

YOUTH NEWS

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Thank You!

After all the prayers, planning, and more prayers Vacation Bible School happened! On August 3rd-the 7th we had 80 young people who showed up for 2 hours a day to sing, play, and pray outside in the beautiful weather that God had gifted us with that week!! We met in small groups of 10 or less to talk about the focus of the day each morning. Our theme this year was Angels and we opened up each morning with the "Angel of God" prayer. We then had areas of **Play and Pray:** where the kids played Red Light Green Light and Shadow tag, and incorporated the toy of the day into the lesson. (examples being personal Frisbees were used to talk about how Angels were sent to sent as messengers from God and bubbles to illustrate that Angels protect us as well) We also had a **Nature and Prayer walk** where the kids utilized our beautiful river walk and listened all week to the story of Saint Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal and then had personal journaling time in their prayer journals. We also had singing and action songs to help pray in a different way. We could not have made this happen without the support of the parishioners who prayed for and donated the extra supplies that were needed, along with the support of the parents who trusted us to run this camp this year. I also would love to thank the teachers: Kenny Krause, Anna Boppart, Eric Mashak, Ann Benz, Gail Boehm, Ali Ruetz, and Bridget Gunther along with the High School counselors and Middle School junior counselors for all of the work and time that they gave in making it fun and enjoyable for the campers.

I am looking forward to next year!! (August 2nd through the 6th , 2021) ~ Mrs. Thayer



Ronan Miller
enjoying a game
of Shadow Tag



Cooper Thayer being watched by Brock Massey in the Obstacle Course that was set up for the Play and Pray area



Liam Powers showing off his Angel Chalk Art



Whitney Klapps enjoying her Prayer Journaling time

More Pictures of VBS to enjoy:



The Parachute was a HUGE hit for all the ages!!

Anton Erickson was big smiles during his Chalk Art time!



Our morning small group session

Will Schanke flying through the Obstacle Course 😊



Some of the groups practicing for the outdoor Concert



Thank you to our Angels



THANK YOU to our 'Angels' that we know by name 😊

There were so many people that helped with VBS this year and a few who we actually know the names of!! I really am in awe at the generosity that is constantly shown to the Youth and our Program year after year... I would like to give a public thank you to:

•The Fairchild Family (especially Jim, Russell, and Alice) for the prayers,

encouragement and generosity that they show to our Youth year after year.

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- Bette Smart
- Kathleen Quinn
- Jennifer Laursen
- Tom and Ashley Miller of Miller's General Store

- Eagle Promotion
- Gina Boppart
- Rhonda Ready
- And all the other people who helped by sending out prayers, words of encouragement, and helped in ways I may not have even seen that led up to VBS.