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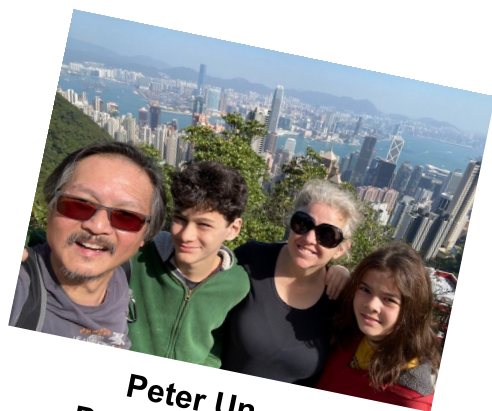
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Kate Slosar

From the ICDA-US Section President

Season Greetings from your President!

Hello everyone! Blessed Christmas! Did you know God has a million ways to communicate with us? God would beat any Guinness book of world records. God made each one of us just the way we are. How do I know that? In my family home, we have four dogs, and each dog has its own personality. One is a yard protector, another one is just happy “easy going”, our 3rd dog is a queen “diva” and our 4th one likes to bark to get his way. They do know how to get along. My family and I need to figure out what our dogs want. God is like that too. God will show us His way in the way that we can understand.

Sometimes we will get signs from God and another person will get different signs from God. Like for example some people will get visions of angels, or others will get dreams, or messages from our families and friends.

It is now Christmas season and God has sent His Son into the world to show us the way back to God. God sent angels to tell the shepherds in the fields that Jesus is born, and they should go and visit the newborn baby in Bethlehem. God sent an angel to communicate with Mary. God gave Joseph a dream. God is amazing! God is CHAMP! Let this Christmas season be a blessing to you and your family and your friends as you celebrate the birth of Christ and bring Christ's light to others. We are living in a time where there is pain, suffering, war, addiction, and many other personal struggles. WE can bring Christ's light to everyone that we meet.

Other ICDA news, our board met in November, and we did complete the by-law motions referred to us by our delegates at our national conference

in Boston this past summer. We are now updating our letters to our delegates. There is one item from the by-laws topic that we started and will continue into 2024. We need to figure out how to make technology work with us. We will also update our “operations” guidelines which will include the “how” our 2025 conference will look. We will also include ideas and feedback from our young adults group. Starting in January, I will be able to do a vlog on ICDA-US news on our YouTube channel.

Speaking of our conference in 2025, we have not found a location, but we are working toward it. We believe we are closer to getting a location so please look forward to our future announcements on the 2025 conference location! We will also include the 2024 calendar of events in this edition. So many exciting events are happening again! Please check them out.

Our mailing list still needs to be updated. If you or your family moved or has passed away, please go into our website at www.icda-us.org/change-of-address and fill out your information. It will automatically go to our mailing list database. Our membership dues are the same as this past year. Please do pay your memberships by January 31st so that you can receive our 4 seasonal magazines in 2024.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family during this season of Christmas and have a blessed 2024!





Fr. Paul Zirimenya

“... my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.” Jeremiah 20:11

In these increasingly intense and significant times for our nation and the world, most of us want, hope, and pray that to be the case. And all of us, in faith, are expected to believe that is the case. Of course, Jeremiah is talking about his own personal persecutors --- the people who were angry, hounding, threatening, and assaulting him. Jeremiah, confident that he was doing what God wanted him to do, trusted that he would be “successful” in the mission to which God had called him.

Of course, the implicit meaning of that statement by Jeremiah, the deep truth that is reflected in his words, is that God wins, wins, and wins! Some of us take that to mean that God would never really let bad things happen, that God will always “fix” whatever we have “broken”, that the problems of our nation and the world are God’s problems, not ours. Or it can also mean that “God only wins” when it comes to the only thing that ultimately matters --- **heaven** --- and so we can sort of wash our hands of anything going on around us during our time on this earth. That stuff is not really very important. People in this camp often talk as if God will just intervene and stop the really bad stuff if things get too bad.

