

**ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023**

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION PACKET



DATE: July 17 – 21, 2023
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 a busy week shining Jesus' light at STELLA VBS. This kid-tested, catechists-approved faith formation program is a wonderful way to help your little one learn about our Catholic Faith in new and exciting ways!

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 Cosmic Closing in our Totally Catholic 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, 2023**
- 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.
- Please let us know if it is ok to use your child's picture on our website and face book page.

Thanks for considering having your child to be a part of Stella - Totally Catholic VBS. We are working hard to make it the best Catholic VBS ever!



REGISTRATION FORM VBS 2023
(ONE PER CHILD)
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 1, 2023

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home telephone number: (____) _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

Parent/Caregiver's cellphone: _____

Home email address: _____

Home Church parish: _____

Allergies, medical conditions or special needs _____

In case of an emergency contact: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to child _____

St. Gabriel Catholic Church has my permission to use my child's picture on their website and facebook page. _____ Yes _____ No

We are asking for a \$20.00 fee to help defray the cost of the materials that will be provided. If this is a hard-ship please contact the parish office.



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Fee _____ Yes _____ No

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.

STELLAR 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 **STELLA VBS** 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. Younger volunteers may be used at the discretion of the director. 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.