



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

God loves you! This truth is so important for our children (and us) to hear, know, and believe. The love of God the Father is not dependent on anything we say or do in our lives. He simply loves us. No one and nothing can ever replace the love of God. It is God who satisfies and fills us. As parents, we only want what is best for our children. We want them to be happy and peaceful. When we live our faith and return God's love by following Him to the best of our ability we find great peace and joy. It is not always easy but it is well worth it. My prayer and hope is that during this year of Faith Formation, as we journey together your children will continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's love and the joy that comes from being a disciple. I am excited to be a part of this process and look forward to sharing the faith with you!

We welcome back our returning families and extend warm greetings to those who join us for the first time. Since some of the local school districts moved to a later start, we have seen the earlier class time become more and more challenging for families to attend. As this trend has continued, we will only be offering the 6:15-7:30pm class this school year. The Confirmation Program is for students in 9th grade and meets a few Sundays beginning August 26th. Please call the office for more information on Confirmation. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join the parish youth group. Please call for more information on youth group.

Attached is the registration form for the 2018-2019 year. The in-parish program fee for this year is \$135 for the first child. Each additional child is \$120. The out of parish fee is \$180 per child. 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 per child are due by September 10 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 24, 2018 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,

Mr. John David Kuhar
Director of Faith Formation