

# Silent Holy Spirit

## Full ASL Mass Has Returned!



Greetings!

Praise the Lord for bringing our old tradition back with full Deaf Signed Mass starting on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Fr Dan was both the pastor at St Richard's Church and Director of Deaf Ministry and found he was very busy trying to do both. He desired to have a FULL signed Mass, and this was not possible while also speaking for hearing parishioners. Fr Dan had experienced Deaf Signed Mass with Fr. Jerry Trancone in Landover Hills, MD a few summers ago, and he has wanted to start that again here in St

Louis. Fr Dan has moved out of St Richard, and he will be living at St Agnes Home in Kirkwood, where he will be the part-time Chaplain and celebrate Mass for the assisted-living residents and the Carmelite nuns there. However, our CDM office and library/chapel remains at the old St Richard's Catholic school. We will no longer be attending St Richard's church but our Deaf Mass will be in the old St Richard's school building in the CDM Library/Chapel.

Our hope is that our Deaf Catholic Community can understand God's Word better in ASL. For example: Jesus tells his disciples that a good shepherd protects his 100 sheep. One of the sheep was wandering away from them but he would not give up looking for it. He found and saved it and brought it back. Do you know who is the shepherd? The answer is Jesus, Who are sheep? The answer is all of us.

After our last newsletter in March-April 2021 about the CDM library, I listened to several people's comments who said that they felt strange or weird because our CDM library is a school classroom and it was not the same as church. So, I felt in my gut, that God wanted me to create a nice chapel. Fr Dan and co-workers liked my

designs so we ordered a three feet long crucifix that was made from Italy, added a dark blue curtain to cover the whiteboard, and also installed a film of stain glass over the windows. Four small stained glass images of Saints are on backorder and they will arrive in late July. Also, we ordered some new chairs without arm rests and other chairs with arm rests.



Another church – St Mary Magdalene Church from the city of St Louis donated an altar table to CDM. You will notice in the CDM Chapel/Library that when the black curtain closes, (the altar table will be in behind of curtain), it means that it is the library. When the curtain opens, this means that the room is a Chapel. Look at photos on the next page.



I encourage you to join our ASL Signed Mass to learn God's Word from Fr Dan. We are family.

For your information, our ASL Mass starts at 10:30 am. When you arrive at St Richard, drive around the far west side of the Rectory and park your car on the second level of parking lot and enter

at the entrance on second floor.

By the way, notice on the top of the newsletter, you will not see "St Richard's Catholic Church" and the name is now Catholic Deaf Ministry – Archdiocese of St Louis.

Your comments are welcome so please share them with us.



## More CDM Chapel Photos



Above  
April Mason Donovan  
Psalm



John Ferrari - Leader  
Fr Dan Kavanagh



Above—Al Alvord—Reading  
Left—Social After Mass

## **Written By Rev. Daniel Kavanagh**

What an exciting summer it has been here at CDM! It was great to welcome everyone for our first Deaf Mass on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and I look forward to celebrating Mass in Sign Language for you all each Sunday in the CDM Room in the Parish Life Center (former school building) at St Richard Parish. Al and I have been busy changing an old classroom into our new CDM Chapel/Library. I hope that you all have a chance to come and see it! I wanted to thank Al for all of his help, and his many great ideas to make the room a more prayerful space.

As I shared last month, Archbishop Rozanski has asked me to take a new position as Chaplain at St Agnes Home in Kirkwood, as well as remain Director of CDM, and I'm very excited about this! This will allow me to focus more on serving the Deaf Catholic Community in our Archdiocese.

If you, or another deaf Catholic you know, would like to receive the Sacraments at your home, please feel free to contact me. I know that COVID has had a big impact this past year, and some people still are not able to re-join large gatherings of people because of health concerns. Other people may not have access to a vehicle to get to Deaf Masses on Sundays. I am always happy to come and visit you!

I wanted to thank everyone for their responses to our short Deaf Ministry Survey that was passed out to everyone at our first Deaf Mass; the results from everyone were very similar and will help Al and I in our planning for future events and activities at CDM. I look forward to beginning some presentations and workshops on different topics this fall. Our first series will be on the Sacraments, and we will use the program called "Hands of Grace". The short videos are all signed by Fr. Sean Loomis, who is the Chaplain for the Deaf Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We will have discussions after each video to help us all understand the Sacraments better.

