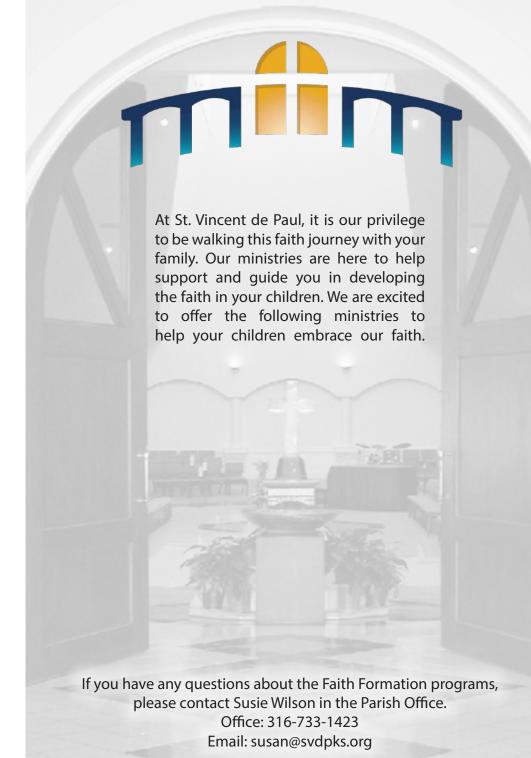
## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Youth Faith Formation

Pre-K through 5th Grade 2025-2026







#### KINDERGARTEN - 5TH 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 Christian Prayer.





September 7 What is Prayer? September 21 **Safe Environment** October 5 Jesus Teaches Us How to **Pray Prayer & the Our Father** October 19 **Prayer & the Holy Spirit** November 2 **Prayer of the Virgin Mary** December 7 **Praying With Scripture** January 4 January 18 **Expressions of Prayer** February 1 **Types of Prayer** February 15 Prayer as a Battle **Guides & Places for Prayer** March 1



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 17, 1-3 p.m.
GOD GIVES US LIFE

Theme: God Wants Us to Be Safe

Session 2 - August 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m. YOU ARE BLESSED

Theme: Becoming the Best Version of Yourself

Session 3 - September 10, 6:30-7:45 p.m. GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

Theme: Forgiveness

Session 4 - October 1, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Theme: Love God & Love Your Neighbor

Session 5 - November 5, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
YOUR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Theme: Great Moments in Life

Celebration of First Reconciliation
Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Overview of Sessions

## Session 1 - January 7, 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 14, 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 4, 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

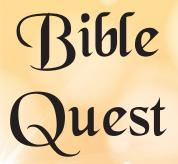
## Session 4 - March 4, 6:30-7:45 p.m. WE SHARE THE BREAD OF LIFE

Theme: Preparing For Your First Communion
Parents: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Part 5

February 21, 9 a.m.
FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

#### **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday, March 4 First Communion practice (during session)
Thur, April 9 First Communion pictures - 6:30 p.m.



3RD - 5TH 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 14

Joseph in Egypt

October 12
Joseph Reunion

November 9

Moses

December 14

Ruth

**January 11** 

Samuel

**February 8** 

David

March 8

Soloman

**April 26** 

Paul

Breaking

Gathering

Introduction

**Enjoy video of Bible Champion** 

Read Bible passage

Object lesson related to theme

Faith question to discuss with

parents

#### Sending

Preview of next Bible Hero
Closing Prayer



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

4 YEAR OLD - 5TH 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.





4 YEAR OLD - 12TH GRADE

**Vocations: The Universal Call to Holiness** 

October 5

**February 1** 

November 2

March 1

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.

