

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer, 200 children, 75 middle and high school youth, and 46 adults took on the challenge to climb “Faith Mountain” during the week of July 15 in Vacation Bible School. The challenge was to grow by the way of Faith: Faith that is a gift from God and is nourished in community, Faith that trusts in Jesus Christ and endures in discipleship, Faith that listens to God’s Word and responds in action with special concern for the poor, and Faith that triumphs in a life of glory with God. “Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17),” but Faith without good works is useless (James 2:17).

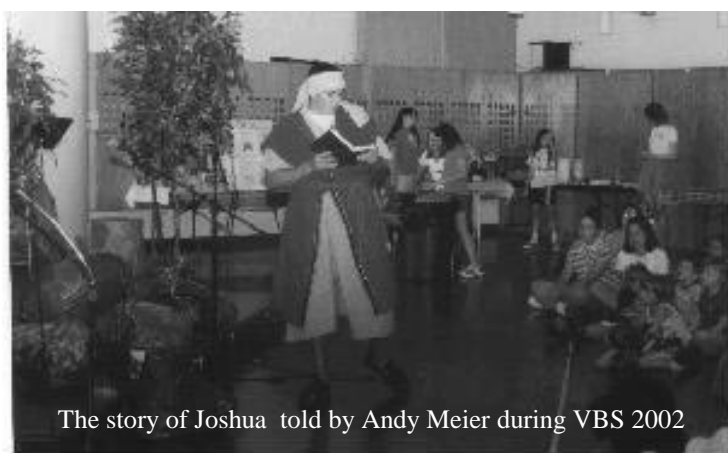
Thank you to the 121 volunteers—middle school, high school, and adults—for helping to create a community of Faith for the children. Thank you to the parishioners who donated the swimsuits and beach items to benefit inner city N.Y. children at their summer camp in Carrollton, Ohio the week of August 12. The camp is sponsored by Holy Family Ministries.



Taking on new challenges, children in grades 2 through high school climb “Faith Mountain.”



Preschool children bounce to new heights in VBS.



The story of Joshua told by Andy Meier during VBS 2002

Keep the Flame of Faith Active and Growing:

Registration for religious education classes for children in PreK—8 are being accepted now.

- ♦ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** begins August 25. Children in grades K—3 are invited to hear the Word at their own level during the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. No pre-registration is needed.
- ♦ **T/Th and W Preschool** begins Sept. 17. (*This date includes a one week delay due to construction.*)
- ♦ **Sun Preschool** begins Sept. 22.
- ♦ **Religious Education classes** begin Sept. 23 (grades K—5)/ Sept. 24 (grades K—5)/Sept. 25 (grades 1—8).
- ♦ **Sunday Family Religious Education** begins Sept. 29. Family Religious Education brings parents and their children in grades PreK—7 together in sessions designed to learn, reflect, and grow in knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

For more information about our programs or for a registration form, check us out on the WEB at <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/rel-ed/> or call us: Nicki, secretary at 734-821-2130 <stfreled@rc.net>, Ellen Ward (PreK—5/Family) at 734-821-2132 <ward@rc.net>, Jill Diroff (Grades 6-8) at 734-821-2133 <jdiroff@catholicWeb.com>.



Children gather for the opening bible story of the day during Vacation Bible School 2002.