



INSTITUTE FOR
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Office of Life, Justice & Peace

Archdiocese of Baltimore



DEAF MINISTRY

February 2024



The season of Lent is here. During this time of Lent we focus on loving God and loving other people through Prayer, Fasting, and Helping Others.

Mass in ASL with Fr. Mike is held **every Sunday at 10 am** at **St. Ignatius Country Church**, 8817 Urbana Church Rd., Urbana, MD.

Mass in ASL is held at **St. Isaac Jogues Chapel**, 9215 Old Harford Rd., Balto. at **4:30 pm on the first Saturday** of the month. **Please note: On March 23, we will change to the FOURTH Saturday of the month.** We will have Mass on both **March 2 and March 23.**



Lenten Adoration and Bible Study



Eucharistic Adoration followed by a Bible Study class on the Thursday evenings during Lent with Fr. Mike Depcik. On **Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 7, March 14 and March 21**, Adoration will be from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at the Country Church. Bible Study will follow at 7 pm at St. Ignatius parish center. All are welcome.



March 16 – Lenten Day of Reflection – PLEASE COME!

Fr. Mike Depcik will hold a Lenten Day of Reflection at the **National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD on March 16**. The program includes a free breakfast, a **talk by Fr. Mike**, a **tour of the Shrine**, a **free lunch**, opportunity for **Confession**, and **Mass**. If you would like to attend, **please email Vika Pavlovskaya at VikaPavlovskaya@gmail.com** . See flier below.

Fish Fry available at St. Ignatius on Fridays for Lent

The Knights of Columbus at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville will hold a **Fish Fry on each Friday in Lent** from 4:30 – 7:30 pm beginning February 9 at the big church on Prices Distillery Road. Members of the Deaf Community are welcome to attend. The cost is \$15 per person, \$12 children 6-11/Seniors over 65. Last day: March 22.

Marie Williams Presents Icon to NCOD

Marie Williams, a member of our Catholic Deaf Community, gave a presentation on Iconography and presented an icon that she had written (painted) to NCOD (the National Catholic Office of the Deaf) during their 2024 Pastoral Week in Houston, TX during the first week of February. Congratulations, Marie!



Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

On the weekend of March 2-3 at the weekend Masses in Baltimore and Urbana, we will ask you to consider a donation to the Archdiocesan Appeal for Catholic Ministries. This is an annual appeal that is done in all of the parishes throughout the

archdiocese that seeks donations that impact more than 100 ministries in the archdiocese, including Deaf Ministry. Some of the other ministries that benefit from the appeal are essential services for seniors, youth ministry, vocations, social services, etc. The Appeal is a way for us, as Catholics, to bring comfort and hope to those in need and to spread the Gospel to those who most need it. Please consider donating to the Appeal or making a pledge on the weekend of March 2-3.

Additional Upcoming Events – Save the Dates

Children’s Masses

Children’s Masses are planned for February 25, March 17, April 28, and May 19. Children will do one of the readings, lead the Prayer of the Faithful and/or a song after Communion.



RCIA Classes Have Begun

Want to Become Catholic? Have You Not Received Confirmation? Just Want to Learn More About the Catholic Church and Our Faith? Fr. Mike Depcik started a series of sessions to prepare individuals to be received into the Church or to become a full member of the Catholic Faith. Anyone is welcome to attend just to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Classes are planned for twice each month following Sunday Mass in a classroom at the big church. Future classes will be held on March 3, 17, April 7, 21, May 5, 19, June 2.

Palm Sunday

We will celebrate Palm Sunday at the St. Ignatius Country Church on **March 24 at 10 am**. We will remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem and we will receive palm branches. We will also read the story of the Lord’s Passion.



Chrism Mass on March 25 in Baltimore

Each year the Archdiocese of Baltimore has a Chrism Mass where the Archbishop consecrates the chrism and holy oils used in the sacraments throughout the archdiocese. At this same Mass, all of the priests renew their vows as priests in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Almost all of the priests and all of the bishops of the archdiocese will be there for this special Mass. Fr. Mike Depcik would like for **many members of our Catholic Deaf Community to be present for this Mass**. It is important to

show Archbishop Lori, the other bishops, and all of the priests that we are part of the archdiocese and appreciate the support of the archdiocese for ministry with the Deaf. The Chrism Mass will take place on **Monday, March 25 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen**, 5200 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. Please plan to arrive early. It will be crowded and it may become challenging to find parking.



Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday

Fr. Mike Depcik will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm at the St. Ignatius Country Church**, 8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana, MD. This is a special Liturgy when we remember the night of the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles and the Institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. It is also the Liturgy when the priest washes the feet of representatives of the community.

Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross at St. Ignatius Country Church, 8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana on Good Friday, **March 29 at 5:45 pm.**



Good Friday Service

We will have a Good Friday service on **March 29 at 7 pm** at St. Ignatius Country Church, 8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana.

Easter Vigil Mass

Fr. Mike Depcik will celebrate the **Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm March 30** at St. Ignatius Country Church, 8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana. This Liturgy is the climax of the Church year when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter Sunday Mass at 10 am.

May 19 – First Holy Communion

The children who have been prepared will receive their First Holy Communion on May 19. The children will take various parts in the Liturgy.



June 20 – 23, 2024 – National Deaf Cursillo retreat

There will be a National Deaf Cursillo weekend retreat at the O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD from June 20 – 23. Sue Smith is the local coordinator. Contact Sue for details at Mdcursillo68@gmail.com for more information.



National Eucharistic Congress

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is having a National Eucharistic Congress that will be held in Indianapolis, IN July 17-21, 2024. The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) has worked with the USCCB to make the event accessible for the Deaf providing interpreters for the events. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is organizing a group to go to the Eucharistic Congress. There are a limited number of Scholarships available that would give a 50% discount of the cost of the trip. To apply for the Scholarship, use this link: <https://archbalt.regfox.com/pilgrimage-to-nec-2024>.

There are no plans to have interpreters for trip to and from the events. You would need a letter of support from your pastor or Fr. Mike Depcik.

Jesus' Deaf CREW

This **Catholic Religious Enrichment Week** is in Michigan, August 4-9. See information below.

January 2024	Attendance			Collection		
	Balto.	Urbana	Total	Balto.	Urbana	Total
January 6-7 Rain/Snow; Installation	9	32	41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
January 14		47	47		\$317.00	\$317.00
January 22 Snow		36	36		\$243.00	\$243.00
January 28 Fr. Bernie Carman (late)		33	33		\$100.00	\$100.00
Total					\$660.00	\$660.00
Average Weekend Amount	9	37	39	0	\$220.00	\$220.00

**United States Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Maryland**

**In re: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore
Case No. 23-16969**

**Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse
and Others with Claims Against the Roman
Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore**

If you were sexually abused by any person or entity connected with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore (also known as the Archdiocese of Baltimore), a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, you must file a claim by **May 31, 2024**. If you fail to file a timely claim, you may lose the right to assert a claim at a later date.



For more Diocesan information, visit: <https://www.archbalt.org/>
or <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCABaltimore>

For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland information,
visit: <http://www.mdb.uscourts.gov/>

LENT WITH MOTHER SETON



FR. MIKE DEPCIK WILL TALK ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, THE FIRST AMERICAN SAINT, AND HOW WE CAN LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLES, ESPECIALLY DURING HER TIME OF HARDSHIPS.

WHEN: MARCH 16, 2024

**WHERE: NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
339 SOUTH SETON AVENUE EMMITSBURG, MD**

COST: FREE

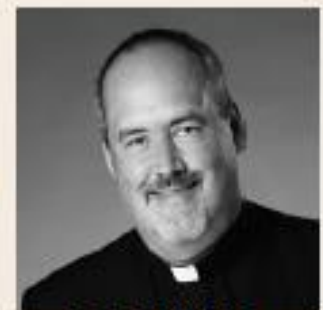
FOR THE DEAF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SCHEDULE:

**9:00 AM - ARRIVAL & BREAKFAST (AT NO COST)
10:00 AM - SPIRITUAL TALK
12 PM - LUNCH (AT NO COST)
1:30 - 3:30 - CONFESSION & TOUR OF THE SHRINE
4:00 PM MASS**

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 2 BY EMAILING
VIKA PAVLOVSKAYA AT VIKAPAVLOVSKAYA@GMAIL.COM**

***IF YOU HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, MOBILITY ISSUES OR
REQUIRE OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
VIKA AT VIKAPAVLOVSKAYA@GMAIL.COM WITH DETAILS.***



**PRESENTER:
FR. MIKE DEPCIK**



Deaf/ Hard of Hearing adults who use ASL, who desire a deep understanding of their faith and to be empowered to live and share their faith. This is an opportunity to encounter Jesus, and become a disciple – *Jesus' Deaf Crew!*

• *Interested?*
CLICK HERE

to complete a form to show your interest or email

JesusDeafCrew@gmail.com

• *Catholic Religious Enrichment Week*

is a two-year program in the summer. Participants will have the opportunity for morning classes, Mass and times of prayer while enjoying time to socialize and enjoy the beauty of a 214- acre lakefront woodland surrounding Vineyard Lake in Brooklyn, Michigan.

The program is limited to 24 participants.

• *Cost for the week!*
\$325