



We proclaim **GOOD NEWS!**
As of the New Year, St Joseph Church
will offer the celebration of the
Mass in Sign Language at the 9:30am Liturgy
This will enable persons with disabilities using sign
language to more fully receive the Word of the Lord.

Our Sign Language interpreter will be Sister Joan Mary Finn, OP, who has been ministering the Deaf most of her years in religious life. We are blessed to have her with us at St. Joseph Church. Please pass the news along to friends.

Sister received her MS in Deaf Education from Canisius College while living at Saint Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo. She later attended the Interpreter Training Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester. She has also done additional studies in Pastoral Counseling and Hospice Chaplaincy. In her role as Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, Sister has served the Deaf as religious educator for both children and adults. She has given Sign Language courses at the Seminary, Adult Education Classes and Molloy College. Sister Joan pioneered work on Pre-Cana and Marriage Encounter for the Deaf and assisted at the Deaf Cursillo. She has served as a Sign Language interpreter at First Communion, Confirmations and other liturgical events.

As a Daughter of Saint Dominic, Sister Joan Mary continues to preach in a unique way, reaching those who cannot hear by planting and nourishing the seeds of faith in hearts eager to receive God's Word.

Our sign language interpreted liturgies will begin **January 4, 2009** and continue weekly at the 9:30am Mass in the Hall. Sister Joan will speak standing near the altar, closest to the N. Carll Avenue side of the Hall.