

Serving Deaf & Hard of Hearing of all ages & faiths, their families, and other agencies or businesses who have deaf clients and need assistance in serving them.



**ON SITE**

- Community Room seats 125 People
- Chapel seats 40 People
- 1/8th mile Walking Track: Stations of Cross
- Outdoor Pavilion seating 65+
- Regulation Volleyball / Badminton Court
- 2 Horseshoe Courts
- Basketball and Play Structure
- Relaxing porch swings under Oak Trees
- Wii, Ping Pong, Air Hockey, Foosball & Darts
- Movie Theater with Surround Sound



*Activities for all ages!  
Memories that last for ages!*

## MISSION STATEMENT

de l'Epee is a ministry of the Diocese of Biloxi to provide spiritual well-being, promotion of independence and inclusion in the community for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Disabled.



"I am just as deaf as I am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus - the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Helen Keller



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### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Sign language classes
- Advocacy
- Information and assistance
- Health / Medical information
- American Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Computer Training



### PERSONAL SERVICES

- Interpreting - On Call 24/7
- Emergency services
- Community services identification
- Job placement assistance
- Message relay via telephone/TTY
- Food Pantry
- Disaster Service
- Supply Distribution
- Holiday Food & Toy program
- Severe Weather Interpreting on T.V.



### SOCIAL SERVICES

- Recreational Activities
- Summer Camps
- Craft classes
- Field Trips
- Games
- Movie Night
- Fund raising activities
- Dances and Socials
- Interaction of Deaf and Hearing
- Video Relay courtesy of Sorenson



### FAST FACTS OF DEAFNESS

- 21,000,000 adults in U.S. are deaf or hard of hearing.
- 33.7% lost hearing due to noise
- 4.4% born deaf
- Hearing loss is the number one disability in the world
- Hearing loss is the most preventable disability in the World.



### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

*de l'Epée serves people of all faiths.*

- Chapel on site
- Church services in sign language
- Vacation Bible School
- Religious Instruction (CCD)
- Bible Study
- Wedding & Funeral Interpreting
- Retreats & Workshops & Pilgrimages

### FUNDING

de l'Epée is funded by contributions from Catholic Sharing Appeal and caring individuals and businesses.

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