

Silent Holy Spirit

Happy 4th of July



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Reminder

- 7/3 Donut and Coffee Chat
- 8/7 Donut and Coffee Chat
- 9/4 Donut and Coffee Chat

CDS Events

- 9/11 Potluck;General Meeting
- 9/25 Movie—Fingerfood
- 10/16 Harvest Celebration

Do You Have Faith?

I know that all of us want to understand our Catholic faith in a deeper way and how we can build a strong life of faith. Okay, what does faith mean? Faith means to have trust or confidence in someone or something. Remember in the New Testament when Peter and the other apostles were on the boat and saw Jesus walking on the water? They were scared at first because they thought that they saw a ghost, but Jesus stopped and stood on the water and told Peter to come to Him. Peter was scared and tried to walk on the water but after only a few steps, he fell into the water and Jesus pulled him out and put him back in the boat. Jesus rebuked Peter that he had very little faith in Him; Peter didn't trust that Jesus would keep him safe.

Question for you...how do you know if you have faith in God?

Every individual has their own struggles, sometimes you maybe hear people say this our "cross" in life. Remember how Jesus had to carry his cross on Good Friday? We all have our own struggles, and even though we don't actually carry a big wooden cross like Jesus did, we say that we each have our own "cross" (our own struggles) that we carry.

But our belief in Jesus reminds us that we don't carry that cross alone, we trust that Jesus helps us every step of the way. We all need to keep Christ in our heart and try to build a strong relationship with Him. It is important that we pray to God that He help us to trust in Him more and help us to grow spiritually strong.

I have a story to share with you as an example. I remember that my grandmother had shared her experience with me. When she was about two years old, her mother passed away due to her pneumonia. Her father was a night chef and he sent her and her sister to a Catholic boarding school for girls. Her experience with the nuns were that they were so mean, and after she graduated from there, she did not want to go to church for most of her

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life until she was retired. She decided to go to church with my family, and eventually she went to church every Sunday until her death. I think that she probably realized that God loved her very much, so she went to church FOR GOD, not for others such as nuns, friends, family. I can see from her example that even though she didn't have faith in the church growing up, she put her past aside and decided not to allow that to be an obstacle in growing in her faith.

I had a similar experience in my past. I did not attend church for several weeks because one or two people who had hurt me were there. My good friend said to me "You go to church FOR GOD, not them." My friend also said that I "need to have faith". It doesn't matter who's at fault. Also, they asked me what if that person is in Heaven, would you enter or not?" These were good points....I prayed to the Lord asking for strength. My faith came back when I went church again.

Church is God's House for everyone to spend time with Him. Church is a good place to help or give you strength and make your life better. Church is a hospital to heal your wounds or sins, so if you have experienced hurt in your past, church is a great place to come and experience healing from God.

If you are struggling with faith, you are welcome to talk to either Fr Dan or Al. Our conversations are confidential.

We all know that we can't overcome difficulties alone, we need the help of God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that always feel supported here at church, and that you remember that you are part of a great spiritual family.

I got this from a friend...see below

Lady (L) met Pastor (P) after the Mass.

L: Hi Pastor

P: Good Morning and how are you?

L: I won't attend to church anymore.

P: May I ask you why?

L: I see other people on their cell phone during the church service, some are gossiping, some just aren't living right - they are all just hypocrites

P: (Silent) Can I ask you to do for me before you make a final decision?

L: What's that?

P: Get a glass of water and walk around church two times, don't let water fall out.

L: Yes, I can do

She walked around twice and came back to Pastor

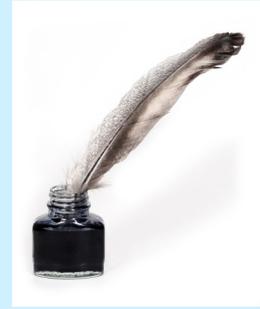
P: I asked three questions:

- 1. Did you see anyone talking cell phone?**
- 2. Did you see anyone gossiping?**
- 3. Did you see anyone doing wrong?**

L: No I did not see any because I was focused on glass so the water wouldn't fall out

P: When you come to church, you should be focused on God - Don't let you fall - That is why Jesus said "Follow Me" He did not say follow the Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others related with God, Let it be determined by how focused you are with GOD

Fr Dan's Message



A Brief Look at the Big Question: Why Does God Allow Us to Suffer?

