

St. Madeleine Sophie/St. Gabriel - Vacation Bible School

All children entering PK4 through Grade 5 next fall are invited to our 2023 Vacation Bible School program, Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light! Each day kids will hear Bible stories, create fun crafts, learn new songs, participate in a project that will help children show God's love to others, and make new friends. Vacation Bible School will give children a wonderful experience of fun and faith this summer. VBS takes place at St. Madeleine Sophie the week of **Aug 7-11** from 9am -11am.

*If full day childcare coverage is needed for VBS week, please email us, we can assist in identifying options for you. Parents can participate with their children, or they can drop off and pick up. If a parent is attending, please indicate the name on the attached registration form so we have an accurate count of the number of people in a group.

Vacation Bible School Registration Information

- 1. Pre-registration is necessary.** Please use the attached form to register or register online at the parish website VBS link: smssgabparish.org, then go to the "Upcoming Events" tab.
- 2. Fee if received by June 15: \$30 – 1 child; \$55 family maximum rate**
AFTER June 15: \$40 - 1 child; \$65 family maximum rate
Fee includes a T-shirt with the VBS logo, one CD per family of the music we'll be singing, daily crafts, and program supplies. ***No family will be turned away if fee is a hardship.***
- 3. How to pay:** Place completed attached registration form and applicable fee (cash or check made payable to **St. Madeleine Sophie Church**) in an envelope and mail to:
St. Madeleine Sophie Faith Formation Office - VBS Program
3514 Carman Rd., Schenectady, NY 12303
OR Pay online at <https://smssgabparish.org/>. On the home page, scroll down to "Online Giving", then scroll to bottom to "Faith Formation Registration", choose "One Time Payment" and note "VBS".

******Early Deadline for Registration is June 15.******

Daily Drop Off & Pick up Location & Times:

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, August 7 at **9 am**. Each morning we will gather in or outside the St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Center for an opening ceremony. At the end of each day, we will gather again in or outside the Parish Center for a closing program. Please plan to pick your child up at the Parish Center at 11am.

Things to bring each day: Please have your child bring the following items each day to VBS:

1. Bag or backpack to carry things in.
2. Offering- Each morning the children will be invited to share an offering for our **mission project**. We will also collect canned goods for our food pantry. You will receive more information about this on the first day of VBS.

Volunteers: All are cordially invited to assist with Vacation Bible School and we need lots of help! Please see Section III of the attached sheet for volunteer requirements and ways to help. ***TEEN VOLUNTEERS CANNOT REQUEST TO BE WITH A TEEN FRIEND; TEENS WILL BE PLACED WHERE NEEDED TO ENSURE VBS RUNS SMOOTHLY. Thank you for your cooperation.

Questions: please contact Carolyn Kelly, VBS Director, at 518-368-7490 or kellycm99@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

St. Madeleine Sophie/St. Gabriel Church Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2023

I. Child/Parent* Name (*if parent attending) Grade entering T Shirt Size
M/F in Sept.* Age (see below)
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*Copy of birth certificate may be required for children age 4 if parent is not volunteering as a staff member.
PK children of parents volunteering to help as staff members during VBS week may register.

PARENT NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-mail _____

Cell: _____ WORK OR EMERGENCY PHONE: _____

If your child would like to be with a friend, please indicate friend's name: _____

Important Medical info: My child has: (circle) Autism; ADHD; ADD; PDD; Asthma; Diabetes, Peanut Allergy;
Tree Nut Allergy; Hearing Disability; Gluten Free; other: _____

II. T-Shirts: Please use the following information to select a size.

YS(size 6 - 8) YM (size 10 - 12) YL (size 14 - 16) AS, AM, AL AXL, AXXL

III. ADULT and TEEN VOLUNTEER(grade 6 and up) REGISTRATION :

VBS volunteers ages 18 or older (including parents) must have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment training and Background Check within the last 5 years to help at VBS week. If you do not currently meet these requirements, please contact the Faith Formation Office at ffo@smsparish.org. Teens entering **grade 6 through age 17 ONLY NEED to complete a Youth Code of Conduct form.** Please sign up below; upon receipt we will send you the applicable info.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES- PLEASE CHECK ONE (1) of the SPACES BELOW:

I CAN HELP DURING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK AS A STAFF MEMBER: (you don't have to volunteer all 5 days; just let us know which days you can commit to.)

_____ **Crew Leader**-adults and older teen leaders for a small group of campers. (grade preferred _____).

_____ **Activity Assistant (Adult or teens)** - Please circle at least two activity areas of interest to you :
Outdoor games, Daily Bible Story, Skits, Music, Miscellaneous Helper

_____ **Photographer/Slide Show**- Take photos and mount them on a display board or prepare a slide show.

_____ **Computer/IT Assistant**- Keep laptops and video projectors running smoothly each day.

I CAN HELP WITH OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work!!!

_____ **Parish Center Set Up and Decorating, Artwork, Banners**- (a huge help even if you can't come VBS week!)

_____ **Closing Celebration** -Friday, Aug 11 - Circle one or more: Coordinator, donate food items, clean-up

_____ **Parish Center Clean Up**- Friday, Aug 11, immediately following Closing

ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

Name: _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS*: (TEENS WILL BE PLACED WHERE NEEDED)**

NAME _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Teen's Phone _____

ADDRESS: _____

Parent's PHONE _____ Parent's EMAIL _____

***Spots fill quickly for MS and HS staff; **to avoid being placed on the waiting list please register early.** All VBS staff will be provided navy vests to wear daily to distinguish themselves from the children. Staff members may purchase a T-shirt for \$8 to match the children. Please enclose this amount with this form. Thank you! **Staff T-shirt Order:** Name _____ Size _____ (see Section II above)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM - PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

____ **I grant permission** for my son/daughter to be photographed during 2023 Vacation Bible School for a craft project that will be brought home.

____ **I grant permission** for my son/daughter to be photographed during 2023 Vacation Bible School for photos (still and moving) which may be used in a variety of contexts to spotlight the Vacation Bible School program, including the parish and diocesan websites, parish bulletin boards, parish Facebook, and newsletter, news releases for community newspapers, and the Evangelist, etc.

____ **I don't grant permission** for my son/daughter to be photographed during Vacation Bible School.

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

Please return forms and payment to:

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Schenectady, NY 12303**