



WELCOME TO SHIPWRECKED WHERE WE ARE RESCUED BY JESUS!

June 2018

Good morning! Vacation Bible School is almost here! Here is the information you will want to know about the week of fun ahead of us, starting Monday June 18th! If you are able to help us with donations, don't forget to check out our signup genius on the parish website at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eabac29a7f85-smm2018> to see just what we need!

- Wear PLAY clothes!!!! The idea is to be comfortable, and we're in and out of buildings in the heat - so be prepared!
- VBS is June 18th - 22ND from 9:15AM to 12:15PM daily. Please don't drop off early; we are usually trying to get set for the day.
On Monday: Elementary age children, come to the Registration Table in the CHURCH HALL by 9:00AM (no earlier please!). From there, elementary crew members (students going into grades 1-5) will be directed to find their crew leaders in the HALL. **PRESCHOOL** students will be directed to meet their crew leaders in the **KINDERGARTEN BUILDING** (first day only - after that, they will also gather in the CHURCH HALL).
- If your child's schedule requires them to be missing at some time during the week, please alert us **IN WRITING** at the registration desk, a day early if possible (so we can let crew leaders know). If they are out due to illness leave a voicemail at 652-7141 and we will check first thing in the morning. The rest of the day we don't have a phone there, so if you need to get one of us call the parish office at 652-6800 and they will get us!
- Children do not need to bring anything with them for the day.
- This year we will once again sell CD's of the music (due to popular demand) - they will be available at the registration table for \$7.50 each.
- Children will stay with their crew leaders as they move from station to station, and will gather in the hall again at the end of the day for the SAIL AWAY SENDOFF! Please understand that 2 crews travel together all day - so if your child is upset because they're in group 1 and their best friend is in group 2, **THEY WILL ACTUALLY BE TOGETHER ALL DAY**. We spend a lot of time dividing groups up to be with leaders we think are the best for each student, and when you ask us to change something at the last minute it can "overload" a young volunteer. If we can arrange a change, we will, but **please let us know a week early if your child absolutely must be in a group with a certain person!** You are invited to attend any day if you wish. The closing ends the activity of the morning with song, fun and prayer. A different Bible story is emphasized each day, so ask your child daily. They

will bring home DAILY BIBLE CHALLENGES that emphasize the special Bible point of the day! At the end of the week, they'll also bring home 5 different "Bible Memory Makers" to help them remember what they learned!

- Children will be DISMISSED from the CHURCH HALL. For safety reasons parents MUST come into the HALL to pick up the children. The preschoolers will sit around the front of the music presentation and will **need a parent** to come forward for them; elementary age parents can wait in the back of the hall. Thank you for being patient and careful as you leave!
 - Children will be OUTSIDE each day (weather permitting) for games, so please have them wear sunscreen!
 - During VBS mornings, your elementary crew child (grades 1-5) moves from station to station on the property - music, imagination station, games, snacks, bible story. Each station reinforces the Bible point for the day, as well as Catholic social teachings.
 - Your preschool crew child stays in the Preschool group (using the KINDERGARTEN BUILDING) but joins the large group for music (except Monday morning), snacks, and the Sendoff in the HALL.
 - Each year, part of the Vacation Bible School program is a mission - an outreach to children who are unable to enjoy the same fun we're having because they lack even the basic necessities. This year's Connecting Kids to Justice has to do with children in other countries who don't have enough food, or have access to healthy food. Catholic Relief Services use 94% of the funds they take in for programs that directly affect the poor and vulnerable in our world. If you want to know more about what CRS does for hunger, check out their website at <http://educaton.crs.org/issues/hunger-food> for more information!
 - FRIDAY NIGHT FINALE is a fusion event for the whole family! Join us at 6:30PM in the CHURCH HALL where we'll sing the songs we learned and enjoy ice cream sundaes as we end our Bible journey! Just be sure to let us know how many from your family to expect, either by sending in the form below or filling a paper out at the registration desk.
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Yes, I and my family will be attending the ice cream social on Friday evening at 6:30PM.

Name:

Number attending: