



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### WHAT:

*Vacation Bible School is a fun filled week long summer program for kids to learn more about their Catholic faith and Sacred Scripture. They learn through Bible lessons, prayer, incredible music, crafts, games, skits and lots of fun!!!!*

*The excitement is **contagious!!!!** 😊*

*Kids love this great way to begin their summer break!!!*

### WHEN:

*Mark your calendars NOW! This summer's VBS will be held:*

**June 10-14, 2019**

*9:00 to 11:30 am daily*

### WHO:

*Children entering PreK4 through 5th grade may participate,*

*And will attend different theme-based lessons each of the five days.*

*Age cutoff is June 1<sup>st</sup> for participating preschoolers.*

*Elementary students will be placed in their rising grade level (as of Fall 2019)*

*For full time VBS volunteers (all five days), there is also a nursery (for 1's and 2's) plus a special 3-year old class for your younger children.*

*Youth, (incoming) grades 6-12, are invited to assist in many ways:*

- In classrooms with the teachers,*
- In the kitchen by preparing and serving food*
- In the nursery with the adult volunteers*
- In the music program as musicians & singers*
- In the service project and Saints ministry*

*Community Service hours are awarded to all participating Youth.*

*Loving adults are always needed to help teach, assist and guide in a variety of ways. Any adult volunteers must be current as of June 1<sup>st</sup> on all Safe Environment (VIRTUS or CMG Connect Safe Haven) Training, including all Diocesan required refreshers.*

Additional information and CMG Connect Safe Haven Registration is located at:  
<https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/office-of-child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment-training-for-adults/> .

All Youth Volunteers grades (incoming) 9-12 must be Jeremiah 1:7 trained  
Check the parish website at [www.stlaurence.org/jeremiah17](http://www.stlaurence.org/jeremiah17) for a schedule of upcoming  
Jeremiah 1:7 trainings.

Each year, we need the help of over 100 adults for VBS as:

- **Pre-School & Grade-Level Teachers** Coordinate and teach theme-based Bible lessons including Scripture, a craft, games/activities and a skit. Lesson plans and craft ideas are provided for the teachers. No one teaches alone; there are team teachers in every classroom and youth volunteers to help implement the lesson and activities.
- **Tour guides** Supervise a small group of children and are responsible for that group all five days of VBS. They take their group each day to a new teacher/classroom to learn about a different part of the VBS theme. A great way to participate in EVERY aspect of VBS and see it through the children's eyes!
- **Musicians** - Help perform the music program including teaching the lyrics and hand motions to VBS participants. *Must be approved by the Music Coordinator.*
- **Kitchen Helpers** Assist with the preparation and service of snack to all VBS participants.
- **Nursery Workers** Help care for the younger children of our adult volunteers

Other opportunities exist for adult volunteers as coordinators for different aspects of the VBS program. This work begins in the early spring each year.

**No experience is necessary - just a love for God and for His children!**

## HOW:

Registration for volunteers and their children/youth will begin on  
February 1st

Open registration for non-volunteering families will begin on:  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall and for  
all Youth volunteers on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the AMC.**

Keep checking the bulletin and parish website for updated VBS information.  
If you are interested in being a part of this exciting, spirit-filled week and want to  
learn more about VBS, please contact:

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