

Silent Holy Spirit

Happy Easter Day!



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Reminder

5/1 No ASL Mass
5/8 Donut and Coffee Chat
5/22 Movie and Pizza
6/5 Donut and Coffee Chat
6/12 St Rene Goupil Picnic
6/26 No ASL Mass
7/3 Donut and Coffee Chat

New CDM's Website

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

Holy Week Mass Schedule

St Rene Goupil Deaf

ASL Mass

April 3rd	Donuts and Coffee Chat with Fr Dan after 1030 AM Mass
April 9th	Passion Mass at retreat at 4 PM
April 10th	Passion Day—No ASL Mass
April 14th	Holy Thursday at 7 PM
April 15th	Good Friday at NOON
April 17th	Easter Sunday at 11 AM
May 1st	No ASL Mass (Fr Dan's sister's wedding in Arizona)
May 8th	Donuts and Coffee Chat with Fr Dan after 1030 AM Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows

Interpreted Mass

April 3rd	No Interpreter - Meet at St Rene Goupil at 1030 AM
April 10th	Passion Sunday at 10 AM
April 14th	Holy Thursday at 7 PM
April 15th	Good Friday at 7 PM
April 17th	Easter Sunday at 10 AM
April 24th	Sunday Mass at 10 AM
May 1st	Sunday Mass at 10 AM (Donuts and Coffee Chat)
May 8th	No Mass—Meet at St Rene Goupil

Prayers in Rosary Daily

Virus Crisis and War

It is interesting comparing what was happening in the world at the time of Mary's appearance at Fatima to our present world situation. In the 1910's, there was the Spanish Flu crisis that led to many deaths and the need for people to wear facemasks for a couple of years. Also, World War I was being fought in Europe at that time.

In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children in Portugal and began speaking to them. Mary told them to pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and an end to the war. The three children met her on the 13th of each month from May to October that year, and Mary promised to tell the children who she was, and that she would perform a miracle for them. The children later tried to share this with other people, but many people in town did not believe them.

During the next few months, more people became interested in what the children were saying and gathered with the children each month on the 13th day. On October 13th, thousands of people joined the children, and they all witnessed the Miracle of the Sun, where the sun danced in the sky even though it had been raining all day.

People began to believe, and they prayed the rosary every day. With enough people now praying rosary, the war soon ended in November 1918.

Today, we have the Covid-19 virus all over the world and many people sadly have died. There has also been a need for many people to wear face-masks since 2020.

Also, recently Russia started the war against Ukraine, and they continue to invade them. Both the virus and war are not over yet. Many Catholics are encouraging others to pray the rosary every day, same as in 1917.

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At the time of Mary's appearances at Fatima, many people did not believe what the three children had seen. Currently, there are also many people that do not believe in Mary; people that do not have a relationship with God; or people that believe that they're too busy to pray.

Praying our own prayers is great, but the rosary is very powerful, and the devil is afraid of it and stays away when it is prayed. We are encouraged to pray the rosary every day.

In a past newsletter (October 2019), I shared about the miracles from Blessed Mary. If you wish to see newsletter, you can enter our new website <http://www.stlcatholicdeaf.org> under "Newsletter" tab, then go to October 2019.

Look both 1917 and 2022 chart below:

1917

Spanish Flu (many people died, and people needed to wear face-masks for protection)

World War I

Many do not believe in the rosary

WWI ended a year after people began praying the rosary

2022

COVID-19 (many people have died, and people have needed to wear facemasks for protection)

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Many do not believe in the rosary

We are called to pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine, avoid WWIII

TWINS STORY

By Katrina Sommers

Sometimes life takes you places you can never imagine. Life can feel chaotic and out of control. But scripture tells us God has a plan for us. Plans for our good, not evil. Plans to give us a hope and a future. Even when it feels like there is no hope at all.

Our twins' journey began on an ordinary Monday. We had a routine doctor appointment 15 weeks into the pregnancy. The doctor we met with that day happened to train other doctors on early identification of a rare fatal condition, which our twins had. Anyone else, he was certain, would have missed it. It was by the grace of God that he was there for our appointment that day, because he was not our doctor, and he was there on rotation. It was a flicker of hope in the darkness.

The twins' condition was already advanced. He was certain our babies would not survive another week. If we wanted to save one, or both of them, we needed surgery. At the time there were only 4 hospitals in the country that could perform this surgery and the best team was in Denver. We left for Denver the next day. It was a flicker of hope in the darkness.

