CATHOLIC DEAF RETREAT

The retreat with Fr. Shawn Carey (center) was held on Saturday, April 21, at the Madonna Retreat Center. Pictured are some of the participants who came for a day of fellowship and learning about the Mass. Fr. Shawn led us through the history of the Mass beginning with the Old Testament, through the New Testament of the Last Supper. Below are some of the comments made by participants:

“Thank you so much for caring for the deaf community and for such an excellent program. Fr. Shawn is a gift.”

“Very welcoming, very informative, I enjoyed it a lot.”

“This is what I needed to understand the Mass.”

“I liked the chance for short group discussions on the Mass.”

The day closed with the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and then Fr. Shawn celebrated Mass. (See more on page 2)
The pictures display Fr. Shawn explaining a traditional Passover meal; the meaning of each ingredient such as the bitter herbs representing the bitterness of slavery under the Egyptians. The unleavened bread representing their preparedness to flee from the Egyptians which did not allow for added yeast to rise in the bread dough. This explanation of the Passover in the Old Testament led to the Last Supper in the New Testament when Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them and said, “This is My Body”, “This is My Blood”, “Do this in memory of Me”. This was considered the first Mass.

This retreat is one of several ways that the Catholic Deaf Circle of the Office of Pastoral Outreach for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is endeavoring to serve deaf Catholics. Fr. Shawn was able to take the Eucharist to a homebound deaf man who was unable to come to the retreat. If you know of other deaf Catholics who are unable to come to Mass or receive the sacraments due to illness, please let us know.

We can help with preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation & Marriage. We can help with interpreters if needed.

If you have questions or want to report or announce an event please contact Dolores Gonzales at rdsombrio@msn.com or call or e-mail Josephine War at the Office of Pastoral Outreach: 505-831-8174 or jwar@archdiosf.org.
CONFIRMATION

The above picture shows Jackie Martinez being confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Las Vegas. Archbishop Wester is in the center and being assisted by Fr. George Salazar and Fr. Leon Vigil. Behind her is her sponsor, Cecilia Garcia.

Jackie is a deaf teacher at NMSD and went through six weeks of preparation for this big event in her life.

At present, the Catholic Deaf Circle is helping to prepare another young deaf lady, Impala Coleman for Confirmation in September. This is an example of how we are helping deaf Catholics to actively participate in the Mass and the Sacraments as well as other services mentioned on page 2.

INTERPRETED MASSES

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
502 4th Street in Albuquerque
1st Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 7:30 a.m. in English
10:45 a.m. in Spanish

St. Anne Church
511 Alicia St. in Santa Fe
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Saturdays 6 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church
1301 Osage Ave. in Santa Fe
Sundays 9:00 a.m.

TV MASSES

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, there are some options:

**Heart of the Nation Catholic Mass
Sundays 7:00 a.m. on Channel 19 with captions.

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Mass signed ASL Sunday mornings
6:30 AM Channel 12 or 50

**Fr. Mike Depcik is now livestreaming Sunday Mass from Michigan on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/
Mission Statement:
To establish a strong unified community among Deaf Catholics within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe by evangelizing and including all Deaf and Hard of Hearing People through social and educational events helping to improve communication access in all our parish churches.