is about a time for us to analyze ourselves and find our weaknesses. We should be breaking down the barriers of our weaknesses and focus on developing a better and stronger relationship with God and those around us. By building a nest in our heart for Him, our love for God and each other enables us to serve one another.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist -ICDA Chapter 7 on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They celebrated this milestone on the exact same date of their first meeting, February 12, 1911. It was wonderful to see all the priests and deacons who work with our Deaf and Hard of Hearing community celebrate Mass with Archbishop ListECKI. See stories and pictures of this special event on pages 5-7.

Since the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has filed for Chapter 11, Archbishop ListECKI is working very hard in moving our church forward for a better future. Please join us for Mass of Atonement on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Matthias Parish (see page 8 for more information).

Pretty soon the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will ordain its first Deaf Priest on May 21, 2011. The Catholic Deaf community and I are very excited for Deacon Christopher Klusman on his special journey to the priesthood. We wish him the best and pray for God's blessings on Christopher.

As you know on the first Sunday in Advent (November 28, 2011) we will begin using the revised language during our Masses. Since the Vatican II, changes have been made to more accurately reflect the Latin to English translations. We are in the process of planning workshops for both the Deaf community and the interpreters that explains the newly revised translation. More information will be posted later.

With all the things that are happening in our lives, please continue to pray for those around us in need of our prayers, especially our brothers and sisters in Japan.

As we continue our Lenten journey may God's grace and peace remain with you always.

Blessings,

Terri Matenaer, Coordinator for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry

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These students celebrated their First Confession:  
 1st Row: Kayla Waters, Alejandro Evangelista, Taylor Koss  
 2nd Row: Father Brian Holbus, Julian Chairez, Veronica Duran



Celebrating after Deaf Mass: We can't help it...sometimes we just need to get goofy. Let's just say we have no problem being joyful on our Catholic journey.



The Body of Christ can be found in the Delavan Deaf Ministry: Group photo with the gang after Deaf Mass.



Some of our Deaf students at our Ash Wednesday service consider what they will do for Jesus



Proud to be Catholic on Ash Wednesday are Taylor Koss and Julian Chairez



Ash Wed. repentants Briana Robertson and Lucero Uriostegui



St. Andrew Parish

DEAF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

March 2011

## What's Happening in Delavan

### Delavan Deaf Ministry Update

By: Patty Kostechka

The Delavan Deaf Ministry continues to be active sharing the teaching of our faith with the Deaf students attending Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Already five high school students celebrated their First Confession this school year. Arvilla Rank and Mary Martens prepared these students the first semester using the curriculum for Reconciliation from NCOD. Father Brian Holbus celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with all our Deaf students earlier this year. The children also participated in a Deaf Mass with Father Brian presiding, Father Jim Scheurman, pastor of St. Andrew's concelebrating and Deacon Christopher Klusman assisting. We are currently studying the life of Jesus and learning more about the miracles he performed while on earth, His teachings and what led up to the death and resurrection of our Savior. We recently participated in an Ash Wednesday service and discussion of why we wear ashes, what Lent means and how we can be more involved in our Lenten journey. We reviewed that the Church asks us to not eat meat on Fridays of Lent if we are 14 or older. Students chose things they would try to do during Lent. Some ideas were to be kind to their friends, stop arguing with their brother, give up soda, not watch T.V., try to give up Facebook, not get any detentions at school. We are anxious to celebrate the joy of Easter!

In addition to their lessons, I am preparing one student for Baptism and 2 students for their First Communion later in the spring. We will celebrate another Deaf Mass with the kids on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sometimes visual pictures tell the story better so please enjoy the pictures of the kids and our Delavan ministry in this edition of Hand in Hand as we journey with Jesus through the school year and grow in His love.

### Hometown Heroes:

I would like to highlight and thank **Roxy North**, a Deaf parishioner and WSD alumni, who joined the team this year. Roxy supervises the bus that transports the students to and from WSD and brings them to church. We extend our sympathies to Roxy and her family as her father died on March 5<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was March 8<sup>th</sup>. Guess where Roxy was on March 9<sup>th</sup>? She was with the students in class helping them to understand their faith. Roxy is a good and faithful servant of our Lord!

**Len Peacock**, another Deaf parishioner has reason to be sticking his chest out with grandfather pride. His granddaughter, Emily McClellan, is making national news as a freshman UW-Milwaukee swimmer. She earned a spot in the NCAA Championships in the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley. She is the first ever UW-Milwaukee swimmer to compete at the Nationals. Emily also earned the Horizon League Women's Athlete of the Year, and Women's Newcomer of the year honors. Emily is alumni of Delavan/Darien High School.



**Love One Another**

February 15, 2011

Last Saturday I celebrated Mass at the Cousins Center to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist, now part of the International Catholic Deaf Association, Chapter #7. The deaf and hard of hearing ministry here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a great history which predates the anniversary that we celebrated last weekend.

Currently, Terri Matenaer serves as the Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry. The deaf community is a very connected and loving community. Many of our hearing impaired brothers and sisters were very patient with me last weekend given my non-existent sign language skill. Thankfully, there were a number of very competent signers both at the Mass and the banquet.

It was wonderful to see priests there who had served and continue to serve the deaf and hard of hearing community. The group seemed especially pleased to see Fr. Gerald Hauser whose work with the deaf and hard of hearing community dates back more than sixty years. Father Bill Key, their current spiritual moderator, and Father Don Zerkel, their past spiritual moderator, concelebrated the Mass and offered remarks at the banquet. Margaret Calteaux, co-chair of the event, presented all the priests who were present with a beautiful stole commemorating the anniversary. I received a special Green Bay Packer "power towel" from Deacon David Sommers, the other co-chair. Deacon Sommers demanded that I wave it next year as the Packers strive for their second consecutive Super Bowl victory. Both Deacon Sommers, a permanent deacon, and Deacon Christopher Klusman, a transitional deacon who will be ordained a priest in May of this year, served as deacons for the Mass.

We are blessed in the archdiocese to have a number of ordained clergy who are themselves members of the deaf and hard of hearing community. They serve this vibrant community well, helping to share the love of Christ.

As I continue to grow in the knowledge of the history of the archdiocese I marvel at the various contributions made by the priests, religious sisters, deacons and lay faithful. Saturday I was reminded of my own sense of hearing, which I take for granted. I also reflected that the language of love continues to be the language which Jesus speaks.

Certainly the rich traditions of the deaf and hard of hearing community offer a great witness to us all to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

## Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist/ICDA #7 Celebrated their 100th Anniversary

This article first appeared in the February 24, 2011 Catholic Herald paper.

**ST. FRANCIS** — On Feb. 12, 1911, 30 adult Catholics came together in the Milwaukee Archdiocese to continue their Christian duties “for their souls’ sake.” They were a group of deaf and hard of hearing adults trying to continue their Catholic education in an otherwise hearing world. Fr. Eugene Gehl, a priest of the archdiocese, helped them form the organization and together they elected officers. At the end of the meeting, they held in their organization’s account a balance of \$12.25. They called themselves the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist, “Ephpheta” meaning “be open” from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 7, when Jesus healed the deaf man. St. John the Baptist was chosen because he was the patron saint of St. John’s Institute for the Deaf and Mute (known today as St. John’s School for the Deaf).

One hundred years later, Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, a celebration took place to commemorate the anniversary at the Cousins Center with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. Listecky, followed by a reception for the nearly 100 members, friends, family and religious who came to support the organization.

### Community is based on faith

“There is only one sense that offers us total fulfillment of God, and that’s the heart,” said Archbishop Listecky during his homily. “And that is a language that all Christians must speak. It’s the singular language of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in and through the love that God gives through every one of us.

“As the new archbishop of this wonderful archdiocese, I have been learning the history of this archdiocese, and learning in particular communities that make up the wonders of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and one particular community that reflects a great deal of love and a great deal of the sense of Christ’s presence, is your community,” he said.

“Your community manifests what the Lord is telling us to do in the Gospel ... you’ve created a community – a community that is based on faith.”

Although it has been a century since the first meeting of the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist, its mission remains as strong as ever, according to Margaret Calteaux, a member and co-chairperson of the centennial celebration. One of our purposes of our organization is to promote a Christian bond of unity among the deaf and hard of hearing Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,” Calteaux, also deaf, explained in a phone interview with your Catholic Herald. “Also, one purpose is to be actively engaged in all good works pertaining to the religious, charitable, educational and social advancement of the deaf and hard of hearing of all ages in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.”

