



Sacred Heart
PARISH

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement: Striving to be a grateful parish following Christ by loving God, and loving our neighbors as ourselves through our words, deeds, and thoughts.

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Mission Statement: Walking with all generations, Sacred Heart Faith Formation strives to equip parishioners to recognize, claim, know, and live out their faith in the church and the world.

Goals: Our parishioners will...

1. Become curious about Christ and his ways.
2. Grow in their sense of belonging to Christ and the Christian community.
3. Gain interest and therefore knowledge in foundational beliefs and elements of the faith.
4. Deepen participation in the life of the church through liturgy and worship.
5. Practice missionary discipleship through Christian service.

POSITION: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPER

Overview and Service Impact: Being a VBS helper is deeply connected to the gifts we are given at Baptism and that are strengthened at Confirmation. It is worth taking the time to discern if God is calling you to serve in this way. VBS helpers will perform one of a number of duties using materials provided and nurturing the faith of participants. Possible duties include being an activity station leader, activity station helper, crew leader, or crew helper. VBS helpers should be at least 12 years old. They will walk with the groups, helping them to come to know their Catholic faith and love God in a deeper way.

Key Responsibilities:

- Attend the scheduled meetings/training sessions
- Become familiar with the resources available to them
- Commit to preparing well and carefully for each session before arriving at VBS, being sure to arrive early enough to set up and check supplies. Request additional materials at least three days in advance as needed including but not limited to copies and other handouts
- Model God's grace in relationships within the VBS setting. Relate to the participants in a compassionate and respectful manner and foster a sense of security as well as a safe space with participants, making boundaries and guidelines for participation clear
- Handle classroom management with the support of the Director of Faith Formation, particularly for any issues that arise that they are unable to manage
- Be familiar with Diocesan Safe Environment policies and report any issues of safe environment, emergency medical needs or unsafe classroom behaviors to the Director of Faith Formation or the Pastor immediately
- Have fun and enjoy the growth in faith, fellowship and community that comes from being part of VBS!

Time Commitment: VBS helpers will be responsible for participating in five 2 to 3 hour sessions per summer as well as a 1 hour scheduled meeting/training session. They will also be responsible for at least 2 hours of prep for each of the sessions.

Qualifications/Requirements: VBS helpers should be practicing faith-filled and faithful Catholics willing to share the Gospel message with others in a VBS setting. They should have a good basic knowledge of their faith and be willing to grow in that knowledge through continuing education and spiritual opportunities as well as being willing to take direction and give direction when needed. They

should model Christian values and be good with people as well as being organized, dependable, consistent and committed to their area of ministry. Safe environment training and background checks for the Diocese of St. Cloud must be completed and an initial discernment meeting with the Director of Faith Formation will be required.

Supported by: Director of Faith Formation, Pastor, the community of Sacred Heart

Benefits: Being a VBS Helper can be challenging but the blessings are great for those who receive the call to this particular ministry in the church. Here are some of the blessings that may be part of the VBS helper's experience:

- Helping others grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus
- Seeing hearts and minds unfold and blossom
- Watching as a group of children play, praise, and pray their way through the fun of VBS
- Growth in your own faith
- Affirmation of the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for ministry
- Developing lasting friendships with the community of faith
- Joy at seeing God working in the gifts we offer for the building up of the Kingdom

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