On Thursday and Friday, we underwent extensive tests at the Denver Children's Hospital. It was confirmed our babies were in critical condition and could not survive until Monday. Their entire team come in on Saturday morning to save our girls. It gave me a flicker of hope in the darkness.

The night before our surgery I asked the Virgin Mary to be the mother to my babies and take care of them until I could join them in Heaven. I needed to know that no matter the outcome they would be loved and cared for.

We had to wait a week in Denver to see if the surgery was successful. The waiting and not knowing was excruciating, but it was an ever-present opportunity to trust in God. There was literally nothing we could do but pray and wait.

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As you can see the surgery was a success! But at 22 weeks into the pregnancy my water broke in the middle of the night. The doctors at the hospital told us it was too early and there was nothing they could do to save them, but they make the girls comfortable while they passed away in our arms. I was devastated, but as Adam pointed out, I was not actually in labor. It was yet another flicker of hope in the darkness.

I stayed in the hospital for weeks under constant surveillance. I prayed from the time I woke up until I went to sleep every day.

Our girls were born on 12/27/14 just shy of 26 weeks gestation. Kallie weighed 2 pounds 3 ounces and Addie was 1 pound 11 ounces.

Over the span of the next 4 months, they had numerous emergency surgeries where the odd of survival were against them. God was faithful every step of the way and they survived each one. And now they are radiant with hope and joy.

Sometimes He doesn't answer the prayers the way I would have wanted Him to, but His way is always better. It leads us to the next place and season we are called to be. A place where we can be nourished and nourish other people with the spiritual food, He has given us. So, it is my hope that hearing our story will help strengthen your belief in our Heavenly Father. He's a good, good Father and His love for His children knows no bounds.



Addie



Kallie

12-27-2014

Fr Dan's Message

Greetings!

I hope that you all are having a good and holy Lent! This is a great time of year for us to take a good look at our faith life and our relationship with Jesus. It is my hope that every one of us knows in our minds and hearts that we are called into a relationship with Jesus. We can look at the relationship that two very good friends have as an example. We know that a good friend is always there to listen to us, offer us advice, and be with us in difficult times of our life. The same is true with Jesus, and our relationship with Jesus is meant to be even deeper than our closest friendships. God knows our heart and He wants to share His unconditional love with us - that means that God wants to share His love with us whether we deserve it or not. Even when we are selfish and sin, God still loves us; but God wants us to come back to Him and let Him know that we are sorry for our sins and ask for His forgiveness by going to confession. God is always willing to forgive us, we just need to be humble and ask :)

As we think about our faith and our relationship with God, you also maybe think about heaven - I know that I do! Yes, we enjoy our life here on Earth and we try to live our faith every day, but we remember that our top goal in life is to be with God in heaven when our life here on Earth is finished. It can be difficult for us to think about the end of our life. It can make us anxious, nervous, or sad; but we remember there is also joy in the resurrection. Lent can be a tough Church season to go through, but we always have hope because we remember that Lent is always followed by the Easter celebration!

I pray that each of us can spend some time this Lent thinking about the end of our life here on Earth. It is very important that we make a plan and inform our close family and friends of what we want to happen after we die. If you would like to have a funeral Mass, it is very important that you inform those close to you that that is what you want to happen. You can even choose the readings that will be read at your funeral Mass. It is also important to think of where you would like your funeral Mass to be, and which priest you would like to celebrate the Mass. I am here to serve the Catholic Deaf Community and I would be honored to celebrate a funeral Mass for you, but I also respect that you may have a different priest that you would like to celebrate the Mass, and that is always okay. We can have the funeral Mass here at St Rene Goupil Catholic Deaf, or over in the church at St Richard, or at whichever parish you may be a member of. The most important thing is to make a plan for this now! Even if we are younger, we never know the day or the hour that our life here will end, so we want to be prepared.

I know that in my different parish experiences that it is always a great gift to the family and friends of someone who has died when the person that has died left plans for their funeral and let their family and friends know what they want to happen.

