

ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION PACKET



DATE: July 17 – 21, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
PLACE: Parish Activity Center (PAC)

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Dear Parent(s)

We're so glad that you are interested in our Vacation Bible School Program. It promises to be an exciting week at **Make Fun Factory Totally Catholic VBS**. This kid-tested, catechists-approved faith formation program is a wonderful way to help your little one learn more about our Catholic Faith!

Here is some information that may be helpful to you:

- We begin at 6:30 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. Please do not drop your child off before 6:20 P.M. Please try to drop your child off on time so that he or she doesn't miss a minute of fun. And we'd appreciate you picking him or her up on time too. **We'd really like to have you come early enough to be a part of our day. It begins at 8:40 P.M. each night and will be a great time to experience some of the fun at Totally Catholic MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS.**
- Have your child wear play clothes and closed toe shoes. He or she will be more comfortable, and we will be too.
- **Alert us immediately of any food allergies your child has.** This is very important as snacks are a part of our program. We can make necessary changes for your child, but we need advance notice.
- Please make us aware of any health conditions we may need to know about such as heart conditions, allergies, etc.
- Let us know if there is any other information concerning your child that will help us make the week an exciting, faith-filled, and successful week for your child.
- Please be sure you complete a registration form for each child participating in the program.
- Return completed forms to the parish office before **July 1, 2017.**
- Registration forms can only be accepted from Parents/ legal guardians.
- Parish must know in writing who will be responsible for picking up children from program.

Thanks for considering having your child to be a part of MAKER FUN FACTORY Totally Catholic VBS. We've worked hard to make it the best Catholic VBS ever!

TOTALLY CATHOLIC MAKE FUN FACTORY VBS DIRECTOR



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Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ CELL _____

E-mail address: _____

Church Parish: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (C)

Relationship to child: _____

If you do not want the parish to use your child's photograph in pictures on our web-site, in our Spotlight Drama presentations or e-mails to families, please notify Myra in writing.

The following person(s) may pick my child up from Vacation Bible School.

Deadline to register is **JULY 1, 2017** \$20.00
Registration fee per child

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

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An important step in preventing child abuse is that we enlist only staff members that we know, trust, and have attended and completed all necessary requirements by the Diocese and the parish. All staff and volunteers must attend training sessions and meet parish and diocesan guidelines before they are allowed to participate in our program.

Maker Fun Factory activities are designed so that children are always supervised by a station leader and several crew leaders.

When dropping off your child(ren) please park your car in the parking lot and walk them into the Parish Activity Center. Please do not drop off students before 6:20 P.M. Please do not leave your child unattended. Once they are safely in the building we accept responsibility for their well-being. When picking up your child, please park your car in the parking lot, come into the building and get your child(ren). **AT NO TIME SHOULD A CHILD BE ALLOWED TO WALK ALONE FROM OR TO A PARKED CAR IN THE PARKING LOT.**

We will do everything we can to make sure that we have a safe environment for everyone and we do not anticipate anything happening - however sometimes things do happen and we may need to get in touch with you. Please make sure you list a telephone number where you can be reached during the time your child(ren) is at VBS on the registration form.

An exciting part of our program is spotlight drama – where every child at **MAKER FUN FACTORY** can be a star. Pictures for this activity as well as pictures for posting on the Church bulletin boards, parish web-site and parish bulletin are taken. **If you do not wish us to use your child in pictures, please notify Myra in writing.**

While we love all children – our program is designed for children ages 4 years old through those entering the sixth grade in the fall. We do not take children younger than 4 years old and if a child is in the eighth grade or older and is mature enough to handle responsibilities they are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. In order to volunteer in the program you must be a registered member of St. Gabriel's Parish.

All students and volunteers are expected to follow the norms and guidelines set forth for our program. Failure to follow them may result in being asked not to return to the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Myra at myratircuit@bellsouth.net; the parish office at 642-8441. The telephone number for the parish activity is 642-8410.

CONNECTING KIDS TO JUSTICE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

“Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated
From our relationship with others and with God.” - Pope Francis

The Church teaches that all creation is a gift from God and that we show respect for God by taking care of our world and the people in it.

Building on a long tradition of Church teaching, Pope Francis’s encyclical *Laudato Si (Praised Be)* unites the human family around concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells upon it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable people who often suffer the most when a natural disaster strikes. Homes, livelihoods, crops, livestock and human lives are destroyed in the wake of severe storms and floods. Hunger and disease can follow disasters.

Pope Francis calls each of us to spread the light of Christ’s love to the many people who have been displaced or challenged by natural disasters and the changes in our environment.

During the week, children and adults at **MAKER’S FUN FACTORY VBS** will have the opportunity to bring in monetary donations (anything from a handful of coins to a check) to help some of our local flood victims who are still trying to recover.

Send a donation (however big or small) with your child to VBS to help our fellow church family members. Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