Is that really what we are supposed to believe? In our nation and the world, people go hungry all the time. People get persecuted and murdered. The planet gets damaged. Countries go to war. God is not “stopping” any of those things, so that cannot really be what we mean when we say God wins. The truth is --- lots of people “lose” all the time, sometimes because of their own actions, sometimes because of the actions of others, and sometimes through the fault of no one. Simply put: some bad things that happen do not “stumble” at all. They actually seem to “win”.

And while there certainly are some of us who are in that camp, there are many more of us who actually reject the idea that God wins. Some of us might feel that way only once in a while. Some might feel that way nearly every time something bad happens. Or some of us might even feel that way pretty much all the time. And when we adopt this sort of thinking, when we stop truly believing that God wins in any meaningful sense of that phrase, it can lead us to a kind of hopelessness, a kind of despair.

And this too can lead to inaction --- especially when it comes to the really big problems. They can seem insurmountable. And so, we go through life sort of at the mercy of it, rather than steering it or shaping it. We look around us and start to wonder if there truly are good people in our nation and in this world, or if everyone is just out for his or herself. It is not easy to go through life if we believe God is not moving and inspiring human hearts to great things, or that God is not really as involved as we would like Him to be, or maybe even not as powerful as we once believed Him to be. And so, we stop trying to do good things and make a difference. After all, what is the point?!

On one end --- God is the only agent for good, the only one who can do anything about the troubles, tragedies, and injustices in our nation and this world. And on the other end, the other extreme --- He plays almost no part. So, which should we choose? Neither!



When we say “God wins” we do not mean that He always does so “by Himself”. And while we do not believe God “needs” a single thing from us, He certainly “wants”, “expects”, and “hopes” certain things from us. And that means that there are all

sorts of things that “God wins at” only when we cooperate with Him, open to His grace and His Spirit. He wishes to pour into our hearts and minds and souls --- remember, in Catholic faith: it is both/and!

God wins. All the time! But sometimes He wins because we helped Him win. And we do that by embracing only one thing --- **LOVE**. Hunger does not win when we sincerely love people who have much less than us. And violence does not win when we shower our sons and daughters, our friends and neighbors, and even total strangers with compassion and understanding and mercy and kindness. Bitterness and resentment do not win when we choose to forgive everyone who has wronged us. And death (in all its forms!) does not win when we go through life “fully alive”. Hunger. Injustice. Poverty. Violence. Hatred. All those things will stumble, all those things will “not triumph” if we let our all-powerful God work through us, infusing the world with His life, His grace, and His love. That is not just God’s job to make sure it happens. It is ours too. And that is a good combination, a winning formula for 2024!

Fr. Paul Zirimenya



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Greetings My Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We are excited to announce that the 2024 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference is hosting our 42nd Bi-ennial Anniversary on Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 2024. This event will take place at Hyatt Regency Chicago in Lisle, IL. This hotel is located in the west suburbs of Chicago, just 21 miles west from O'Hare Airport, 24 miles from Midway Airport and few miles from Naperville.

On Friday, we will have the Adoration/Benediction, Welcome Reception, Workshop, and Prayer Room. On Saturday, we will have the Business meeting, Workshop, Lunch, Mass and Cocktail & Banquet. The workshop will lead by Reverend Thomas Coughlin. Reverend Coughlin, the first deaf North American priest, is a founder of Camp Mark Seven and will talk about our theme: **"Light Up the Darkness"**.

In an effort to be efficient and alleviate wait times upon arrival, I strongly encourage you to participate and take advantage of early registration.

- **Special Hotel Rate: \$104.00** including hot breakfast buffet per night plus tax. There will be same night rate if you plan to come for 2 days prior to and 2 days after the conference. Perfect getaway to visit downtown Chicago and get a cruise on beautiful Chicago River. Now is a good time to call and reserve a room now!
- **Special Promotional Early Bird Combo Registration: \$125.00 for both days. Deadline is February 24, 2024.**

Please feel free to contact us at the email below if you have any questions.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our 2024 ICDA-US MWR Conference!

Blessings,

Brian Van Thyne

2024 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference Chairperson



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Welcome to
**the 42nd Bi-ennial
 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference
 at Hyatt Regency Hotel - Lisle**

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 2024

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
- Registration	- Business Meeting
- Adoration & Benediction	- Workshop
- Workshop	- Lunch **
- Welcome Reception *	- Mass
- Prayer Room/Rosary Prayer	- Cocktail/Banquet ***

*** Friday Dinner:**

Soup, Salad & Sandwiches Meal:

- Soup Du Jour
- Petit Greens, Charred Corn, Tomato, Cucumber, Focaccia Crouton, Honey Dijon Vinaigrette and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
- Smoked Turkey, Ham and Chicken Salad Assorted Sliced Cheese, Mayonnaise and Mustard
- Shredded Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Pickles, Multigrain Bread, White Bread and Kaiser Rolls, Seasoned Grilled Vegetables and House Made Chips-Assorted
- Cookies and Brownies
- Beverage

**** Saturday "Grab & Go Lunch" - On The Go!:**

Boxed Lunch includes a bag of Chips, Fresh Whole Fruit, Cookie, Soft Drink or Bottled Water

- Sliced Turkey Sandwich with Muenster Cheese, Honey Mustard Mayo, Baby Spinach and Sliced Tomatoes on Italian Focaccia
- Roast Beef Sandwich with Munster Cheese, Pickle, Tomato & Horseradish Mustard
- Chicken Salad Wrap with Basil Aioli, Sliced Heirloom Tomatoes and Mozzarella Cheese
- Power Veggie Club with Hummus, Sliced Avocado, Cucumbers, Bell Peppers, and Micro Greens on Thick Cut Multigrain Bread

***** Saturday Banquet:** Choice of Chicken Breast, Filet Mignon, Fish (Salmon) or Vegetarian

**** Please choose Lunch and Banquet meals on the Registration Form ****

- For more info about conference, contact us at midwesticda2020@gmail.com,
 630/517-0525 VP to leave a message or visit deafcatholicjoliet.org -



---2024 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference ---

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hyatt Regency Lisle, 1400 Corporetum Drive, Lisle IL 60532

MAY 17 & 18, 2024



TRANSPORTATION

- O'Hare Int'l Airport-
21 miles/ 24 mins
- Midway Int'l Airport-
26 miles/ 35 mins

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Morton Arboretum
- Seven Bridges golf club and ice arena
- Cinemark Theatre
- Naperville Children's Museum
- Naperville Riverwalk

- Naper Settlement
- Chicago Premium Outlets
- Fox Valley Mall
- Oak Brook shopping center
- Yorktown Mall
- Cantigny War Memorial Museum
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- Near points of interest

We're pleased to offer a special rate of **\$104.00** per night, including breakfast buffet, plus tax to all MWR conference attendees with group code: **G-ICDE** when booking online or contact Hyatt Regency Hotel Reservation office at **(630) 852-1234**.

That \$104 special rate also applies to two days prior and two days after the conference dates. **\$114** per night for 3 or more persons in a room.

For registration online, visit at www.ICDA-US.org, click on Conference – MidWest Region (MWR) tab to click on Hyatt Hotel Reservation or the link below.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/LISLE/G-ICDE>



2024 ICDA-US Midwest Regional Conference

Registration Form

MAY 17 & 18, 2024

Hyatt Regency Lisle, 1400 Corporate Drive, Lisle IL

GENERAL INFORMATION per person *(please print)*

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ TTY: _____ VP: _____

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Please check any that apply:

☐ Deaf
 ☐ Moderator
 ☐ Special Needs (Low vision, G-F, Veg, etc) please specify: _____

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 ☐ Delegate

☐ Deaf/Blind
 ☐ ICDA-US Chapter # _____

REGISTRATION/EVENT FEE (check one) <i>-included Friday & Saturday</i>	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
	<input type="radio"/> \$125 Early Bird Deadline - February 29, 2024	<input type="radio"/> \$125
	<input type="radio"/> \$145 Standard - After February 29, 2024	<input type="radio"/> \$150
	<input type="radio"/> \$ 75 Saturday Banquet ONLY	<input type="radio"/> \$ 75

Friday Dinner, Saturday Luncheon & Banquet will be provided. Please check off "Special Needs" above if you're a Gluten-Free/Vegetarian.

