

DisAbility Ministry Newsletter

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Our Mission

Every person, regardless of their physical and mental abilities, has the right to a full life in the Church and deserves the support of parishes and church staff. The Diocese of Joliet is an inclusive diocese, and we believe in including everyone in the ministries and programs offered at our parishes.

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AROUND THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

**Congratulations to the
REACH students from
Our Lady of Mercy
Church in Aurora and
St. Mary Church in
Mokena for receiving
your First Holy
Communion!**



**"If angels could be
jealous of men, they
would be so for one
reason: Holy
Communion."
-St. Maximilian Kolbe**

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REACH STUDENTS HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER IN MONTH OF MAY



"Faith Buddies" participants at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Aurora painted ceramic statues of Mary and built edible rosaries!



SPICE STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT 6TH ANNUAL "GAME DAY!"



SPICE families at St. Anne Church in Oswego joined together for their 6th annual "Game Day" where together they played board games and made beaded ribbon pins for those with special needs, which will be given back to our Diocesan community at this year's Jubilee Mass for Persons with DisABILITIES!



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SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S JUBILEE MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



The Mass will be interpreted for the deaf by an ASL interpreter in English

La Misa será interpretada para las personas con discapacidad auditiva por un intérprete de ASL en Inglés



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Click button below or scan QR code to register

**REGISTER
NOW**



**¡TODOS SON
BIENVENIDOS!**

Haga clic en el botón de abajo o escanee Código QR para registrarse

**REGÍSTRASE
AHORA**

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet

**Jubilee Mass for
Persons with
disABILITIES
June 1, 2025
12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois**

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.

Están cordialmente invitados a la Diócesis de Joliet

**Misa Jubilar para Las
Personas con
disCAPACIDADES
1 de Junio de 2025
12:30 p.m.**

**Catedral de San Raimundo
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois**

La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks; refrescos y compañerismo a seguir. Aquellos con disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una bendición especial.

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Questions? ¿Preguntas?

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LOOKING FOR SUMMER CAMPS GEARED TOWARDS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES?



KIDS BAKING CAMPS

MONDAYS THIS SUMMER \$65

| AGES 4 - 8 8:00 - 11:00AM | AGES 9 - 14 1:00 - 4:00PM |
|------------------------------|---|
| June 16: Bluey Theme | June 16: Kids Decorating 101 |
| June 23: Sprinkle Squad | June 23: Does Flour Matter? |
| June 30: Hello Summer | June 30: Decorating - Patriotic |
| July 7: Mini Muffin Chefs | July 7: Start to Finish Cake Decorating |
| July 14: Mini Bakers Camp | July 14: What Went Wrong? |
| July 21: Animal Theme | July 21: Gluten Free Baking |
| July 28: Superhero Camp | July 28: Cake Pops & Truffles |

Additional Details available at www.mooseandme.org
min: 4 seats/session max: 10 seats/session



SUMMER CAMP

**WE ROCK KID'S GYM NAPERVILLE
FOR ALL KIDS!**

JUNE 16-JULY 25 AGES 4-9
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Activities

- Fun Sensory and Recreation Activities
- Small Group Size
- Led by Experienced Educators
- Celebrity Guest Instructors
- New Interactive Activities Every Week!

**\$30 a day
\$119 a week**

**Four+ weeks=
\$99 a week**

Register at QR Code Below
or at
<https://shorturl.at/LUSk>
or call 331 401 5984

WEEK 1: SUMMER FUN (6/16-6/20)
WEEK 2: INTO THE JUNGLE (6/23-6/27)
WEEK 3: OUT OF THIS WORLD (6/30-7/3)
WEEK 4: UNDER THE SEA (7/7-7/11)
WEEK 5: MUSIC AND ART (7/14-7/18)
WEEK 6: FRIENDS FOREVER (7/21-7/25)

5019 Ace Lane
Naperville, IL (Rt. 59 and 111th Next to Ace)
info@werockthespectrumnaperville.com



SAVE-THE-DATE & TUNE IN FOR DETAILS ABOUT VBS FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH IN DARIEN THIS SUMMER



Jesus is the True North!

VBS for Kids with Special Needs and DisABILITIES!

July 28-August 1
Variable schedules

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**Stay Connected with
Resources in Your Local
Community**



| Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation Programs for Persons with Disabilities in the Diocese of Joliet | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Parish | Program | Age | Meeting Date | Meeting Time | Frequency | Sacramental Prep | Contact |
| Notre Dame Parish 64 Norfolk Ave. Clarendon Hills, IL (630) 654-3365 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | K-6 | Sunday | 10:55 a.m.- 12:05 p.m. | Weekly; see schedule here | | Debbie Macaluso dmacaluso@notredameparish.org (630) 601-1762 Mary Baker mbaker@notredameparish.org (630) 601-1757 |
| St. Anne Parish 551 Boulder Hill Pass P.O. Box 670 Oswego, IL 60543 Phone(630) 554-1425 | SPICE - Special People Included in Catholic Environments | K-8 | Saturday | | Weekly | First Communion and Confirmation | Cathy Gilooly reo@stanneparish.org (630) 554-1425 |
| | SPICE for Teens | Junior High (up to 18) | Saturday | 3-4:30 p.m. Parents meet at the same time | Monthly | First Communion and Confirmation | Jenine Boes Phone (630) 554-2502 Cell (630) 551-4862 T.j.boes@att.net |
| St. Raphael Parish 1215 Modaff Rd. Naperville, IL 60540 Phone(630) 355-4545 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | 6+ | Saturday | 9:30-11 a.m. | Twice a month | First Communion and Confirmation | Jeanne McDonald jmcDonald@st-raphael.com (630) 615-7614 Registration |
| | FUN Group | 18 years and up | Saturday | 9:30-11 a.m. | Twice a month | | |
| Cathedral of St. Raymond 604 N. Raynor Avenue Joliet, IL 60435 Phone (815) 722-6653 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | K-8 | Mondays | 4:45-6 p.m. | Twice a month | First Communion and Confirmation | Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy madonnawoj@gmail.com Catechists: Peggy O'Brien, Sandra Campbell |
| St. Mary Parish 19515 115th Ave. Mokena, IL60448 Phone (708) 326-9356 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | K-8 | Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Bi-monthly | First Communion and Confirmation | Tami Brongiel tbrongiel@stmarymokena.org |
| St. Mary Immaculate Parish 15629 South Route 59 Plainfield, IL | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | Grades 1-8 | Monday and Thursday | Monday 6:30- 7:15 p.m. (Grades 7/8) Thursday 5-5:45 p.m. (Grades 1-6) | Weekly | First Communion and Confirmation | Geri Morse (815) 436-4501 |
| Sts. Peter and Paul 36 N. Ellsworth Street Naperville, IL 60540 Phone (630) 355-1081 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | K-8 | | | | First Communion and Confirmation | Theresa Pratt tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net (630) 357-2436 |
| Our Lady of Mercy Church 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504 Phone 630-851-3444 | REACH - Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped | K-6; 7 Years and older for Sacramental Prep | Sunday | 8:30-9:45AM | Bi-Monthly (See Schedule Here) | First Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation | Lydia Schmitt, lydias@olmercy.com 630-851-3444 EXT 235 |
| Visitation Parish 779 S. York Street Elmhurst, IL 60126 Phone(630) 279-7058, ext. 502 | SPRED (Special Religious Education Development) | Ages 13-40 | Monday Evenings | 6:30-8 p.m. | Three times a month (September to April) | | Melanie Schneider Melanie.Schneider@visitationcc.org (630) 209-0064 |