



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Earlier this year Archbishop Vigneron shared a Pastoral Letter for the Archdiocese of Detroit. In it he wrote, *“Amid all the pressure to prepare their children for success in life, parents need to realize there is no greater success and no greater gift they can give their children than a relationship with Jesus and his Church, which endures throughout eternity.”* I can attest that this is the greatest gift my parents have given to me. Their relationship is not perfect, nor are they perfect just as I am not, but they did instill within me both by word and deed that Jesus is the first priority and that there is nothing more important than Him. I cannot really express how much this has shaped my life and how I grateful I am to know Jesus and have a relationship with Him. I encourage you to take these words of Archbishop Vigneron to heart and continue to give your children a relationship with Jesus by teaching them about Him and introducing them to Him through love, prayer, and service.

We welcome back our returning families and extend warm greetings to those who join us for the first time. There are two different class sessions offered on Monday. Please note that 5th through 8th grade students meet only during the evening session. Students are placed in class times on a first-come basis as space allows. The Confirmation Program is for students in 9th grade and meets a few Sundays beginning August 27th. Please call the office for more information on Confirmation. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for youth group every other Sunday beginning October 1. There is no cost and there is no need to sign up. Please watch “The Guardian” for more information on these gatherings.

Grades 1 - 4	Monday 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. OR
Grades 1 - 4	Monday 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8	Monday 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. ONLY

Attached is the registration form for the 2017-2018 year. The in-parish program fee for this year is \$135 for the first child. Each additional child is \$120. There is an additional fee for:

Grade 2 - First Communion Retreat	\$10.00 per child
Grade 6 - Seder Service & Catholic Youth Bible	\$15.00 per child

Please be aware that Guardian Angels Catholic Community subsidizes our Faith Formation Program; 80-85% of the cost of your child's instruction is covered by our operating budget supported through the Sunday collection. Prompt payments are most appreciated. The enclosed Registration Form with a minimum \$25 deposit are due by September 11 to assure your choice of program times and so that we can adequately staff classrooms and provide the necessary supplies. Outstanding balances from previous years must be paid before registering for this year. Any family with financial hardships is encouraged to bring their concerns to the pastor. We are committed to making every effort to meet the formation needs of our students.

Children new to the Faith Formation Program and NOT baptized at Guardian Angels are asked to furnish a copy of their Baptismal Certificate upon registration. Please advise us if your child was baptized at Guardian Angels; we will obtain the required information from the parish records.

Classes begin on September 18, 2017 in the Church. We request that at least one parent attend the first class to hear important information regarding our program. We begin the first fifteen minutes of every session in Church each week for a reflection on the Sunday Scripture Readings. This time is part of your child's formation and requires conscientious attendance. Parents and siblings are always invited to join us for our opening session. Please know of our prayers for you and your children as we partner in teaching and handing on the gift of our Catholic faith.

In Christ's peace,

Reverend Gerard J. LeBoeuf
Pastor

Mr. John David Kuhar
Director of Faith Formation