### Main focus is support for members

The Ephpheta Sodality began with two groups: the gentlemen section and the ladies section, in which the former took care of the business aspect and the latter focused on the wellbeing of members. As more people joined the organization, several committees were formed to plan picnics, entertainment, visits to the sick, formation of annual mission trips and scheduling various archdiocesan priests to visit and talk about church teachings.

According to records, in 1951 the organization joined the International Catholic Deaf Association, an organization meant to unite, worship, advocate, learn and evangelize in American Sign Language Culture. Ephpheta Sodality became the Milwaukee Chapter #7, and many times hosted ICDA conventions throughout the years. While that tradition may have evolved, support for the deaf and hard of hearing community remains the focus.

“Right now we are going through some phases where there are more and more deaf and hard of hearing people being mainstreamed in the public schools,” Calteaux explained. “That’s been a challenge for us to reach out to them and pro-

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mote to them about our organization, that we do have a support group, if you will, for the deaf and hard of hearing Catholics.”

In addition, they are also forming a partnership with the Milwaukee Archdiocese’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry office to help spread their services further.

**Provides connection to Catholic faith**

“I have been a member of this organization since 1987 and I’ve seen the changes, the growth and the diversity among our community,” Calteaux said. She recently received her certification in ministry formation programs, and this May will receive a master’s degree in pastoral ministry specializing in deaf and hard of hearing ministry.

“With that background and that involvement that I have, I would like to provide services for the deaf and hard of hearing Catholics in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,” she explained.

Calteaux said many deaf and hard of hearing Catholics who join the Ephpheta Sodality are connected to their Catholic faith through resources available through the organization in two media.

“One is only for the deaf and hard of hearing, and the other one is that we want to provide interpreters and be part of the entire Catholic community,” she explained about services offered through Ephpheta Sodality.

John Reske, a deaf and blind parishioner at St. Matthias, Milwaukee, was at the celebration and explained through sign language interpretation how the organization has helped him feel connected to his Catholic faith.

“I grew up Catholic. I always went to a Catholic Church, I was born a Catholic in my family, so I’ve always been faithful and church has always been a priority to me,” he signed. “I always con-

tinue to grow with my faith and it’s really a positive thing having a deaf organization for the Catholic Church. I’m hoping that we actually have more people join our organization, that they can grow with us and grow in their faith. It would be really great and positive for the community...” Reske encouraged deaf and hard of hearing cradle Catholics who have fallen away from their faith to come back to the church.

“Really, just for the deaf community that doesn’t go to church I would just encourage them to come and try it, and see what church is all about. Just reserve some time to come and spend some time with the Lord, to grow with us as a community,” he added.

**Deaf need ‘opportunity to become leaders’**

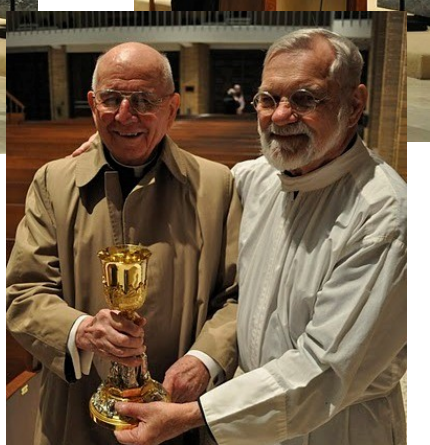
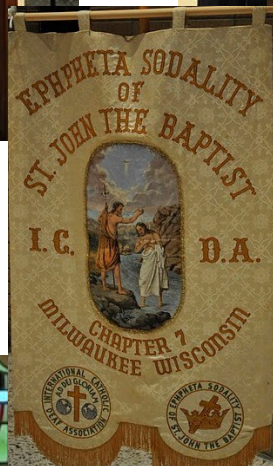
Deacon Christopher Klusman, 34, is the first deaf seminarian in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. While his road to the priesthood has been difficult, it’s one he wouldn’t trade. He will be ordained a priest in May.

“The experience has been wonderful, extremely positive. There have been challenges and bumps in the road along the way, but it’s overall been very positive,” he signed.

As a member of the Ephpheta Sodality, he feels the organization helps fill a need for deaf Catholics.

“The organization is beautiful because it gives the deaf the opportunity to become leaders. They can practice leadership skills for this organization, they can feel like they can contribute their skills to other people’s, to the church, to the archdiocese, because we really don’t have too many opportunities for them to feel inspired and for them to feel like they’re worth offering their diverse gifts to this community,” he said.

<p><i>Special thank you to all those who help make the Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist’s celebration a success.</i></p>
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*I lay down my life*



*for my sheep.*

*John 10:15*

*Mass of Atonement*

*Archdiocese of Milwaukee*

*St. Matthias Parish*

*9306 W. Beloit Rd.*

*Milwaukee, WI*

*April 7, 2011—7:00 pm*

*Interpreters will be provided*

“To continue us on a path of reconciliation and resolution, during Safe Environment Week, on Thursday evening April 7, I will preside at a **Mass of Atonement**. This Mass is another step on our journey of acknowledging our past and moving forward toward a better future.

This Mass of Atonement is another step of putting our words into action. No single statement or event can make up for the damage that has been done and the hurt that has been caused, but it is in Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection that we find the greatest hope.

Please join me in prayer on April 7.”

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI  
Archbishop of Milwaukee





The [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry](#) will be participating in the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Walk4Hearing fundraising event in Milwaukee on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

The [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry](#) in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee exists to enable all people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to participate fully in the liturgical, educational, pastoral, spiritual, and human concerns ministries in the Church.

The [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry](#) can provide the resources and support for those who have hearing loss themselves or want to support their family members or someone they know with hearing loss within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

### **Why We Walk?**

**We walk because hearing loss is a public health issue in the United States.**

- ⇒ 36 million people have some form of hearing loss
- ⇒ 22 million have noise-induced hearing loss that could be prevented
- ⇒ More than 59,000 military members have disability status for hearing loss from current wars.
- ⇒ 30 school-aged children per 1,000 have a hearing loss

Most of us give little thought to our ears until we have a problem hearing. The sounds go into our ears and up to the brain and we hear. Unlike our eyes, our ears never close. Hearing is effortless. Many people do not know where to find the information and support they need to overcome the communication obstacles that hearing loss creates.

The [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry](#) is proud to be part of the Walk4Hearing to help raise funds and support the HLAA's mission which is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

We need your support to help make this event a success and spread the awareness of the national issue on hearing loss.

Please [click here](#) to go to our Walk4Hearing donor page or go to [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org), click on donate, and find our team "[Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry](#)"

For more information, please contact  
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## Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Submitted by: Arvilla Rank

On December 9, 2010, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel paper headline read, "Mary Apparitions Authenticated". It was about a Chapel in Champion. This is in the Peninsula in Northeastern Wisconsin. Bishop David Ricken, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, "sanctioned the visions as worthy of belief". This is the first approved apparition of Mary in the United States according to the Green Bay Diocese and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. What happened there that made this chapel so special? In October 1859 Mary appeared three times to a young woman, Adele Brise, who had moved with her family to Wisconsin from Belgium. They lived out in the country in the Peninsula in Northeast Wisconsin. The first time Adele saw Our Lady was on October 9, 1859, on her way to the gristmill in Robinsonville with a sack of wheat on her head. She walked the four miles along an Indian trail. As she passed where the Chapel now stands, a woman in white appeared. The woman did not say anything. When Adele arrived home, she told her family of the appearance and they thought it might have been a homeless woman. The following Sunday as Adele, her sister, and her neighbor were walking to Mass at Holy Cross Church in Bay Settlement 11 miles from their home, she saw the woman again. The woman did not say anything. After Mass, Adele talked to the priest who suggested she ask the woman who she was. On her way home, as the women came to the spot, Adele saw the beautiful lady again in dazzling white with a yellow sash. She had a crown of stars on her head. Adele fell to her knees and asked, "Who are you?" The response was, "I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners and I wish you to do the same. Gather the children from this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." Adele's companions did not see the woman. Adele explained to them and Our Lady said, "Blessed are they that believe without seeing."

From that time on Adele began teaching the children their religion. She prepared them for the sacraments. Others joined her in teaching the children. A small private chapel was built of logs in 1859. From 1865 to 1868, a frame convent and

boarding school were built near the chapel. The school, called St. Mary's Academy, opened in 1869. From the time of the apparitions until her death on July 5, 1896, people would see her going up and down the peninsula to teach the children. The current chapel was built in 1941. Today the school is a convent.

