



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope your summer thus far has been one filled with some rest and continued growth in the Lord. We are very excited to welcome students back for Faith Formation in a little over a month. Classes for grades 1-8 will meet on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm beginning on **Monday, September 30**. We will meet in church to begin each week. We welcome back our returning families and extend warm greetings to those who join us for the first time.

In the summer of 2023, I truly felt the Lord teaching me to trust and showing me that He will provide what I need for each day. It reminded me of the Israelites when they were wandering in the desert and God gave them Manna to eat but they could only take what they needed for that day trusting that He would provide Manna again the next day. I am still learning this lesson and once again this summer, God gave me ample opportunity to place my trust in Him. It is still a work in progress, but there is truly no one better to trust than God. He is the one constant in our life. He never changes and is always present. God is real and alive. He is not just some idea or nice thought but is our loving and caring Father. This is what we want every child to come to know. We want them to know not just with their heads but in their hearts that God loves them, is with them, and will provide for them.

Our mission in faith formation is to foster their relationship with the Lord. This does not and cannot replace the most important and primary role that you as parents play in teaching your children about God, His love, and how to follow Him as a faithful disciple. **This is done through praying daily with your children, bringing them to Church weekly, and teaching them about right and wrong and following God.** We are here to assist you and encourage you in this most important mission and we look forward to walking the journey to heaven together.

Attached is the registration form for the 2024-2025 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:

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 are due by September 16 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 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.

Classes begin on **September 30, 2024** 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 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