Preference of "Grab & Go" Lunch on Saturday (please select one):

☐ Turkey Sandwich
 ☐ Roast Beef Sandwich
 ☐ Chicken Salad
 ☐ Veggie Club

Preference of Banquet Dinner (please select one):

☐ Chicken Breast
 ☐ Filet Mignon
 ☐ Fish (Salmon)
 ☐ Vegetarian

Please make a check or money order payable to **ICDA-US MWR (US FUNDS)** and mail it with this form to:
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For Early Bird Combo only, visit at ICDA-US.ORG, select 2024 MWR Conference tab to make registration online via PayPal (with small fees) for full payment or two payment installments. Or mail and must pay full by deadline before February 29, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY

- No full refund after April 15, 2024. In case of an extreme emergency, a portion of the registration may be refunded
- If a person is a "no-show", registration is non-refundable
- No full refund on Early Bird Combo after February 29, 2024

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to the above cancellation policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Hello everyone! What is your favorite Christmas memory or tradition?

Jeannine Adkins

A Warm Night and Wonder-(Ful)

I remember on Christmas Eve of 1981 my dad drove around with my entire family. We watched the magic of the Christmas lights of all our neighbor's houses then at nighttime my dad built a fire in fireplace and we all sat next to the fireplace, beside the Christmas tree. I was about 5 around the time and I thought it was the most magical night of my life. I remember I was worried about Santa getting burned coming down the chimney with the fire going. My parents to do something to remove the doubts, told me his boots and suit were fireproof. When I woke up to presents under the tree, I questioned how he managed to put our presents out without any of us waking up, it still remains a mystery! What a Wonder-ful time.

Jeannine Adkins

Add pic this part of story



Judy Vardon

My best memory was I got walking doll (of course with 4 batteries) and oven baking !

Daniel Gibb (Joyeux Noel)



Joyeux Noël

Martha Coulter

Church every Midnight Mass with my fam years back! Miss it 🙄

Scott Jurecka



Toni Sica

Games with the family, marvelous food, taking the children to see the lights while Santa brings the presents, Midnight Mass, lazy Christmas morning and fantastic brunch.

Eleanor McLaughlin

Visiting our very premature son in the NICU on Christmas Day 1987. So blessed after being born at 24

weeks that he survived ❤️



Cathy Signor

My favorite Christmas memory:

SHE KNEW ABOUT ANGELS

Our family Christmases were not like all those glittering ads seen on TV today. We were poor. One Christmas, in fact, we eight kids desperately wanted to get a present for our beloved parents. But we had no money.

Still, my sisters and I were determined to come up with something. Eagerly, the younger siblings awaited our decision. Then Julie, the eldest, had an idea. She would ask a nun at school how to get a free present.

"Wait until close to Christmas Day," the Sister told Julie. "And pray there will be snow before then."

Following this advice, we all prayed hard. And the snow did fall.

On Christmas Eve, while our parents were busy with Christmas cooking, Julie, Mickey, Steve, Anne, Tom, Mike, and I slipped outside. It was a cold, beautiful night.

In the backyard, we lay on the snow in a row, in order of birth: first Julie, the oldest, then me, then Mickey, Steve, Anne, Tom, and Mike. Gently, we swept our arms and legs up and down, then wrote our first names across our "angels," drawing a halo above each one. Julie sneaked back into the house to get Scott, our baby brother. She brought him outside wrapped in a warm blanket.

I removed his blanket, and Julie and Mickey put him on the snow at the end of our angel row. Scott was cooing and laughed as Julie and Michael quickly moved his arms and legs. I wrote his name across this "angel" and drew a halo above the little head, while Julie quickly wrapped Scott in the warm blanket. Then we all ran back to the house.

When Julie looked outside a short time later, she saw that snow had begun to fall. "It will cover our snow angels," she said, "so we better surprise Mom and Dad now."

We led our parents to the big dining room window and told them to shut their eyes until Julie opened the curtains. As they opened their eyes and saw our snow angels, we yelled, "Merry Christmas from all of us."

Mother started to cry. Father held back his tears for a few seconds, but then he cried, too. We had never before seen them so moved.

It was a very special moment. And in that moment, our parents truly understood how very much we loved them.

Cathy Signor
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40th Anniversary of Chicago Catholic Office of the Deaf

Cardinal Blase Cupich celebrated the 40th anniversary of the archdiocese's Catholic Office of the Deaf at the church and the 75th anniversary of the parish's founding at a 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The church was packed with more than 150 deaf people. The Mass was spoken in English, Italian and Polish as well as the readings and universal prayers in American Sign Language (ASL). Susan Elizabeth Rangel signed the first reading; Betty Mulvey & Donna Mattini signed several prayers. Thanks to the interpreters for helping with the large deaf people. Cardinal Cupich was very impressed by our Chicago Metro Deaf Community. After Mass, we had a delicious reception and dessert. The picture showed on right is the ICDA-US Treasurer, Brian Van Thyne, had a nice handshake with Cardinal Cupich.



Founded in the summer of 1949, St. Francis Borgia Parish is kicking-off its 75th anniversary at this Mass and will conclude the celebration in October 2024, during the feast month of its namesake. At the time, veterans of World War II were moving from the congested central areas of Chicago to the city's edges to raise their families and build their futures. The archdiocese responded to the growing area by establishing the parishes of St. Monica (now St. Monica and St. Rosalie Parish), St. Eugene (now Queen of Peace Parish) and St. Francis Borgia.

The Catholic Office of the Deaf, founded in 1884 at Holy Family Parish as a ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago, relocated to St. Francis Borgia Parish in December 1983. The ministry provides pastoral care of deaf and hard-of-hearing persons in metropolitan Chicago as well as their families, and includes spiritual guidance, religious education, youth activities, formation and training in ministerial leadership, and advocacy for social justice issues of deaf and hard-of-hearing people. More than 100 people gather for weekly Sunday Masses in ASL. Most of the people leading the Mass — deacon, readers, ushers, choir and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion — are deaf.

Congratulations to the faithful community of St. Francis Borgia Parish!



What happens at a Cursillo?

More than 3,000 Deaf cursillistas have experienced it; they can't really explain it. It is even more impossible to explain it to someone who hasn't experienced it. The apostles could not explain the experience of what happened to them on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came. Only the Holy Spirit knows for sure.



The Cursillo experience really starts on Thursday night and continues until Sunday. The Cursillo helps people to understand what it means to follow Christ – and how to help each other follow Christ. Give a new meaning and encouragement to life. You will find many surprises, friendliness, warmth, and...the spirit of Jesus that you will see in one another. It is an awesome experience of God.

Who can come to the Cursillo?

The Deaf Cursillo is geared for Active Catholic Deaf Adults:

- ⇒ Single and Married couples can come
- ⇒ Non-Catholic Spouse of Catholic is welcome
- ⇒ All presentations are in American Sign Language, with no voice interpreter

What are the goals for the Cursillo?

The Cursillo experience tries to help everyone:

- ⇒ discover their own importance
- ⇒ experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ
- ⇒ realize the importance of being a Christian in today's world

Are Cursillo people different?

The Cursillo is for people like you! People who are Catholic, have been attending Church and Mass, but are still searching for something more! The team for the Cursillo are people just like you who work together to prepare and lead the Cursillo.

Lay people and spiritual directors will give talks in American Sign Language with discussions after each talk. Each speaker will share their spiritual journey with God.

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After the Cursillo...

The Cursillo weekend is the beginning of a journey. The Cursillo experience helps us to journey toward God and spread God's love to everyone (John 15: 9-17). That journey continues all of our life!