October 8, 1871 was the day of the great fire in Northeastern Wisconsin. Farmers used fire to clear land of stumps and wild grass in those days. The last two years had been very dry. The fire, known as the "Peshtigo Fire", began in Peshtigo across Green Bay from the Peninsula. It spread across to the Peninsula. The winds were very strong. People from the area rushed to the shrine bringing their animals with them to escape from the fire. All were huddled in the five acres of consecrated ground. They prayed. A heavy rain fell that night. When the fire was put out, everything around them was burned. Amazingly, the fire did not touch the five acres consecrated to Mary on which the people were huddled and praying. The Chapel and buildings on the grounds were not touched by the fire. Now more than 150 years later, 1,500 to 1,800 people go to the Chapel for outdoor Mass on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Many people go there to pray, especially when someone close to them is ill.

*Historical information for this article was obtained from a booklet, The Chapel, Our Lady of Good Help written by Sr. M. Dominica, O.S.F. of the Sisters of St. Francis of Bay Settlement, R. 1 Green Bay, Wisconsin published in 1955. It contains an Imprimatur by Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona dated January 14, 1955, Green Bay, Wisconsin. The booklet was reprinted in 2008.*

*Current information is from the December 9, 2010 Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel and the February 17, 2011 edition of the Catholic Herald published by the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The various towns listed are confusing. The Shrine is in Champion, which does not have a Post Office. The mailing address of the Shrine is The Chapel, Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, 4047 Chapel Drive, New Franken, Wisconsin 54229. The website address is*

*[www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com](http://www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com). The sign in front of the Chapel still reads simply, "The Chapel".*

## Holy Week Schedule

### St. Andrew Church, Delavan

714 E. Walworth Avenue  
Delavan, WI 53115  
262-728-5922

Interpreted Mass

Easter Sunday—April 24th --- 9:30am

We will offer interpreted serviced for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Thursday 7:00 PM service and the Good Friday 3:00 service April 22<sup>nd</sup> upon request. Please give advanced notice of one week if you would like to attend these services and want an interpreter.

### St. Joseph Church, Waukesha

822 North East Avenue  
Waukesha, WI 53186  
262-446-0327

Interpreted Mass

Easter Sunday—April 24—9:30am

### St. Matthias Church, Milwaukee

9306 W. Beloit Rd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53227  
414-321-0893

Interpreted Mass in the main Church

Holy Thursday, April 21—7:00pm

Good Friday, April 22—7:00pm—Prayer Service in Small Chapel with Deacon David Sommers

Interpreted Mass in the main Church

Easter Sunday—April 24—8:45am & 10:30am

### St. Paul the Apostle Church, Racine

6400 Spring Street  
Racine, WI 53406  
292-886-0530

Interpreted Mass

Holy Thursday, April 21—7:00pm

Good Friday, April 22—12:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 23—7:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 24—10:30am

### St. Peter Church, Kenosha

2224 30th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53144  
262-551-9004

Interpreted Mass

Holy Thursday, April 21—7:00pm

Good Friday, April 22—12:30pm

Easter Sunday—April 24—10:30am

### St. Mary's Immaculate Conception, West Bend

1610 Monroe Street  
West Bend, WI 53090  
262-377-7537

Interpreted Mass

Easter Sunday—April 24—10:00am

### *Prayer for Lent*

*O God, bless us  
during this season of spiritual renewal.  
Fill our minds and hearts with love,  
that we may be a sign of Jesus  
to all those living in our midst.*

**Calendar of Events around the Archdiocese . . . . .**

**Mass of Chrism**  
 April 19—7:30pm at the  
 Cathedral of St. John the  
 Evangelist, Milwaukee, WI.  
**Interpreter will be provided.**  
 Please contact Terri Matenaer,  
 Coordinator at [deafministry@archmil.org](mailto:deafministry@archmil.org)  
 to reserve your seats.



**Pentecost Mission**  
 Cardinal Stritch University  
 8:00am—11:45am  
**Interpreter will be provided.**  
 April 2—Ethnicity and  
 Catholicity:  
 The Demographics of the Church in Milwaukee  
 May 7—A Catholic Understanding of the Bible  
 Contact: Terri Matenaer at  
[deafministry@archmil.org](mailto:deafministry@archmil.org)



**Bible Study with Deacon  
 David Sommers.**  
 Water Tower View  
 Community Room at 11:00am  
 on April 11 and May 9.  
 St. Andrews Church Rectory at 6:30pm on April  
 11 and May 9.  
 St. Matthias Parish Center at 7:00pm on April 18  
 and May 16.  
 For more information, contact David at  
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**Walk4Hearing**  
 May 15 at the  
 Milwaukee Lakefront.  
 This is an opportunity  
 to raise funds for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
 Ministry. For more information, please contact  
 Terri Matenaer at [deafministry@archmil.org](mailto:deafministry@archmil.org)



**Christopher Klusman's Ordination**



Archdiocese of Milwaukee will ordain five  
 priests including its first Deaf priest,  
 Christopher Klusman.

