

member of God's team," Petrucci said. "(The school) offers Bible learning, crafts, recreation, snack, mission and music." She added that the children learn songs that they perform at the closing ceremony.

• **St. John the Evangelist Parish, Spencerport**, will also offer SonGames 2004 vacation Bible school Aug. 2-6, according to Shirley Curatolo, the parish's religious-education coordinator.

• **Church of the Holy Spirit, Penfield**, will offer "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit" for children ages 3 to 7 from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6, according to Carmen Ana Klosterman, a parish Bible-school volunteer. Every day of the school will feature crafts, music, games and discussion of the saints, she said. The school will conclude with a "Pentecost party" celebrating the "birthday" of the Christian church, and will take place at an imaginary beach in the church hall.

• **St. Lawrence Parish, Greece**, has a vacation Bible school called "It's a Mystery! The Holy Trinity" for grades kindergarten through five that will take place Aug. 2-6 from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m., according to Jamie O'Mara, the parish's religious-education coordinator.

• **Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester**, is participating with three neighboring Protestant churches in the Maplewood Ecu-



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menical Vacation Bible School 2004 from July 26-30 from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. The school is taking place at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Dewey Avenue, and its theme is "The Jesse Tree — Stories from the Old Testament."

Marianne Himmelsbach, Sacred

Heart's faith-formation coordinator, said the "program is very fast paced and keeps the children's attention for the entire two hours." She added that the program combines games, songs, Bible-story discussions, skits and crafts centered around the theme. Additionally, she said, the or-

ganizers are hoping the children will be able to plant a tree on the grounds of Redeemer.

"We hope that in the future, as the children pass the tree, they will remember the fun, the stories and the lessons they learned at vacation Bible school," she said.

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