

November 2025



SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR *Special Needs*

Saint Catherine Center Holds Annual Mass Celebrating People with Special Needs

On Sunday, November 2nd, Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs held its annual Mass celebrating people with special needs at Holy Cross Church. Monsignor Robert Weiss, a Saint Catherine Center board member, celebrated the Mass.

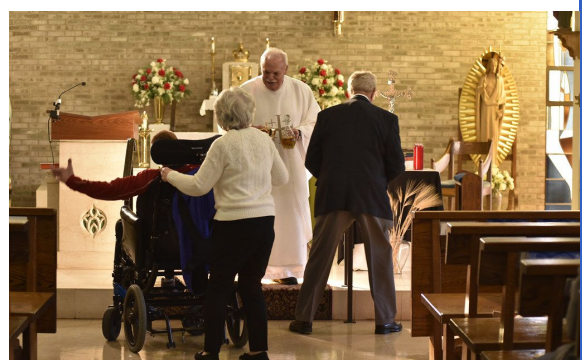
The Saint Catherine Center community actively participated in the celebration. Dave Stowe, parent and Center board member, and his daughter, Anna, an Academy student, delivered the readings. Jessie, a young adult participant, led the Prayer of the Faithful alongside her mother, Michelle Rivelli, who also serves on the board. Tyler Harding, a young adult participant, and his family presented the offertory gifts.

The Mass coincided with All Souls' Day, a time to remember and pray for those who have passed. In his homily, Monsignor Weiss reflected, "As we continue our remembrance on this day, we pray for those who are not with us. We pray in gratitude for those who are in heaven, and we especially pray for each other on this earth." Following the liturgy, all were invited to a reception in the church hall, graciously organized by the Connecticut Order of Malta.

Saint Catherine Center extends its heartfelt thanks to Monsignor Weiss, the CT Order of Malta, and all who helped make this annual celebration of faith and inclusion possible.

Each year, Saint Catherine Center offers the opportunity for young people with special needs to receive one or more Sacraments of Initiation outside of the typical faith formation program. For more information, contact the Center at 203-540-5381.

[View Photos of the Event.](#)



Visitors Bring Excitement to the Center



Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs has been busy with activity this fall, welcoming several special guests who brought wonderful experiences to our Center for our students and adult participants.

In the Academy, students enjoyed a special visit from author Gail Boss and illustrator Sharon Spitz, who shared their book, *All Creation Waits*. The book takes readers on a journey through Advent, following a different animal each day as it prepares for the stillness of winter. Gail and Sharon read a passage and spoke about its message of patience, preparation, and hope. Each student received a personal copy to take home and enjoy with their families during the Advent season.



In the Adult Program, participants were visited by a magician who entertained with tricks, humor, and interactive moments. The performance wasn't just fun—it also encouraged social engagement, focus, and confidence as young adults joined in on the act, shared laughter, and responded to surprises.



Members of the Fairfield Fire Department stopped by for a special safety demonstration during National Fire Prevention Month. Firefighters showed their protective uniforms, explained how they use their equipment, and gave everyone an up-close look at their fire truck and the many tools they have.



Thank you to each of our visitors for providing such engaging opportunities for our students and adults.

GIVING TUESDAY

December 2nd

Giving Tuesday, December 2nd, is a worldwide initiative to celebrate generosity in all its

forms. We experience this generosity every day in the most ordinary of activities at Saint Catherine Center.

The day is an important fundraiser for Saint Catherine Center. Tuition and program fees cover only about 75% of our costs. The remainder is raised through our annual "Joy & Gratitude" dinner, private grants, and individual donations. #GivingTuesday reminds us how important your support is to the "everyday" at Saint Catherine Center.

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