YES, the most important part of the Cursillo happens after the Cursillo is finished! You will go home spiritually refreshed!!

When is the Cursillo?

Participants arrive Thursday evening June 20, 2024 at 4:30 pm and it will end on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm in O'Dwyer Retreat House.

Where?

O'Dwyer Retreat House. Their website is at: <https://msgrodwyer.org>.

We are happy to announce Deaf Cursillo #68 at the O'Dwyer Retreat house, Sparks, MD. O'Dwyer Retreat House is on 18 acres of land in a beautiful country setting. We provide a peaceful setting and the conference rooms, meals, and sleeping accommodations.

We will send you directions to O'Dwyer Retreat house and a list of things to bring after we receive your registration form.



We will provide transportation from Baltimore Washington International Airport (less than an hour drive to O'Dwyer Retreat House). Please arrive in Baltimore before 3 pm. Please contact Sue at Mdcursillo68@gmail.com for more information.

How much does it cost?

Cost is \$275 per person. You will need to make \$75 deposit now then pay \$200 by April 12, 2024. The cost covers room and meal packages.

If you need help paying for your trip, please contact your local ICDA chapter, your priest, pastoral worker, or bishop

How can I sign up?

Limit 30 new participants will be accepted to enter the Deaf Cursillo. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation notice, maps and other essential information.

First Come, First Serve.

For more information, please go to the National Deaf Cursillo website:

<https://www.nationaldeafcursillo.org/>

ICDA Chapter #1

St. Francis De Sales Catholic Deaf Community
 St. Stephen's Chapel 2nd Floor
 360 Bay Street, Suite 501
 Toronto, Ontario M5H 2T7
 Every Sunday - 11:30 a.m.
 Deacon Kevin Brockerville
 Coordinator Deaf Ministry, Carol Stokes

ICDA Chapter #4

Detroit Catholic Deaf Community
 Office - St. John's Deaf Center
 16103 Chesterfield Avenue
 Eastpointe, MI 48021
 VP: 586-439-0146

✠ Our Lady of Loretto's (in St Valentine's school chapel)
 25875 Hope Street
 Redford, MI 48239
 Every Sunday - 9:30 a.m. (Signed)

✠ Holy Innocents'
 26100 Ridgemont Avenue
 Roseville, MI 48066
 Every Sunday - 12:00 p.m. (Signed)
www.sjdc-oll.org

ICDA Chapter #6

St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society
 St Richard's Parish Life Center-2nd fl. in school bldg
 St Rene Goupil Catholic Deaf
 11223 Schuetz Road
 St. Louis, MO 63146
 Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. (Signed)
 Fr. Dan Kavanagh, Director Catholic Deaf Ministry
 VP: 314-282-9803
danielkavanagh@archstl.org
 Al Alvord, Coordinator CDM
 VP: 314-282-4941
allenalvord@archstl.org
www.stlcatholicdeaf.org

ICDA Chapter #7

Ephpheta Sodality of St. John the Baptist
 St. Charles Borromeo Parish
 3100 W. Parnell Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53221
 Every Saturday - 6:00 p.m. (Signed)
 Moderator: Fr. Christopher Klusman
klusmanc@archmil.org
 Mailing address:
 3501 South Lake Drive
 Milwaukee, WI 53235

ICDA Chapter #8

Philadelphia Deaf Apostolate
 St. Matthew Church,
 3000 Roosevelt Boulevard
 Philadelphia, PA, 19149.
 Every Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
 Moderator: Deacon William Griffin
Deaconbillygriffin@gmail.com
 Chaplain: Fr. Sean Loomis
DeafCatholic@archphila.org
 Mailing address:
 Deaf Apostolate
 222 North 17th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19103
 VP: 267-507-1215 / 215-268-6510
 Masses and Newsletter listed at
www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org

ICDA Chapter #10**Chicago Catholic Ephpheta**

✠ St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
 8025 W. Addison
 Chicago, IL 60634
 Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. (Signed)

