

HOLY NAME OF JESUS *Catholic VBS*



Dear Parent(s),

We're so glad you signed your child up for an exciting week at Maker Fun Factory Catholic VBS, which begins on **June 12th**. Each day the children will take part in fun Scripture-themed activities that help them connect their faith to real life. There are a few points of information and some requests that we would like to make for the success and safety of this special week. Please read this information carefully.

DATES: **Monday, June 12th-Friday, June 16th**

TIME: **8:30-12:00 Noon** – We would appreciate it if you bring your child no earlier than 8:30 A.M. each morning as there will be no supervision until that time.

PLACE: **HNJ Life Center Hall** – The opening & closing will take place in our Hall/Stage area. On the 1st day, parents will check the Life Center **Hallway** for their child's name and assigned crew (classes are called "Crews"). Then bring your child into the Hall/Stage area where you will find a "**Crew Sign**" displayed in the seating area. You will check your child(ren) **in & out** each day by initialing our "Check-In/Out" sheet with their "**Crew Leader**". Please allow extra time for parking and check-in & check-out procedures.

SAFETY: Parents are **required** to sign their child(ren) **in and out** each day with the Crew Leader. Children will only be released to a designated parent or guardian.

T-SHIRTS: T-shirts will be available for pick-up at the **closing session on Monday** at designated tables in the hallway. We request you initial receipt of your t-shirts.

SNACKS: To keep our costs down we are asking each child to send any of the following snack items to share (party size bags appreciated) on the first day, Monday, June 12th.

Please send one of the following PEANUT-FREE items on June 12TH

Rice Chex cereal	Plain Cheerios
Stick Pretzels	Cheez-its
Animal crackers	Vanilla Wafers
Large box of raisins	Large bag of popcorn
Goldfish- (Pepperidge Farm brand is Peanut-free)	Chocolate Chips
Miniature marshmallows	Graham Crackers

****Alert us immediately of any food or other allergies your child has. If your child has severe allergies please consider packing a special snack for them each day.**

DAILY THEMES "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose!" is teeming with fun for kids. It is an exciting, fun-filled, Scripture-based program your kids will love, our themes are that God made you, is for you, is always with you, always loves you, and God made you for a reason!

SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES The morning will consist of the following:

OPENING & CLOSING SESSIONS – **Sound Wave Sing and Play** is time for large group prayer, music, skits and our daily challenge. This will take place in HNJ Hall. **Parents or guardians are welcome to stay for the opening and closing sessions.**

BIBLE DISCOVERY– Classes built on Bible stories centered around the day’s theme. (Parents, please ask to see the daily lesson that your child brings home. This will reinforce your child’s understanding of the day’s lesson, and more importantly, it will extend the sense of Christian community we are establishing during VBS to your home.

IMAGINATION STATION CRAFTS –Reinforce the day’s lesson through activities & art projects.

KID VID CINEMA- Daily DVD adventures where children learn about God’s promises.

GAME MAKERS – Time for exercise and fun as we reinforce our daily themes.

OPERATION KID-TO-KID- Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project with Haiti that involves seeing the children of Haiti enjoying their Vacation Bible School. Through videos, children of both our parishes will see their mutual love for Christ, as well as, cultural differences. They will come to understand we are all God's children and share the same faith! We'll prepare a gift to give to the children in Haiti. This outreach is a concrete way for our kids to share God’s love with others.

CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE – FRIDAY, JUNE 16th at 11:15 A.M.- FAMILIES INVITED! We will close with a special service at 11:15 A.M. on Friday morning. Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to join us in the Hall. The children will share selections from the Bible stories and songs learned during the week. We hope that you will be able to attend to **see snap shots of your child** during the week and celebrate God’s love with us.

FEE The “EARLY REGISTRATION” fee for this week-long program is \$38 per child. Early Registration ends June 4th. We have to cover our expenses for putting on such a week – books & resources, teachers’ books, and art materials. Any registrations after June 4th will be at a late registration fee of \$45.00 due to increased costs for supplies on short notice. If you have any further questions concerning the week-long program, please call Mary Dorsey at 773-2783 Ext. 120.

We thank you for sending your child(ren) to this program and urge that they attend daily. Five days go by so quickly and the full benefit of the program depends on the continuity of the material and the sense of “community” we strive to establish during this week.

Asking God to bless you and your family, and our efforts to put on a wonderful week for the children,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mary Dorsey & Sharon Cyr

Catholic VBS Program Directors