

VBS Info Who What Where When Why How...

Who can attend?

Boys and girls who have **finished** their first year of pre-school up to 5th graders —there's something inspiring for every child at Vacation Bible School. 6th Graders to High Schoolers are great volunteers.

What happens?

The day begins by dropping off your child at their classroom between 8:35 and 8:45 a.m. The group activity starts shortly after that. The classes then cycle through the day stopping at each of the stations, outside games, crafts, music, possibly a short DVD on the topic of the day, snacks, and class time. The day finishes at 12pm when guardians pick up their children from their classroom.

Where?

5305 River Rd N Keizer Or 97303
Saint Edward Catholic Church Parish Grounds

When is VBS at Saint Edwards?

We try our best to always have VBS scheduled for the third week of July. Save the date for next year!

Why VBS?

Fun themes that capture children's imagination and gives them creative content to dive into the life of Christ, as the children are involved in Bible Stories. There are crafts and outside games for each day, so make sure to wear fun clothes to play in and good shoes to run in. We sing catchy songs and have fun skits led by teenage helpers that reinforce teachings of the day. Yummy snacks that go with the theme of the day! Our kitchen crew is aware of little ones with food allergies and can work with most of them. Just let us know how we can help.

How?

All the volunteers we get! It takes a great community of helpers to make this little one week 'circus' last, and most importantly all of those who come!

Friday Program

Preschoolers stay in class during the mass with a light snack and video. They join us all after mass to be in the show. After mass on Friday (12:40ish), the children have a short closing program, and they sing songs that they learned during the week. The preschoolers will join the group and all the kids sing together. Afterwards the children return to their classroom with their teacher to collect their things from the week, where the parents pick them up. This also helps make sure the children find their parents.

When is the family picnic?

Friday! We have mass at 12:05pm and after the short program a family lunch is provided typically around 1pm.

Can I volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School?

Yes PLEASE! The program is only as good as all the volunteers who help make it a fun and entertaining week. For safety all those 18 years and older volunteers are required to have a current background check and attend a training that we will provide in July. Contact Joyce Sprouse for more information.

VBS is a great opportunity for middle school and high school youth to help during summer vacation. We are happy to provide proof of community service for those who would like it.

A few things to choose from:

CLASSROOMS - Classroom teacher or co-teacher and classroom aides (usually youth) help keep the children on track and following the fun schedule for the day.

STORYTELLING/BIBLE STORY - Children visit this site to hear the daily Bible Story, where the teens can help with the drama for the day. There is also the daily skit that goes with the theme.

CRAFTS - If you are passionate about crafts and want to assist, this is the place for you. The children have aged appropriate crafts and being a helper means you get to help the children accomplish a cool craft.

GAMES - All our games are mostly connected to the daily Bible themes. The leader and teen helpers direct the children through 20 minutes of games outside and help them run off some of that VBS energy.

MUSIC - Music is an important part of VBS. The students are singing in the opening gatherings and have a special music time during the day. At the end of the week on Friday after mass there is a mini concert where the children share the song their class has learned.

KITCHEN CREW - This team of volunteer adults and teens put together the mid-morning refreshment for our students. They help deliver the snacks to the classes, and make sure the children have enough water. Rumor has it they have lots of fun working together in the kitchen.

CAMERA - This wonderful person runs all over getting the great pics we all enjoy looking at the end of the week. And hopefully they can make a simple slide show to have running during the family picnic.

WORKDAYS - Decorating, crafts, designing elements, organizing, and turning a class space and gathering space into the "living adventure" is a huge chore and a lot of fun. Many hands make light work. Maybe there is something you can work on at home and bring in. The workday calendar is posted here. On the Friday and Sunday before VBS we **need help** transforming the space!

DECORATIONS CREW - The team that helps come up all the great ideas to decorate the parish hall. It is a huge space to fill up. Help change the hall in the world of VBS Theme.