

## Day 3 Role Play: Sunday Superheroes



Welcome to Sunday Superheroes at (Your Parish Name) Catholic School. A kind, but firm principal in this short play has invited three priests to visit with the children, so they learn about why priests are considered superheroes. Your VBS Leader should remind the children watching this role play that the person playing the principal is young, but they should be respectful to her.

### Day 3 - Costumes and Props

- Three black shirts with white collars and three black pants** for Fathers Alex, Jason and Matthew
- Red or blue capes** for each priest to wear before they leave
- 4 chairs in a school gym setting** (decorate as you see fit)
- A podium and optional microphone**
- A habit or dress clothes** for Principal Sister Clarinda

### Characters

- Sister Clarinda** (an energetic, kind, but firm and proper principal)
- Student 1** (a boy sitting with the children watching role play)
- Student 2** (a girl sitting with the children watching role play)
- Father Alex** (parish priest)
- Father Jason** (blogging priest)
- Father Matt** (past Army chaplain and current parish priest)

DAY 3

**SCENE:** It's assembly time at (Your Parish Name) Catholic School Gym.

**SISTER CLARINDA:** (Stands at the podium, speaking into the microphone) Children, Children, it's time to quiet down! Remember to be Images of God. (Look for your **VBS LEADER** and call out his or her name in front of the children) Mr. - - - (or Mrs. - - -) after Assembly I'd like you to report to my office. I calculated your spending for vocation education and you have gone slightly over budget, and your desk is a mess! Please get that taken care of.

(Point out a lighthearted **VBS PARTICIPANT**) Please sit up and listen, young man (or lady). Today we are going to meet some superheroes! Raise your hand if you think you might know who the superheroes are. (Listens to and repeats children's answers.)

**SISTER CLARINDA:** Our superheroes today are three priests. You'll be able to tell me why priests are considered superheroes by the end of our time together. Let's give a warm (your parish name) welcome to Father Alex, Father Jason, and Father Matt!



**(FATHER ALEX, FATHER JASON and FATHER MATT walk into the “gym.”)**

**SISTER CLARINDA:** Father Alex is the parish priest at St. Michael’s. Remember, children we beat them at softball last week *(give the children a thumbs up when FATHER ALEX isn’t looking)* Father Matt *(points to FATHER MATT)* was an army chaplain many years before you children were born and now serves in a parish similar to Father Alex’s. Father Jason *(points to FATHER JASON)* performs his many duties as a priest and writes about them on his blog.

**FATHER ALEX:** *(The PRIESTS sit down after SISTER CLARINDA is seated)* Thank you for having us Sister Clarinda. We heard that your children are on a mission to discover more about vocations at *(your parish name)*. Who can tell me what Vocations are? *(Children should share that vocations are callings from God to marriage, the priesthood or religious life.)*

**SISTER CLARINDA:** Very good children, but perhaps Father, I should be asking the questions.

**FATHER ALEX:** *(Laughs)* My apologies Sister Clarinda.

**SISTER CLARINDA:** As I was saying . . . these priests all have special positions within their vocation. Let’s explore the daily lives of each priest shall we? We’ll start with Father Alex since he seems to be the most excited to speak with you children *(gently puts her hand on FATHER ALEX’S arm to remind him to keep his manners)*.

Father Alex, tell us a bit more about your job as a parish priest at St. Michael’s, a parish with a school.

**FATHER ALEX:** Well, Sister Clarinda. I start my day, before the sun rises, with the Liturgy of the Hours and spend time in quiet prayer listening to God. Then, I greet the children coming off the buses. I celebrate daily Mass six mornings a week and two of those Masses are celebrated as a school Mass.

**SISTER CLARINDA:** How is a school Mass different from a regular mass?

**FATHER ALEX:** One of the best parts of being Catholic is that we can count on the Mass to be the same whatever day it is, regardless of the location. The first part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to readings from the Bible. Then when I give my homily, I explain the readings in an easy way for children to understand. Then we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**SISTER CLARINDA:** What do you do after Mass?

**FATHER ALEX:** Oh, Sister, I am busy, but I love working in my parish! I pray throughout the day. I work with people like the catechists *(point to VBS LEADER)*. I talk to the bookkeeper about our finances, and there are many meetings. I work on my homilies and if I can get outside, I’ll often play a ball game with the children at recess. One of my favorite parts of the week, besides the Mass, is Confession. I’ll let Father Jason tell you more about that. Confession is a lovely part of being a priest for Father Jason, Father Matt and I.

**SISTER CLARINDA:** A-hem. I believe you meant Father Matt and . . . ME, Father Alex.

**FATHER ALEX:** I’m sorry Sister Clarinda. I should have remembered that from your third grade grammar class.