

All Are Welcome!! Special Education for Religious Education

“Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him.”
Mark 2:4

This fall, St. Andrew is “opening the roof” for our children with special needs to be catechized in our Catholic faith, including sacramental preparation. The Religious Education program will now offer adapted classes for the treasures of our Church: our special needs children from kindergarten to age 18.

Because we want to provide a positive, loving, productive, and faith-filled learning environment appropriate to meet each child’s unique needs, we are asking that families interested in participating in this new program register their child (children) with special needs beginning Monday, July 9, in the RE Office. Once the application is completed and submitted, an interview will be scheduled with the Coordinator of Special Needs for Religious Education, Kim Doyle.

Volunteers Needed:

An important aspect of each child’s faith journey will be a near-age peer mentor or Faith Friend. If you are a dependable teen who is interested in working with our special needs population as a Faith Friend, please contact Kim Doyle (kdoyle@standrewchandler.com). Training and support will be provided so no experience is needed, just a desire to walk with another on their journey of faith. If you are in need of community service hours or interested in a future career in special education or any other disability service, this will be just the gig for you!

We are very excited to work with every child in our parish and include them in every aspect of community life at St. Andrew!

“Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them,
‘whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.’”
Mark 9:36-37

