

St. Madeleine Sophie/St. Gabriel
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 11 – 15 8:30am - 11am

Children entering PK4 through Grade 5 next fall are invited to our **Alaska themed** 2025 Vacation Bible School program!

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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 fantastic experience of fun and faith! VBS takes place at **St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Center August 11 –15th from 8:30am - 11am.**

Parents can participate with their children, or they can drop off and pick them up. If a parent is attending, please provide the name(s) 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 on the parish website with the VBS link: <https://smssgabparish.org/> then go to the "Upcoming Events" tab.
2. **Fee if received by June 15: \$30 – 1 child; \$55 family**
AFTER June 15: \$40 - 1 child; \$70 family
The 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:** online at <https://smssgabparish.org/>. On the home page, scroll down to "Online Giving" and click on "St. Madeleine Sophie," then "Give Now." Scroll down to "Faith Formation Registration" and choose "One Time Payment" then submit payment.

OR mail completed attached registration form and fee via check made payable to **St. Madeleine Sophie Church** to:

St. Madeleine Sophie Faith Formation Office - VBS Program
3514 Carman Rd.
Schenectady, NY 12303

******Deadline for Registration is June 15 before late fee applies******

Daily Drop Off & Pick up Location & Times:

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, August 11th at **8:30am**. 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 11a.m.

Things your child should bring to VBS each day:

1. Backpack to carry things in.
2. Offering - Each morning the children will be invited to share an offering for our **mission project** or items 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 VBS, and **we need lots of help!** ☺ Please see Section III of the attached sheet for ways to get involved. ***VBS adult volunteers (age 18 and older, including parents), must have completed the RCDA Safe Environment Training within the past 5 years and have a current Background Check through SMS/SGA Parishes to help during VBS week.***

Questions or to volunteer: please contact Carolyn Kelly at 518-368-7490 or kellycm99@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

SMS Church - 2025 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

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I. Child/Parent* Name

<u>*if parent attending</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Grade entering in Sept.*</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>T Shirt Size (see below)</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Copy of birth certificate is only needed for Pre-K 4 children if parent is not volunteering as a staff member.

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 & TEEN VOLUNTEERS (grade 6 and up) REGISTRATION and SIGN UP BELOW:

If applicable, we will send you *the RCDA Safe Environment Training* and Background Check information (fees, if any, are covered by the Parish). Teens in grade 6 through age 17 only need to complete the *Youth Code of Conduct* form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Please check at least **ONE** of the Jobs below:

- 1.) I CAN HELP AS A STAFF MEMBER DURING VBS WEEK AS (you don't have to volunteer all five 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.

- 2.) 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 16 - Circle one or more: Coordinator, donate food items, clean-up**

_____ **Parish Center Clean Up-** Friday, Aug 16, immediately following last session

ADULT VOLUNTEER(S): Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: (Spots fill quickly for MS and HS staff; please register early to avoid being placed on the waiting list. Teen volunteers cannot request to be with a friend; everyone will be assigned where needed to ensure VBS runs smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation!)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Teen's Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent's PHONE _____ Parent's EMAIL _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM - PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

____ **I grant permission** for my child(ren) to be photographed during 2025 Vacation Bible School for a craft project that will be brought home.

____ **I grant permission** for my child(ren) to be photographed during 2025 Vacation Bible School **(NO NAMES INCLUDED)** for photos which may be used in a variety of contexts to spotlight the VBS program, including the parish and diocesan websites, Parish Facebook page, news releases for the Evangelist, etc.

____ **I do not grant permission** for my child(ren) to be photographed during Vacation Bible School for any reason.

Child(ren's) Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

Please **return forms and payment to:**

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