✠ St. Julie Billiart (South Side)
 7399 W. 159th Street
 Tinley Park, IL 60477
 2nd & 3rd Sundays - 4:00 p.m. (Signed)

✠ St. Mary of Vernon (North Side)
 236 US-45
 Indian Creek, IL 60061
 4th Sundays - 4:00 p.m. (Signed)
Chicagoland Catholic Office of the Deaf
 3525 S. Lake Park Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60653-1402
 Mrs. Margaret Swatek, Religious Ed Coordinator
 VP: 312-957-4766 / TTY: 312-751-8368
 V: 312-534-7899 / FAX: 312-534-0394
catheafch@archchicago.org
www.deafchurchchicago.org

ICDA Chapter #18**Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center**

St. Augustine Church
 2486 West 14th Street
 Cleveland, Ohio 44113
 VP: 216-370-7722
 Every Sunday - 11:00 a.m. (Signed)
1946CCDC@gmail.com

ICDA Chapter #19

St. John's Catholic Deaf Community
 22 Mulberry Street
 P.O. Box 200147
 Newark, NJ 07102
 Every Sunday - 1:00 p.m. (Signed & Social)
 Deacon Thomas Smith
smiththo@rcan.org

ICDA Chapter #22

St. Joseph's Center for the Deaf
 25580 Campus Drive
 Hayward, CA 94542
 Every Sunday - 10:00 a.m. (Signed)
 Fr. Robert Herbst OFM Conv.
rherbst@oakdiocese.org
<http://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-pastoral/center-for-the-deaf-hard-of-hearing/facility-rental-1>

ICDA Chapter #29

Pope Francis Center
St. Francis Deaf Church
 7202 Buchanan Street
 Landover Hills, MD 20784
 Every Sunday - 11:00 a.m. (Signed)
 Fr. Min Park, Celebrant
 Peter Noyes, Person of Contact
Pnoyes@aol.com

ICDA Chapter #37

Bernadette Catholic Parish
 7240 West 12th Avenue
 Lakewood, Colorado 80214
 303-233-1531
 Every Sunday - 9:00 a.m. (Interpreted)
 Every Saturday - 4:00 p.m. (Interpreted)
 Rev. Tom Coyte, Pastor
 Text: 303-884-3236
tomcoyte@me.com
 Sue Metz: Pastoral Ministry
 Text: 303-715-8288 / VP: 720-210-5494

ICDA Chapter #41

St. Paul Catholic Church
 21650 West 115th Terrace
 Olathe, KS 66061
 Katie Locus, deafministry@archkck.org

Deaf Mass

✠ St. Paul Catholic Church (Olathe)
 2nd Sunday - 2:00 p.m.

✠ Most Pure Heart of Mary (Topeka)
 2nd Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Interpreted Masses (except on 2nd Saturday/Sunday)

✠ Prince of Peace (Olathe)
 Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

✠ St. Joseph (Shawnee)
 Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

✠ St. Paul (Olathe)
 Every Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

✠ Most Pure Heart of Mary (Topeka)
 Every Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

✠ Holy Trinity (Paola)
 Every Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

ICDA Chapter #45**Catholic Deaf Oregon**

✠ Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
 650 A Avenue
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034
 Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. (Interpreted)

✠ St. Peters Catholic Church
 5905 SE 87th Avenue
 Portland, OR 97266
 Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (Interpreted)

St. John the Apostle

Attn: ICDA #45, Deaf Ministry
 417 Washington
 Oregon City, OR 97045
 President: Paul Sommer ICDA.45.President@gmail.com
 Moderator: Jilene Modlin ICDA.45.Portland@gmail.com

ICDA Chapter #46**The Deaf Apostolate of Diocese of Joliet****St. Isidore Parish**

427 W. Army Trail Road
 Bloomingdale, IL. 60108
 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:00 a.m. (Interpreted)
St. Mary Immaculate Church
 15629 South at Rt. 59
 Plainfield, IL. 60544
 Every Sunday - 9:00 a.m. (Interpreted)
www.deafcatholicjoliet.org

