

Archdiocese of Detroit
Mass for people with disabilities
Best practices



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Agenda

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Must Have's

- **Work closely with the K of C**
- **Have one person to coordinate the whole event across the entire the Parish so everyone is on the same page (music, parking, hospitality, etc.).**
- **Support from Pastor to have at a Regular Mass (i.e. primetime mass) to bring awareness across the Parish.**
- **Marketing plan across the Parish – bulletin, PDF, etc.**
- **Existing relationship with special needs community.**
- **Fully accessible environment,**
- **Strong community support.**



Recommendations

- Request K of C honor guard from local council
- Have coordinator connect directly with the K of C.
- Get cell phone number of Sign Language Interpreter.
- Have sign language interpreter in front of reserved pews.
- Must have wheelchair access and area in the front for church.
- Reserve 6-7 pews reserved for special needs attendees in the front of church.
- Have the Bishop talk directly Pastor.
- Starting to plan early (6+ months ahead).
- Donuts from a local bakery.
- Have a short message read before Mass



Best Practices

- **Great coordinator in the Parish able to coordinate all aspects of the Mass.**
- **Active K of C engagement.**
- **Great relationship with the special needs community.**
- **Have a reception after using baked goods from local vendor.**
- **Have the Sign Language interpreters name and cell phone number.**
- **Create broad awareness across the community.**



Example



The Archdiocese of Detroit Disabilities Ministry Leadership Council
is partnering with the Church of the Divine Child and
the Knights of Columbus Bishop Foley Council to sponsor a

Mass for People with Disabilities

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Church of the Divine Child

1055 North Silvery Lane
Dearborn, Michigan



Thank YOU



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www.allbelongaod.org