

## **DUPAGE COUNTY**

### **BLOOMINGDALE**

**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY:** Call Josie at the parish **630-295-8364** for more information.

**FIRM BELIEVERS II:** Weight Loss program. Support, education, fellowship and weekly weight monitoring. Meets every Mon. at St Isidore Catholic Church Parish Ministry Center. Weigh-ins at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact Valerie Calvente at **630-588-0576**.

### **GLEN ELLYN**

**ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY:** For unemployed looking for work. St James the Apostle Parish. Meets in St. Joseph Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Call Joe Kirkland **630-653-6870** or parish **630-469-7540** for more information.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP:** For young women ages 20-28 to explore the impact of changing relationships and roles in their lives. Childcare available. Meets Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, YWCA West Suburban Center. For information, call 630-790-6600 x 293.

### **HINSDALE**

**INFERTILITY AND ADOPTION SUPPORT:** Meeting at St Isaac Jogues Parish. Call Ramona at **630-655-6671** or call the Christian Service office at the parish **630-323-1248** for more information.

## **NAPERVILLE**

**MGM (Me God Mothering):** For mothers of young children. Meets at St Raphael Parish. Contact Adult Faith Formation Office at **630-355-4545 x138** for meeting dates and times.

**ANEW:** Social Group for widows and widowers at St Raphael Parish. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call Pat Lawrence at **630-357-0895** or Service Ministry and Pastoral Care Office at **630-355-4545 x 129 or 123** for more information.

**PAT-A-CAKE MINISTRY:** This group targets moms, dads and caregivers of infants and toddlers. Meetings offer news, friendship and dialogue. Speakers and special, planned events are organized by the group. Meetings are held 2x a month on Mondays from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, September through May, at St Thomas the Apostle Church in the Nursery. Contact Mrs. Gina Howley at **708-692-3338** or [ginahowley@comcast.net](mailto:ginahowley@comcast.net) for more information.

**SINGLES GROUPS:** At St Thomas the Apostle Parish. **630-355-8980**. See listing for CURRENT on the back of this brochure. For those in their 40's, call Ann **630-357-6052**.

**JOB Ministry:** For those looking for work. Meets at St Thomas the Apostle Parish. For information, go to website [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) or call Deacon Jim Breen at **630-355-8980 x 105** or email him at [jimb4853@yahoo.com](mailto:jimb4853@yahoo.com)

**SHARING HOPE** (Having Optimistic Pregnancy Expectations)—Edward Hospital. Support group for couples who have experienced a pregnancy loss/infant loss and are now pregnant or considering pregnancy. Held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call Brenda, Lynn or Kristin at **630-527-3263** for location and directions.

## **WHEATON**

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** A Catholic support group for parents of children with special needs/disabilities/special medical needs. Meets at St Michael Parish. For meeting dates and times, contact: Liz Severino at [frankiesfund@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frankiesfund@sbcglobal.net). There is also a website to help families of children with special needs that are having financial difficulties: [www.frankiesfund.com](http://www.frankiesfund.com)

## **GRUNDY COUNTY**

**CANCER SURVIVORS:** Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7-8:30 at the Morris Building & Technology Ctr. Call Joan Sereno at Grundy County Hospice **815-942-8525** for information.

## **WILL COUNTY**

### **JOLIET**

**AGAPE MISSIONS** - 68 N. Chicago Street, Ste 240 - **815-723-1548**. AIDS Ministry, Spanish Counseling, Housing Information.

**PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN (WILL COUNTY SURVIVORS)** – Meets at Joliet Public Library, Clinton & N. Chicago Sts. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11 a.m. Call Yvonne at **815-588-1341** or **630-252-2053** for more information.

**DISPLACED HOMEMAKER/DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM:** Call Joliet Junior College **815-280-1454** for information.

## PLAINFIELD

### ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH EMPLOYMENT & NETWORKING

**MINISTRIES:** Call the parish **815-436-2651** or visit their website [www.smip.org](http://www.smip.org) for information on meeting dates and times.

## ROMEUVILLE

### TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL

**MASS:** To remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death. Usually celebrated on a Sunday in November. Please call The Center for Family Ministry **815-838-5334** for more information.

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY:** An international movement designed to support women and their families during the joys, challenges and sorrows of the childbearing years. Please call The Center for Family Ministry **815-838-5334** to find out which parishes in the diocese offer this ministry or for information on how to start this ministry in your parish.

## JOLIET DIOCESAN AREA

**CURRENT Young Adult Ministry:** For young adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s. This ministry is operating in the following parishes:

St Margaret Mary, Naperville  
St Raphael, Naperville  
St Thomas, Naperville  
St Elizabeth Seton, Naperville  
Holy Spirit, Naperville  
SS Peter & Paul, Naperville

For information on a specific group or for questions, call Jake Chojnacki at **630-355-8980** or Dave Miserendino at **630-851-3444 x 225**, visit the website [www.currentministry.com](http://www.currentministry.com) or email [Jake@stapostle.org](mailto:Jake@stapostle.org) or [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com)

## COOK COUNTY

### ORLAND HILLS

**HOPE Employment Support Ministry:** Job search support group providing technical and emotional support for those who are unemployed, or who seek to improve their current employment status. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month 7-9 p.m. at St Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, Orland Hills. Call Bob Cornejo at **708-478-8010** or Steve Sitzberger at **708-712-2837** for more information.



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SUPPORT/SOCIAL  
GROUPS

WITHIN THE  
DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
AND SURROUNDING AREA

Courtesy of  
The Center for Family Ministry

*Please call first as  
dates, times and locations may change.*

For additional information or  
to update a listing,  
call 815-838-5334

fax to 815-834-4045, or email

[familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry)