

The Children's Adventure of the Summer: **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** **Monday-Friday, July 24-28** **9am-12noon***

**Set aside Friday 12 noon—1:30 pm for closing & VBS picnic.*



This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light" and explores the gospel through the life of one of Michigan's up and coming Saints, the missionary holy man, Venerable Bishop Baraga.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins Monday, July 24 and runs through Friday, July 28 from 9 a.m.—12 noon* (*longer on Friday for the picnic). VBS is for children PreK (4 years) to those entering 5th grade in the fall. Sign up using the QR code or online at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/2023-vacation-bible-school-signup/> or go to STFRANCISA2.COM and click on the rotating VBS banner! If you need more information, call us at 734-821-2130 or email at stfred@stfrancisa2.org

Be a Volunteer! Middle School, High School, and Adult volunteers are needed. Sign up using the form mentioned above. **Volunteers, please plan to attend the Volunteer orientation meeting Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC).**

Don't miss the adventure! Sign up today!

Everyone Belongs

The VBS day begins with drop off and ends with pick up* from the child's homeroom. (**pickup on Friday is from the closing program*). The children will be rotating through centers of activities all morning. Emails assigning each child to a homeroom are sent the week of July 17.

Please refer to your email or check the wall outside the Religious Education Office for homeroom assignments.

During the week, the children will receive their VBS t-shirts. Volunteers and children, remember to wear your t-shirt on Friday of VBS week!

The VBS Closing & Picnic

On Friday of VBS week, we end with a closing program beginning at 12 noon. After the closing program on Friday, everyone is invited to a picnic on the west lawn of the Church. We'll provide the hotdogs, chips, and water to drink. Each family is asked to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring your own family's veggies, fruit, drink or dessert to round out the lunch fare.

Explore the World Around You

Imagine blasting off in a rocket ship, slipping through a wrinkle in time, and landing in Michigan 200 years ago.

During our VBS Adventure week, the children:

Explore the gospel,

Engage in stories of the Michigan missionary on the pathway to Sainthood, Venerable Bishop Frederick Baraga,

Learn more about the native peoples,

Enjoy a maple sugar treat,

Make relevant crafts,

Ride a pony (or horse),

Walk in a snowshoes,

Sing uplifting songs,

Encounter Michigan wildlife (courtesy of the Leslie Science Center),

Pray together and individually in the wigwam,
Create memories and new friendships, and so much more!

Every day, all week, games are played and food is served!