ICDA Chapter #63

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 701 Fillmore Street NE
 Minneapolis, MN
 Every Sunday - 10:30 am (Signed)
 Pastor Fr. Michael Krenik
olmc@olmc.org
www.olmcmpls.org

ICDA Chapter # 68

St. Francis de Sales Manitoba
Catholic Church of the Deaf (MCCD)
 House of Peace
 211 Edmonton Street
 Winnipeg, MB R3C 1R4
 Every Sunday-11:30 a.m. (Signed & voiced)
 Fr. Dominique Kerbrat, o.m.i.
 St. Francis Chapel
 Snack/fellowship after Mass
 Elena Martin, a.m.o.
 (Pastoral Asst./Coordinator)
 Cell: 1 204-898-4758
mccd234@gmail.com

ICDA Chapter #77

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf
 St. Francis Xavier Church
 1801 Octavia Street
 San Francisco, CA 94109
 Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. (Signed & voiced in English/Spanish)
 Celebrant: Fr. Paul Zirimenya
stbenz1801@gmail.com
 VP: 415-255-5837 / Voice/TTY: 415-567-9855
www.stldeafcatholics.org

ICDA Chapter #83**Flint Catholic Deaf Group**

Holy Redeemer Church
 1239 E. Bristol Road
 Burton, MI 48529
 Every Sunday - 11:00 a.m. (Interpreted)
 Celebrant: Fr. Steve Anderson

ICDA Chapter 99**Hudson Valley Catholic Deaf Center**

President: Anthony Scarpulla
 Treasurer: John Depew
 Secretary: Lesley Scarpulla
 Moderator: Sr. Barbara Ann Sgro, OP
 Catholic Charities
 Sister Barbara Ann Sgro, OP
 Coordinator of Deaf Services
 218 Church Street
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-4104
 Voice: 845-452-1400, ext. 4212
 VP: 845-345-8396 / TTY: 845-452-3338
 FAX: 845-452-3336
Sr.BarbaraAnn.Sgro@archny.org

ICDA Chapter #121**Children of God Mary, Mother of Hope Church**

Ministry With the Deaf Office
 840 Page Blvd.
 Springfield, MA 01104-1695
 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays - 10:00 a.m. (Interpreted)
 3rd Sunday - 10:00 a.m. (Signed)
 President: Lorna Laferriere
LaffvRLR@aol.com
 Moderator: Kay M. Woods
woodskay@comcast.net

ICDA Chapter #138, South Jersey**Ministry with the Deaf of South Jersey**

Church of the Holy Savior
 (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
 50 Emerald Avenue
 Westmont, NJ 08108-2398
 (GPS-use Haddon Township)
 Every Sunday - 10:00 a.m. (Signed & Social)
 Socials: McDaid Hall,
 15 Virginia Ave, Westmont, NJ
 Moderator: Fr. Hugh Bradley
 VP Office: 856-283-3962
 VP Parish: 856-345-2474
hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org
www.icdanj138.org



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2024 Events

The ICDA-US board thought would be a good idea to post the events that are happening in 2024 that we know of at the time this of printing. We would like to continue doing this in our issues. If there are any errors or an event that was overlooked, we apologize. Please send us the correction or information on any upcoming events to: theicdaushomeoffice@gmail.com

Events Happening in 2024

Date	Event
February 1-5	NCOD Pastoral Week in Houston, TX
April 14-21	Deaf Catholic Cruise
May 11th	ICDA 75th Anniversary Zoom Conference
May 17-19	ICDA-US Midwest Region in Lisle, IL
June 20-23	National Deaf Cursillo #68 in Sparks, MD
June 28-30	MFP Alumni Reunion in St. Louis, MO
August 4-9	Jesus Deaf CREW near Brooklyn, MI
August 18th	St. John's Deaf Center's 50th Anniversary
August 18-24	Camp Mark 7-Deaf Adults and Religious Week
October	Fr. Mike's trip to Medugorje
October 11-13	Deaf Christian Experience Weekend in Des Moines, IA



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