A question that I remember asking in prayer, beginning when I was young, is “God, why do let bad things happen to good people?” Another way to put it, “God, why do you allow us to suffer?” Maybe you have asked the same question to God in your prayer also? If so, please know that you are not alone!

The question of suffering is probably one of the most difficult questions that human beings have been asking for centuries, and it is a question with an answer that can't be written down in just a short newsletter article. But the shortest answer is that suffering can be a mystery at times; we may not ever know the reason why we suffer in a certain way during our lifetime, but we trust (we have faith) that God will reveal the answer to us in heaven.

Maybe that answer gives you comfort, or maybe it just causes frustration – I understand. I like to read a good mystery book or watch a thrilling tv show or movie, but I like them because we always learn the answer or figure out the plot by the end. We feel happy and satisfied when we solve the puzzle and everything finally makes sense. We know that our faith is a mystery, not a puzzle to be solved by us during our lifetime, and to have faith means to trust that God loves us always and wants us to experience His love for us, even during difficult situations in life.

A question we can find ourselves asking is “God, are you causing this suffering to teach me something?” The short answer to that question is NO!

We understand that God is love, that means that God is 100% all-loving and therefore does not contain any evil. If God is all love, then God could never sin or desire something bad to happen out of anger or hatred.

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Okay, but then why is the world not 100% love if God who made the world is 100% love? Why is there suffering? Great question! We need to look at God's will, that means, what God wants to happen. Theologians (people who study and teach theology) explain that God has two distinct (separate) wills; ***perfect will*** and ***permissive will***.

God's ***perfect will*** is what God desires for us. God desires that we, His children, know of His great love for us. God desires good things for us, His creation, because God is all-loving. God did not desire to see His Son be crucified, God does not desire to see you, or I undergo any suffering in our lives.

God's ***permissive will*** is what God allows to happen. God gives us all freedom, the freedom to choose to respond to His love for us or not. It is the same with our own relationships – we can't force someone to be our friend. If we were to tell someone that they must always be with us and they didn't have a choice, we would say that person was trapped, not that they were a friend. God doesn't want to trap us, but rather, God wants us to receive His love and choose to respond and love Him back. This means that God also gives us the freedom to do good and bad things, to choose to follow God or not to. If God were to only allow good things to happen on earth, then that means that God has taken away our freedom, and we would just be like puppets.

God allows suffering in our world and in our lives, but He never directly wills (desires) it. We remember that God is all-loving, and He is always with us. We can experience frustration or anger about our suffering, that is a natural emotion. It is important that we bring those emotions to God in our prayer and ask that He take them from our shoulders and free us from any burdens. We trust that God loves us and is with us. Even though we shouldn't be angry at God because we suffer, understanding that He doesn't will our suffering, God wants us to bring our suffering to Him. He will help heal us.

We are a family of faith; we want to support each other in our sufferings. If you ever feel overwhelmed, or would like to talk or pray with someone, just let myself, Al, or any of the members of our Catholic Deaf Community know. Remember, you are loved by God and you are never alone ☐

