



Dear VBS Volunteer,

***(Parents – please have your volunteer read and fill out this packet.
PLEASE RETURN THE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM PAGES.)***

Thank you for registering for St Mary Vacation Bible School 2019.

It promises to be an amazing experience! If you haven't worked with VBS before, WELCOME and I look forward to meeting you! If you have worked with VBS before, WELCOME BACK and I look forward to seeing you again!

VBS 2019 is GOING TO BE AMAZING!!!

We look forward to having you work with us either:

July 8th through July 12th and/or

July 15th through the 19th

8 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday

8 AM to 4 PM Friday

(BOTH WEEKS TIMES ARE THE SAME)

Each week is a separate program and you can register for both!



It is important to download the “MyParishApp” and join the “VBS Volunteer” Group and “LIKE” the “St Mary’s Vacation Bible School” page on Facebook.

(These are the **ONLY** ways we will communicate announcements and up to the minute details)

Please take some time to read through this packet before filling it out.

There have been some changes to aid us in the planning of groups and weeks.
Please note the following:

- **WE ARE EXCITED YOU WILL BE WORKING WITH US TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. YOU** are an important part of the success of VBS!! Thank you for volunteering your time with us!
- You can register to volunteer for both weeks with one form

- NEW for 2019 -- After VBS is complete, we will host a day trip to Splish Splash as a THANK YOU for \$20. Information will be available prior to VBS.
- Job Assignments are answered at the discretion of the VBS Director and Planning Team. The same goes for friend requests. **Each job is vital to VBS. YOU are vital to VBS!**
- Please read the Job Descriptions at the end of this letter before deciding where you would like to work for the week. *NEW FOR COUNSELORS 2019 – Counselors will lead campers in small group discussions for 20 minutes each day based on the Bible Point of the Day. TRAINING WILL BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO VBS. Counselors WILL BE required to attend training regardless if they have helped in years past. Choices of Training Dates will be placed on the Parish App and on Facebook. You MUST attend 1 training without training, you will be placed somewhere else.*
- Each volunteer will receive a FREE shirt. Camp shirts will be ordered June 1st to guarantee delivery. After June 1st, volunteers may not receive a camp logo shirt but WILL receive a colored shirt. Shirts are to be worn each day.
- For the Emergency Contact, PLEASE list someone OTHER than your parents. (We call Mom and Dad first if the need arises)
- If YOU have ANY allergies, medical conditions or any special needs, please let us know on the form. The VBS Director will call the volunteer's parents to discuss all medical or special needs before camp begins. (We do have a NYS Paramedic on staff with us for BOTH weeks) NO CONDITION is too small!
- It is your responsibility to bring a non refrigerated lunch and a snack each day. VBS supplies bagels each morning to start your day.
- Job Assignments and a Volunteer Contract will be given at the Volunteer Kick Off (Date TBD – it will be advertised on the Parish App and on Facebook.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jotto@parishofstmary.org or call my office at 631-581-3304 ext 120.

I look forward to seeing how God will work through you these weeks!!

Peace,

Jessica Otto
VBS Director



Where are you being called to work??

The Job Descriptions are:

Crew Counselors - Crews consist of 8 – 10 campers per table. Crews begin with children in Pre-K through completed 4th grade. Crew Counselors greet the campers at their tables each morning, lead & guide campers through rotations while assisting the rotation leader where needed, help campers at snack & lunch, and dismiss campers from their tables at the end of each day. Counselors will be with campers all day and are encouraged to share experiences with the campers. Counselors work in pairs with a crew. **NEW FOR COUNSELORS 2019 – Counselors will lead campers after the Morning Large Group in small group discussions based on the Bible Point of the Day. TRAINING WILL BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO VBS. Counselors WILL BE required to attend training regardless if they have helped in years past. Choices of Training Dates will be placed on the Parish App and on Facebook. You MUST attend 1 training without training, you will be placed somewhere else.** Crews are based on a camper's grade completed in June 2019.

5th & 6th Grade Counselors – Counselors will help the 5th & 6th Grade Leader with this program in a variety of ways. These counselors will greet campers in the Sacred Heart Hall each morning, will help the leader with icebreakers & discussions with the campers, will lead & guide campers through rotations, will eat snack/lunch in the hall and will help to dismiss campers from the hall each day. **NEW FOR COUNSELORS 2019 – Counselors will lead campers in small group discussions based on the Bible Point of the Day. TRAINING WILL BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO VBS. Counselors WILL BE required to attend training regardless if they have helped in years past. Choices of Training Dates will be placed on the Parish App and on Facebook. You MUST attend 1 training if you would like to be a counselor. Without training, you will be placed somewhere else.**

Arts & Crafts–Helpers will help the Rotation Leaders set up the craft/activity each day for each rotation and will actively participate with crew counselors,

campers and help in conversation if needed. Helpers will bring finished projects to crew tables for campers to bring home at the end of the day.

Bible Adventure Helpers – These helpers will aid the Rotation Leader in demonstrating the bible story each day. This may include acting. Helpers will help to set up for each rotation, help assemble props and organizing sets where possible.

KidVid ~ Movie Helpers – These helpers will help the Rotation Leader keep crews focused on the “movie” and participate with counselors and their crews in discussions, both in small and large groups. Helpers will be given discussion questions ahead of time to prepare their answers to the daily questions.

Music Helpers – These helpers will help the Music Leader teach ALL camp songs to the crews during rotations and during the morning/closing sessions each day. This rotation requires helpers to move and dance at times. No formal musical training needed.

Rec Helpers – These helpers will help the Rotation Leader lead different games during rotations. Helpers will help set up/clean up equipment daily dependent on the Rotation Leader. Helpers will play different sports games with all crews in the camp.





**Saint Mary Parish Vacation Bible School
2019 Volunteer Registration Form**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Nickname you prefer _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last Grade Completed _____ School _____

Mailing Address (if Great River address, please list P.O. Box #)

Town _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address to contact you

Parent's Names

Mother _____ Father _____

Parent's Contact Number(s)

Mother _____ Father _____

Emergency Contact (Someone OTHER than Parent)

Phone Number _____

Relationship to You _____

Which Week will you volunteer with?

_____ Week 1 – July 8th through July 12th

_____ Week 2 – July 15th through July 19th



Where are you called to volunteer?

Volunteer - PLEASE make sure YOU have read the job descriptions in the front letter and list your TOP THREE choices. Choices MUST be SEPARATE jobs.

If three are not chosen and your first choice is full,
you may be placed where needed.

We want you to be happy where you volunteer – please pray on your choices.

Choice 1 _____

Choice 2 _____

Choice 3 _____

Do you have ONE friend you would like to work with?

(Please note: Friend Requests are answered at the Discretion of the VBS Director and Planning Team. Friends may be placed to the same rotation schedule)

All Volunteers receive a SHIRT. Camp Logo Shirts are ordered on June 1st.

After June 1st, volunteer may receive a plain colored shirt to wear throughout the week

Please circle a size

Adult Sizes: Small (34-36)

Medium (38-40)

Large (42-44)

X-Large (46-48)

2XL (50-52)

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions or special needs we need to be aware of? _____