If you have any suggestions or ideas of something you would like to see from CDM, please always feel comfortable to share that with me. The best way to start the conversation is to talk with me after Deaf Mass, or you can send me an email at [danielkavanagh@archstl.org](mailto:danielkavanagh@archstl.org)

Let us keep praying for each other! God Bless!

Fr Dan

# WHERE IS THE HAIL MARY IN THE BIBLE?

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you

Luke 1:28

Blessed art thou among  
women

Luke 1:41-42a  
Luke 1:48

Blessed is the fruit of  
your womb, Jesus

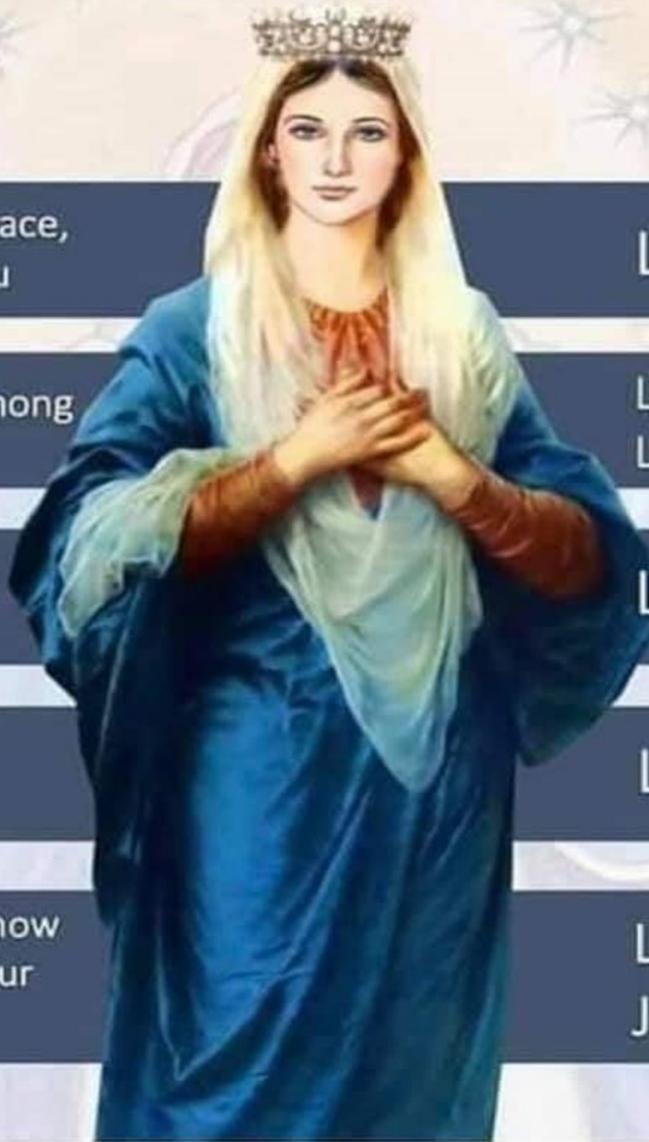
Luke 1:42b

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God

Luke 1:43

Pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our  
death. Amen.

Luke 2:35,  
John 2:5



**Many people, even some Christians, misunderstand Catholic teaching and think that Catholic people worship the Virgin Mary, Let me ask you question....do you pray to your deceased parents or grandparents or whoever you love for help? If so, then why don't we pray to Virgin Mary? It doesn't mean that we worship Mary instead of God. Mary listens to your prayers and then sends your message to Jesus because she is our Mother. Let me summarize my explanation below:**

**\* John chapter 19, verses 26-27. When Jesus is dying on the cross, he is talking to the Apostle name John, Jesus is telling John that Mary is now his mother, and she is also mother for all of us.**

**\* We have two mothers - one is Mary and one is your mother.**

**\* Mary was lifted into Heaven called the Assumption. Jesus went into Heaven without any help from angels. Although we don't know for sure, Catholic Tradition is that Mary was lifted by angels.**

**\* God chose Mary to have baby Jesus without having sexual relations with Joseph. Baby Jesus came to Mary's womb because she was pure from sin – the Catholic Church names that belief as the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Meaning that Mary has no sins in her life.**

**\* Look at the Revelation – Chapter 12 – A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman (Mary) clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and her head a crown of 12 stars.**

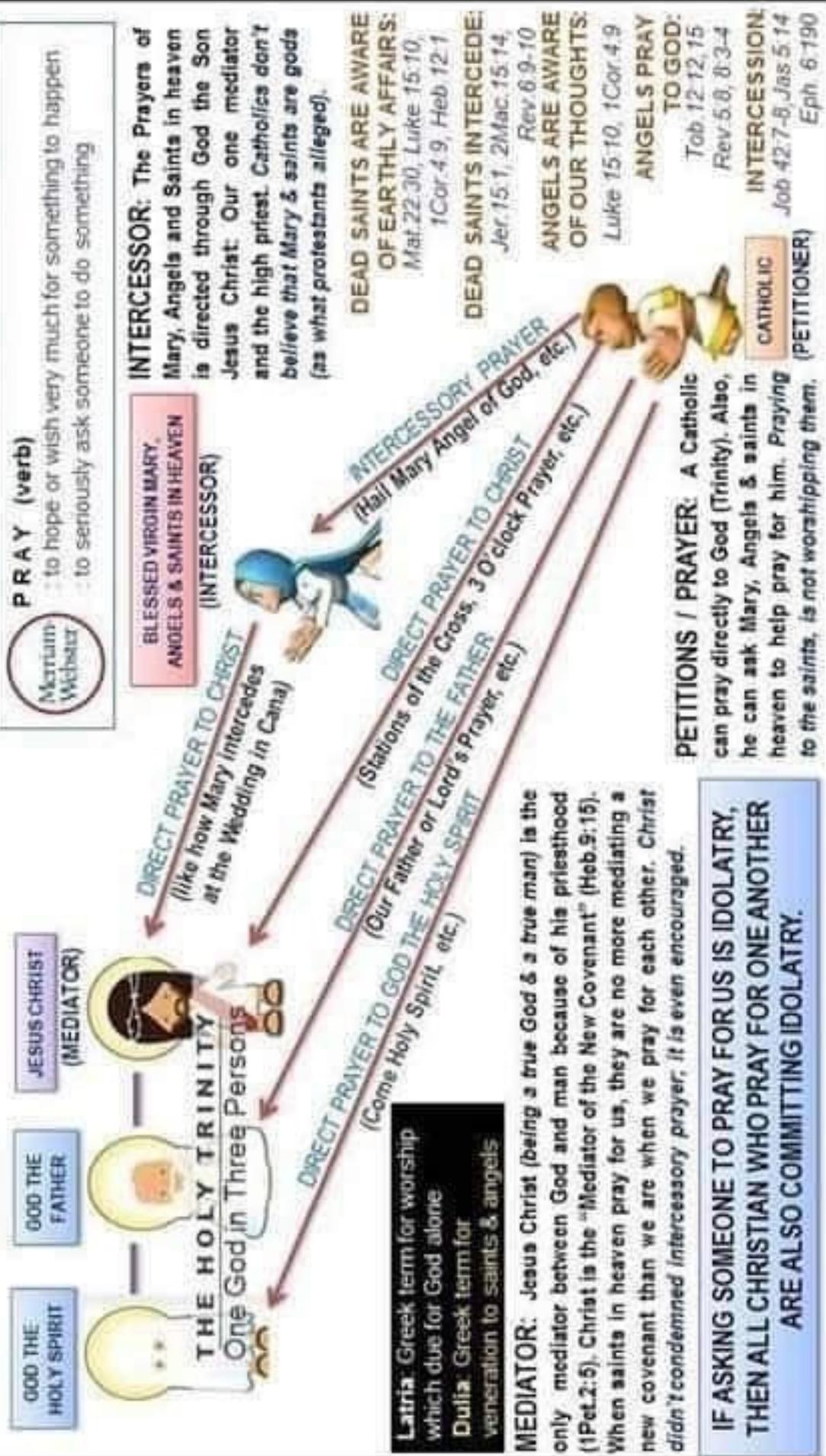
**\* Mary came to earth such as Fatima and many people do not believe the same as many Jews do not believe that Jesus came to earth.**