God Bless,

Fr Dan

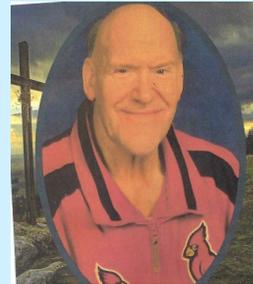
Memorial



Welcome to Heaven

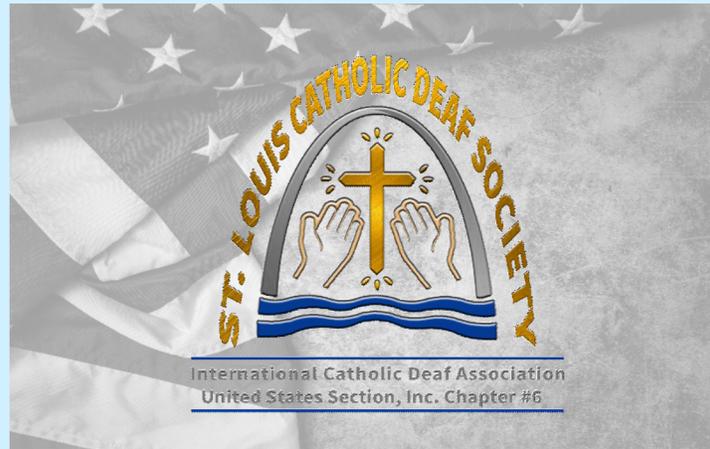
Catholic Deaf Society Members

Daniel Feldmann passed away on 4/7/2022



Others

Ken Morrow (Jack's brother) passed away on 4/17/2022



Society General Meeting and Potluck

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM – 4PM

(Following the 10:30 AM Mass at St Rene Goupil Chapel, we will go to Sacred Heart room for general meeting)

Where:

St. Richard Life Center
Sacred Heart Room (first floor)
11223 Schuetz Road
St. Louis, MO 63146

Bring your potluck, please contact Mary Morrow first.

More information please contact:

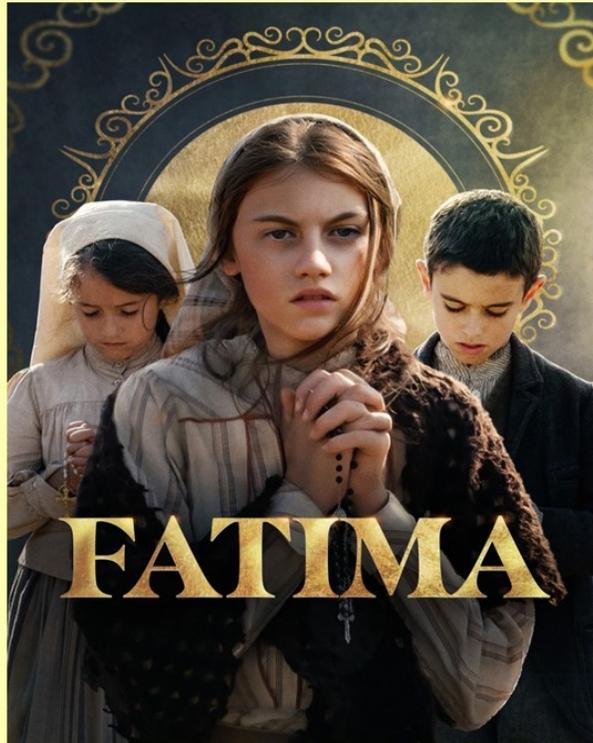
Mary Morrow at 636-238-3095 VP or email: mtmN1259@gmail.com

(Park your car on first parking lot level next to church
Entrance doors on Low Level)



Movie and Fingerfoods Catholic Deaf Society

September 25 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 fingerfood and desserts to share.

Enough for 20-25 people.

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

(Other Information— Contact Al Alvord at 636 486 0510 VP or allenalvord@archstl.org)

All Donations Proceeds to go Retreat Funds

Harvest Celebration

Join us at our Luncheon hosted by
St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society

Sunday
October 16, 2022

Orlando Gardens Banquet Center
2050 Dorsett Village Plaza
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

12:30pm - 4pm

Member: \$35 Nonmember: \$40

RSVP by Sunday, October 9, 2022

LUNCHEON BUFFET MENU:

Roast Beef, Chicken Spedini

Salad, Cavatelli Broccoli, Potatoes, Green Been Amandine

Assorted Petite Sweets

Bar and Beverages included

Door Prizes!!
Please bring a
\$10-\$15 gift for
secret gift exchange
game!

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

Vp #/Email: _____

Member(s): _____ **X \$35.00**

Nonmember(s): _____ **X \$40.00**

Payable to:

St Louis Catholic Deaf Society

Mail to: Jack Morrow

887 Parma Drive

Ballwin, MO 63021

For more information, email

to:

Toni - toni55jodz@gmail.com

NOTE: please bring \$ 10- \$15 gift per person for the game . It will be fun to play . Don't put name on the gift just secret gift for anybody. If you have any question contact Toni or Sally



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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 (Al) for assistance.

Any more assistance or questions, please contact Al.