



DEAR PARENTS:

Thank you for registering your child for Shipwrecked at St. Joseph's this summer!

Shipwrecked will be a unique parish religious education program running **August 20th - 24th, 2018**. Our program will run from **8:55 AM to 12:30 PM** each day. This week will be filled with activities, games, scripture, drama, science experiments, snacks, and lots more! It will be a great opportunity for your child to make new friends, and grow in faith. Our week together will be followed by a celebration

after Mass on **Sunday, August 26th**. It will be a chance for the children who take part in Shipwrecked to share some of what they have done with the rest of our Parish community.

Here are some things to keep in mind as we look forward to VBS this year:

- We begin our programming at 9:00 each morning, so we hope to have all children signed in by 8:55 in order to make sure everyone is ready to go when we begin our opening circle. We appreciate you picking your child up on time too. If you come a few minutes early, it is a great chance to get a peek at what we have been doing that day.
- We will have a sign-in table at the entrance to the church hall when you arrive and leave each day. You will need to sign your child in and out each day. The sign-in table is also where we will have any handouts and updates on things that we will be doing in the program.
- If there is someone who should not pick up your child from VBS, please make us aware of that situation. Also, if there is a change in who is picking your child up (e.g. babysitter or grandparents) please be sure to let us know when you drop off your child in the morning.
- Have your child wear play clothes and closed-toe shoes. They will be much more comfortable this way, and will be able to get the most out of our programming.
- Make sure to indicate on the registration form if your child has any allergies or medical concerns that we should be aware of as we plan our week. We will have some exciting snacks and activities, and we will do our best to make them accessible to all participants, but we need to know this information in advance in order to make this week the most fun for all.
- Let us know if there is any other information about your child that will help us to make this an exciting, faith-filled, and successful week for your little one.
- We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers to help make Shipwrecked the best it can be. If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact anna.degroot.maggetti@gmail.com or call the church office at 519-745-9302.

Thank you for having your child be part of this program! We look forward to sharing an amazing week with them!