

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In these times, unlike any other times that I have experienced, I try and remind myself that God is present and in full control of all that is happening. He is with us each day and never abandons us. We may not always feel His presence or fully trust that He is in control, but He is with us regardless of how we feel or how strong our faith and trust is in Him. I am reminded of the following verses from the Gospel of Mark:

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

As we continue to navigate the ups and downs of life, let us pray that the Lord will calm the storms and ask Him for an increase of faith and hope as we place our trust in Him.

We welcome back our returning families and extend warm greetings to those who join us for the first time. Things will look a little different this year for our classes. **We will be starting classes virtually** and at this time see that continuing at least until January. **The plan is to have a live virtual session for each grade on Mondays during our regular class time of 6:15-7:30pm. The live virtual sessions will only be for a portion of the regularly scheduled time on Monday night. We do expect the students to be present for the live virtual session each week.** There will be additional work the student needs to complete at home during the week since the live session will be shortened. **Classes will begin on Monday, September 21.** More details and specific times will be emailed to you once we receive your registration along with additional information. **Registrations are due by September 16.**

Attached is the registration form for the 2020-2021 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 - 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 16 so that we can adequately prepare. 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 me. 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. Again **classes will begin on September 21, 2020 and registrations are due on September 16**. 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,

John David Kuhar