



## 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 29**. 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.

As I watch my children grow and learn, I continue to be amazed with how something we have not specifically sat down and taught them has been learned primarily through seeing it over and over again. I recall specifically with our first, when she was about 11 months old, we sat down to dinner and said it is time to pray and she put her hand on her forehead, as she had seen us do before grace each day, to make the Sign of the Cross. I see it in our two boys, even though we spend a lot of time in the back of church running around during Mass, that by bringing them each week they know what we do at Church even if they are rarely doing it themselves as they run around. There is nothing that can replace the faith life you model for your children. The gift of faith is the best gift you can give to your children. Thank you for sharing the faith with them.

Our mission in faith formation is to assist you in sharing the faith. Our goal is to reinforce the faith practices being passed down to them at home. Nothing we do here can 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 2025-2026 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 15 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 29, 2025** 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. **For students preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion please mark your calendars for October 5. We will have a special enrollment ceremony that will begin at the 11am Mass.** 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