**\* More details about Mary in a future newsletter. There are many verses about Mary in the Catholic bible book.**

**\* Look at the "Process of the Intercession" in next page.**

# THIS IS HOW A CATHOLIC FAITHFUL PRAYS.

Catholics can directly pray to God (Holy Trinity). Also, we can pray (ask intercession) to Mary, Angels & Saints in heaven, since **The Prayer of a righteous person is Effective (James 5:16).**



**"The Lord is far from the wicked: and He will hear the Prayers of the Saints." (Prov.15:29)**

# Catholic Deaf Society

## Society General/Election Meeting

**When:** Sunday, September 12, 2021

**Time:** 11:45 AM – 4PM  
(After ASL Mass at 10:30 am)

**Where:**

St. Richard's Catholic Parish Life Center  
CDM Chapel  
O'Brien Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
11223 Schuetz Road  
St. Louis, MO 63146

Society Board will be providing the refreshment.  
(Park your car on second parking lot level behind church  
Entrance doors on second level)

More information please contact:

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We here at CDM are so thankful for the financial support from the Archdiocese of St Louis' Annual Catholic Appeal. This support allows our office to operate to support Deaf Catholic's throughout the Archdiocese, as well as helps us to purchase faith formation resources that we can all use to grow in our faith! I encourage all of us, depending on our financial ability, to help support the great work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. No matter what amount, big or small, any sacrifice can help us to continue to build a strong Church here in St Louis! If you would like more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please see the website at <https://www.aca.archstl.org>

If you would like to return your pledge card, you may send it directly to the ACA Office at the Archdiocese, or you can return it to the Parish Office or CDM office. Donations to the ACA can also be made on the website at [www.aca.archstl.org](http://www.aca.archstl.org)

Fr Dan Kavanagh.

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## **FAQ**

Question: How can I find "Catholic Deaf Ministry" on website.

Answer: First, open ACA website (see website address above). Then you fill out the blanks. You will see "Gift Designation" then scroll down until you see "Catholic Deaf Ministry".

Question: I'd like to donate per month instead of once, how can I set up monthly?

Answer: There is an "installment" payment. For example: \$500 a year enter \$41.66 per month. (500 divide by 12 months).

Question: If I want to donate two or more organizations, how can I set up different organizations?

Answer: Fill out the form for each organizations.

Question: I do not have an internet, how can I donate?

Answer: Contact CDM office (AI) for assistance.

Any more assistance or questions, please contact AI.

## **ASL Signed Mass**

CDM Chapel at St Richard Parish Life Center  
2nd Floor  
11223 Schuetz Rd  
Creve Couer MO 63146  
Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

## **Interpreted Mass**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
5020 Rhodes Ave  
St Louis MO 63109  
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 10 AM

### **Holy Infant**

627 Dennison Dr  
Ballwin MO 63021  
Every other Sundays at 10:15  
AM

### **St Joseph's**

13555 Motherhead Dr  
Cottleville MO 63304  
Every Sunday at 10:30 AM  
**Unknown -Contact**

## **Belleville Diocese**

### **Immaculate Conception Church**

411 Palmer Rd  
Columbia IL 62236  
Saturday at 5 PM

**Note: Sometimes change to Sunday  
Check for interpreter available**

**If your church interpreter is not available, please come to CDM  
Mass for Jesus and keep your spirit strong. Also, show your sup-  
port to Fr Dan.**



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**CDM's Mass and Other Services**

**Signed Mass**

CDM Chapel at St Richard Parish Life Center

2nd Floor

11223 Schuetz Rd

Creve Couer MO 63146

Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Signed Confession**

After Sunday Mass

or Contact Fr Dan to set up an appointment

**Confession/Anointing of the Sick**

For any person with no transportation or in living assistant or home, Fr Dan will be glad to visit you at your desired place. Contact Fr Dan to set up an appointment.

**Funeral/Wedding Arrangement**

We are happy to help arrange your wedding or funeral here at CDM Chapel or St Richard's church. If you prefer to have it at your own church, Fr Dan will be happy to come and be the priest leading the service at your church, or if you want your priest to lead and Fr Dan to be there to help, he is happy to do that also. Please contact CDM office for more information.

**Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion**— Contact CDM

**RCIA— Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**— if you are interested in becoming Catholic— Contact CDM