

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Youth Faith Formation

Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2024-25





At St. Vincent de Paul, it is our privilege to be walking this faith journey with your family. Our ministries are here to help support and guide you in developing the faith in your children. We are excited to offer the following ministries to help your children embrace our faith.

If you have any questions about the Faith Formation programs, please contact Susie Wilson in the Parish Office.

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# KIDS' SMALL GROUPS

## FAITH • FUN • FRIENDS

### KINDERGARTEN - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Kids' Small Groups is a faith formation opportunity for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children during the school year. In Kids' Small Groups, our goal is to help children develop a strong bond with members of their church family while learning about their faith. Children will experience faith, fun, and friends in these small groups that meet between Masses on specified Sundays of the month.

Kids' Small Groups will cover the four parts of the Catechism. This year will focus on the Sacraments.



September 8	Heaven
September 22	Safe Environment
October 6	Conscience: God's Love in Our Hearts
October 20	Virtues
November 10	The Great Commandment
December 8	Commandment Pt. 1
January 5	Commandment Pt. 2
January 19	New Commandment
February 2	Works of Mercy
February 16	Beatitudes
March 2	Journey to Heaven



**Welcome:** Snack & Conversation

**Worship:** Music & experiencing different ways to pray

**Word:** Exploring the Word of God – Learning about Jesus

**Witness:** Applying the message to our daily lives

### Our Goal

To help children develop a strong bond with members of their church family, while studying the bible and learning about their faith.

Groups will be assigned by grade level and will remain the same as children advance from year to year.



# FIRST RECONCILIATION

2<sup>ND</sup> OR 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

First Reconciliation/First Communion is for children in the 2nd and 3rd grades and their parents. There are nine sessions to help parents prepare their children for these two sacraments. Most are scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

## Overview of Sessions

**Session 1 - August 11, 1-3 p.m.**

**GOD GIVES US LIFE**

*Theme: God Wants Us to Be Safe*

**Session 2 - August 28, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**YOU ARE BLESSED**

*Theme: Becoming the Best Version of Yourself*

**Session 3 - September 11, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU**

*Theme: Forgiveness*

**Session 4 - October 2, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

*Theme: Love God & Love Your Neighbor*

**Session 5 - November 6, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**YOUR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

*Theme: Great Moments in Life*

**Celebration of First Reconciliation**

**Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m.**

# FIRST COMMUNION

## Overview of Sessions

**Session 1 - January 8, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**WE PARTICIPATE AT MASS**

*Theme: We Gather as a Church*

*Parents: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Part 1*

**Session 2 - January 15, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**WE SHARE GOD'S WORD**

*Theme: We Listen to God's Word*

*Parents: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Part 2*

**Session 3 - February 5, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**WE REMEMBER & GIVE THANKS**

*Theme: We Lift Our Hearts*

*Parents: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Part 3 & 4*

**Session 4 - March 26, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**WE SHARE THE BREAD OF LIFE**

*Theme: Preparing For Your First Communion*

*Parents: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Part 5*

**March 29, 9 a.m.**

**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT**

## Dates to Remember

Wed, March 26 First Communion practice (during session)

Thur, April 24 First Communion pictures - 6:30 p.m.



# Bible Quest

3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Bible Quest is an opportunity for all children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades and their families, to become more familiar with the Bible itself while watching a video about a Bible hero and an object lesson.

These sessions are held monthly from 10-11 a.m. in the Ville, on select dates.



**September 15**

Daniel

**October 13**

Elijah

**November 17**

Elisha

**December 15**

John the Baptist

**January 12**

Maccabees

**February 9**

Esther

**March 9**

Abraham & Sarah

**April 6**

Joshua

## Gathering

Introduction

## Sending

Preview of next Bible Hero

Closing Prayer

## Breaking

Enjoy video of Bible Champion

Read Bible passage

Object lesson related to theme

Faith question to discuss with parents



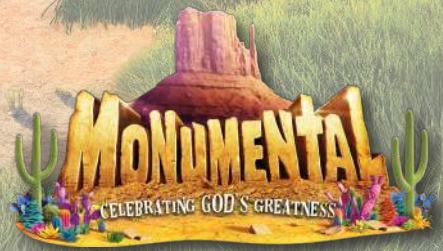
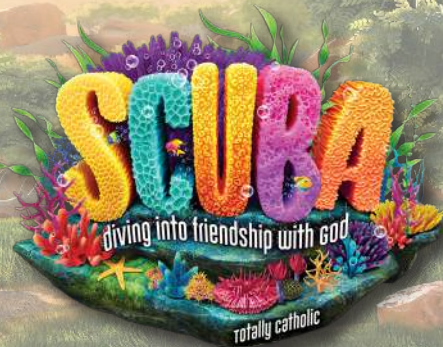


# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

4 YEAR OLD - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Vacation Bible School is held the third week in June for children ages four through those entering 5th grade. A central bible theme, combined with an "Adventure" theme make this an exciting week. Meaningful music, creative crafts and super skits are just some of the great activities children enjoy as they learn more about their faith.

*Save the date for 2025!*  
*June 16-20, 9am-12:30pm*



Living Inspired Faith Everywhere

4 YEAR OLD - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**October 6**

Evangelization of the Community

**February 2**

Evangelization in the World

**November 10**

Evangelization in the Family

LIFE seeks to deepen the faith of the whole family! Invite your family and friends to an evening of delicious food, creative talks and videos, engaging conversation, and lively music.

Children's Breakouts enable more creative & fun learning activities. Our catechists provide interactive lessons, crafts, and music for grade-specific groups.



**Dinner at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Session at 5:45 p.m.**







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