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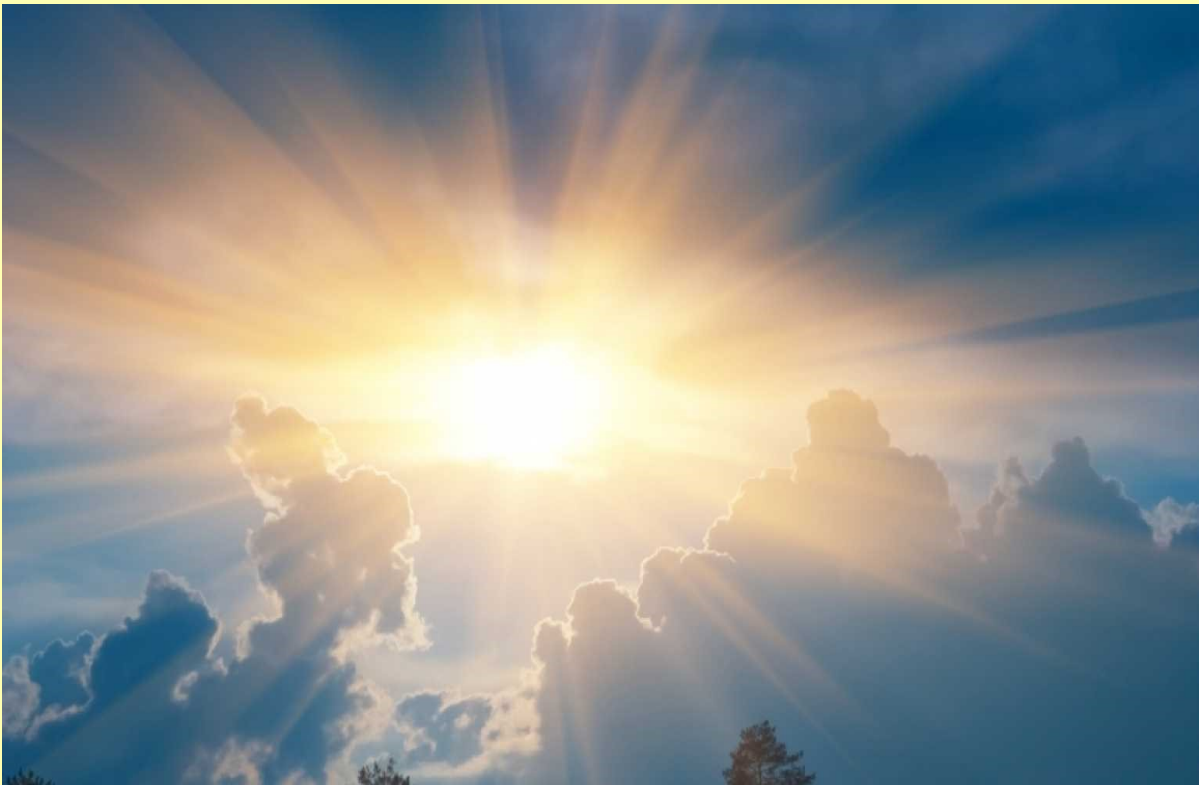
We have a funeral planning form at CDM, and it is also available on our website under "Resources for Deaf Catholics." Al and I are always happy to help you plan for your funeral, or answer any questions that you might have. We are a spiritual family, and we are here to support each other.

On a different note, I am excited that we will be celebrating Holy Week at St Rene Catholic Deaf this year, so please come and join us for any or all of the different days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The schedule is in this newsletter, and also can be found on our new website <http://www.stlcatholicdeaf.org>

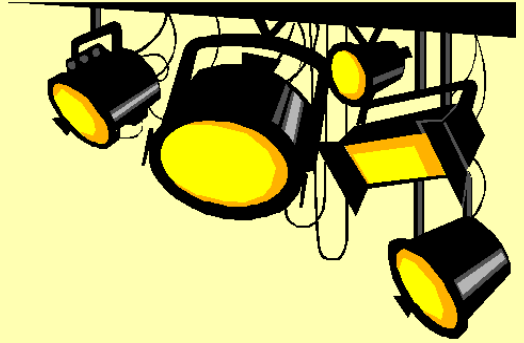
Please know of my prayers for you all, and I am always here to help you any way that I can.

God Bless,

Fr Dan



Spotlight



Reverend Raymond D Gruenke C.SS.R. Memorial Award

On December 5th, 2021, we celebrated our Annual Holiday Luncheon after Mass at St Rene Goupil Deaf. The food was catered by Frank and Helen's Pizzeria, and the Italian food was excellent! Approximately 60 people were present at the luncheon. It was a great crowd.

Special thanks to Toni Jodlowski, as well as the Catholic Deaf Society Board members, for all their hard work in preparing for our Holiday dinner. Last year in 2020, we missed the holiday luncheon due to the Covid virus crisis, and so the CDS Board members decided to give two awards for both 2020 and 2021 at the past luncheon.

First, Mark Jodlowski, CDS President, gave the 2020 Award to Rita Dunn. Rita has volunteered in preparing and setting up pot-lucks and finger-food for many of our events, such as: general meetings, movies, and other events for many years. Congratulations to Rita! See the photo on the next page.

Second, Mark gave the 2021 Award to Al Alvord. Al has a long history with CDS and has held various positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and head of the movie committee since 2012.

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**Mark Jodlowski & Rita Dunn
Award 2020**

Also, Al was a successful chairperson of the Midwest Regional International Catholic Deaf Association conference here in St Louis in 2013. Currently, Al works as the Coordinator of Catholic Deaf Ministry, and he serves on the Catholic Deaf Society Board as the Moderator. Al thanked everyone for supporting Deaf ministry, and those who volunteered in setting up our new CDM Library and Chapel for our ASL Mass. Congratulation to Al!

**Al Alvord & Mark Jodlowski
2021 Award**



Memorial



Welcome to Heaven

Catholic Deaf Society Members

Pat Travers 1/22/2022

Others

Monica Niemira's father—Thad F. Niemira 11/6/2021

Carla Miller's brother—Danny Dickman 2/14/2022

Vivian Carricio 3/16/2022

Pizza and Movie

Catholic Deaf Society

May 22 2022



St Richard's Parish Life Center
(School Building next to Church)
11223 Schuetz Rd
Creve Coeur MO 63146

ASL Mass starts at 1030 AM— Second Floor

Movie begins at 12 PM at Sacred Heart Room –First Floor

Bring your favorite desserts to share. Enough for 20-25 people.

**Please contact Mary Morrow at 636 238 3095 VP or
mtmn1259@gmail.com**

All Donations Proceeds to go Retreat Funds

All Pizza Sponsored by CDM

St Rene Goupil Catholic Deaf

June 12 2022



**St Richard's Parish Life Center
(School Building next to Church)**

11223 Schuetz Rd

Creve Coeur MO 63146

**Picnic shelter is behind the
St Richard's Church**

**Outdoor Mass Service
at 10:30 AM
Lunch at 12 PM**

**Bring your family
Bring your favorite games**

Bring your favorite Sides or Desserts

Please contact Mary Morrow at

636 238 3095 VP /

mtmn1259@gmail.com

Catholic Deaf Ministry provided hamburger and hotdogs

If rain, we will use O'Brien Hall Gymnasium

Lector and Leader Schedule

<u>Date</u>		<u>Lector</u>	<u>Leader</u>
April 3		John F	Al
April 9	Saturday Retreat	TBA	TBA
April 10		NO ASL MASS	
April 14	Holy Thursday	TBA	TBA
April 15	Good Friday	TBA	TBA
April 17	Easter Sunday	TBA	TBA
April 24		Katie	Al
May 1		NO ASL Mass	
May 8		Jack M	Mark
May 15		John F	Jack M
May 22		Katie	AL
May 29		Ann	Jack M
June 5		Katie	Mark J
June 12		Al	John F
June 19		John F	Al
June 26		No ASL Mass	
July 3		Mark J	Jack



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Mass and Other Services

Signed Mass

St Rene Goupil Catholic Deaf
St Richard Parish Life Center
2nd Floor
11223 Schuetz Rd
St Louis 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

ASL Signed Mass

St Rene Goupil Catholic Deaf

St Richard Parish Life Center (Former School)
2nd Floor
11223 Schuetz Rd
St Louis MO 63146

Interpreted Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows

5020 Rhodes Ave
St Louis MO 63109
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 10 AM

Belleville Diocese

Immaculate Conception Church

411 Palmer Rd
Columbia IL 62236
Saturday at 5 PM

Note: Sometimes change to Sunday

Check for interpreter available

Contact Janette Fields

VP 618 767 6993 / Email: Sewinghobby90@yahoo.com

If your church interpreter is not available, please come to St Rene Goupil for Jesus and keep your spirit strong. Also, show your support to Fr Dan.



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

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 access, how can I donate?

Answer: Contact CDM office (AI) for assistance.

Any more assistance or questions, please contact AI.