What: Presbyterate Ordination  
 When: Saturday, May 21, 2011  
 Time: 10:30 am  
 Where: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
 812 North Jackson Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53202  
 The Church will be crowded. If you want to  
 reserve a seat, come by 9:00 am.

Christopher Klusman will celebrate his Mass  
 of Thanksgiving:

When: Sunday, May 22, 2011  
 Time: 11:00 am  
 Where: St. Matthias Parish  
 9306 West Beloit Road  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 Reception to follow after Mass in Steiger Hall  
 (Church basement)

All are invited to attend  
 both of these special events.

**Calendar of Events around the Area . . . . .**

**ASL Weekend**

May 20-22 at Lion's Camp, Rosholt, WI. For more information go to [www.aslweekend.org](http://www.aslweekend.org)



**Camp De Sales Center**

Brooklyn, MI  
 June 26—July 1: ASL Week  
 July 3—8: Families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing Children ages 7-16  
 July 10-15: Families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing Children ages 1-6  
 August 3-7: Deaf-Blind Workshop  
 For more information, go to [www.desales.org](http://www.desales.org)



**International Catholic Deaf Association-US Section 6th Biennial Conference**

“Connected in Christ!”  
 July 10-15—Chicago, IL  
 Host by: Chicago Catholic Ephpheta/ICDA #10  
[www.icda-us.org/2011\\_ICDA-US\\_Conf.htm](http://www.icda-us.org/2011_ICDA-US_Conf.htm)



**6th Annual 4 Deaf Clubs Picnic**

August 20 at Darien, WI.  
 For more information, go to [www.deafpicnic.com](http://www.deafpicnic.com)



**National Deaf Cursillo #63**

“Walking the Waves with Jesus”  
 St. Mary of the Sea Retreat House  
 Cape May Point, NJ  
 September 29-October 2, 2011  
 For more information, contact Kate Slosar at [Deafcurs63@aol.com](mailto:Deafcurs63@aol.com)



Visit Fr. Mike Depcik's website to learn more deep love for God and to learn more about the Catholic Faith in ASL. Please visit his website at [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

**Kitchen Table**



**The Ministry Formation Program (MFP)** is seeking candidates who are interested in serving within the Deaf Catholic community. The goal of the MFP is to train Catholic Deaf adults who wish to serve as active lay ministers. The four-year training program begins in September and concludes in May. Each weekends runs from Friday evening through Sunday noon. The MFP sessions take place in the Chicago area. The instructors are professionals who understand Deaf culture and who possess skills in communication in sign language. The certificate of completion of the four-year ministry training program will enable candidates to work in any of the following ministries: Bible Study, Prayer Groups, RCIDA, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Ministry, and many more!

Request an application, contact Sr. Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU at 866-371-8658 (VP) or [mfp1993@insightbb.com](mailto:mfp1993@insightbb.com)  
 For more information, contact Terri Matenaer at [deafministry@archmil.org](mailto:deafministry@archmil.org)

**St. Thomas University (STU) School of Theology & Ministry** offers Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministries with the Deaf and is seeking candidates who are interested in serving within the Deaf Catholic community. The Graduate program's curriculum is designed for both Deaf and hearing students that work with the Deaf. The program is co-ordinate and taught by STU full-time faculty as well as fully qualified spiritual leaders and scholars that meet the needs of the Deaf culture. This enables Deaf students to be trained by ministers and leaders from the front lines. The School of Theology and Ministry offers this MA program in two intensive sessions each year over the course of four years. Students come to campus for a one-week course in January and again for two weeks during the summer. Students continue their learning on-line for each course to fully maximize academic studies and personal performance. Request an application, contact Cynthia Rose-McIntyre at [crose@stu.edu](mailto:crose@stu.edu) For more information, contact Terri Matenaer at [deafministry@archmil.org](mailto:deafministry@archmil.org)

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