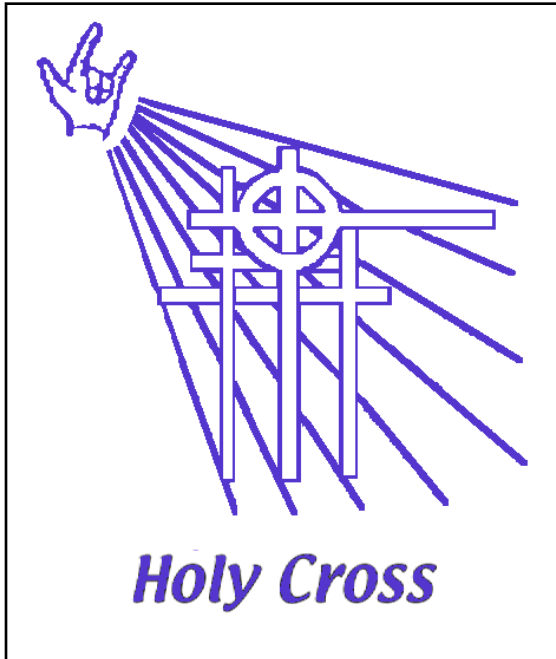


Happenings

in the Catholic Deaf Community



Holy Cross is a Catholic parish with ministry to and by deaf persons and their families. We reach out to deaf individuals and families throughout the region with services, programs, classes, social opportunities, counseling and other resources.

The Catholic deaf community gathers every Sunday morning at the 9:00 mass. Everyone is welcome! We also interpret services at several churches along the front range. See listing in this newsletter.

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Baptisms

Infants and Young Children: Contact the parish at least two (2) months before the ceremony.

Adults should speak with Fr. Tom or Deacon Joe about their desire for baptism.

Weddings

Please contact the parish at least six (6) months before a ceremony.

CALENDAR

January 1, 2009

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

January 4, 2009

Feast of the Epiphany

January 11, 2009

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 16th - 21st, 2009

NCOD Workshop in San Mateo, CA

February 8, 2009

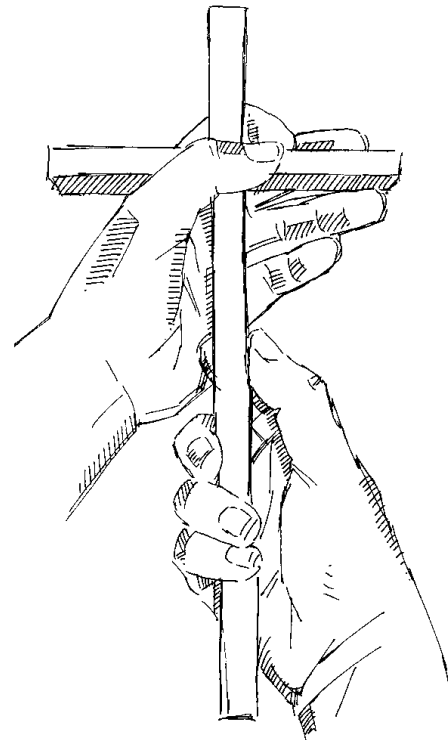
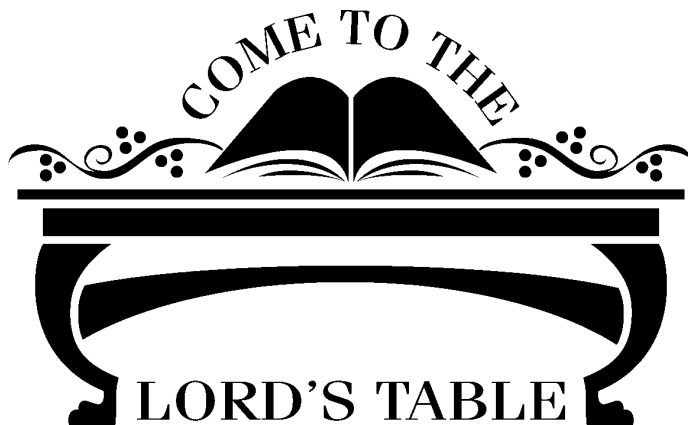
CCCD Prayer Breakfast

February 15, 2009

**Colorado Springs Signed Mass
& Pot Luck**

February 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)



**COLORADO SPRINGS SIGNED MASS
AND POTLUCK LUNCH**

No Signed Mass in January

February 15, 2009

March 15, 2009

April 19, 2009

May 17, 2009

The Colorado Springs Catholic deaf community will have signed Mass at 12:00 noon in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. Following mass, a pot luck lunch will be shared. Everyone is welcome.

DID YOU KNOW???

Dennis Bettridge is the deaf representative on the **Holy Cross Parish Council**. There are nine persons on the council which give direction to the parish.

Glen Wolfangle is the chairperson of the **Deaf Commission** for Holy Cross. This commission give direction to our deaf ministry and advocates for the deaf community in the total life of our parish.

The CCCD is a part of the **International Catholic Deaf Association**. The CCCD is chapter #37 of about 120 chapters around the world.

The NCOD is the **National Catholic Office for the Deaf**. The NCOD is for pastoral workers, deaf persons, family members, interpreters and persons interested in the full participation of the deaf in the church. Fr. Tom is on the Board of Directors for the NCOD.

The **“Pastoral Week”** this winter will be held near San Francisco from January 16th to 20th. The “Post-conference” on January 21st will be devoted to “Interpreting in Religious Settings” and should be a wonderful help for interpreters and those who use them.

About 3000 deaf persons from around the world gathered in Rome last June. They celebrated mass in the Vatican and attended a Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

The Holy Cross Parish web site is at: HOLYCROSSTHORNTON.COM You can click on the **deaf ministry page** and find a link to the NCOD, ICDA and Fr. Michael Depcek’s web page. Fr. Mike (who is deaf) gives a sermon in ASL each week based on the Sunday readings. We will soon link an ASL mass from Atlanta. We welcome any help you can give for links you find helpful.

SIGNED AND INTERPRETED MASSES

Holy Cross Catholic Church

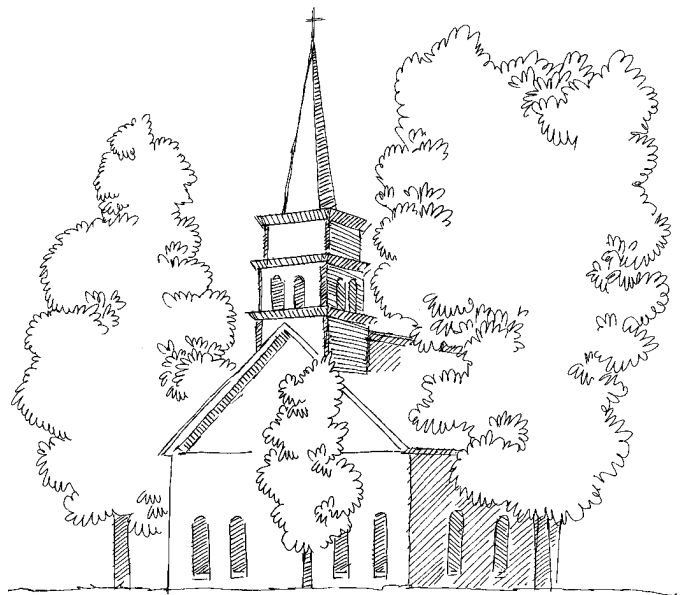
9371 Wigham Street, Thornton, CO
 Signed Masses: 5:00 PM Saturdays
 9:00 AM Sundays

Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church

13922 W. Utah, Lakewood
 Interpreted Mass: 8:00 Sundays

St. Mary’s Catholic Cathedral

15 W. Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs, Co 80229
 Interpreted Mass: 8:45 AM Sundays



Worship With Us

My Dear Deaf Family,

My Dear Deaf Family,

May God bless you in the New Year ahead. In these times of financial uncertainty and war being waged against terrorism, it is difficult to find the peace Christ brings with his birth. When we look at the story of Jesus' birth, we see that these same concerns were there even then.

The peace that Jesus brings can be enjoyed even in difficult times. His peace is not based on our strength nor on financial stability. In fact the opposite. When we realize His peace comes to us because we choose to love and be loved, to give and share, to care and heal, to protect and serve, then we understand that Christmas lasts throughout the year. Christ is here and His way of life is the path that leads us to His peace.

To really know the peace of Christ, we must study His word in the Scripture, share prayer through worship and serve Him through the poor. We can begin with some New Year's resolutions to be regular in our participation at Sunday Mass. For Catholics, this is a great source of grace, helping us to know, love and serve God. When we do, we receive His gift of peace! This is my prayer for you and your family.



**Resolutions
for the
New Year**

With love,

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