

## 2010 - 2011 Catechists

Our teachers are volunteers. They spend their own time preparing for and teaching each class. Please remember to say "Thank You"!

### Monday

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Grades K & 1	Mrs. Joanne Kaczor
Grade 2	Mrs. Kathleen Gill
Grade 3	Mrs. Elizabeth Wieloch
Grade 4	Miss Erin McDonough
Grade 5	Mrs. Mary Ann O'Byrne

### Tuesday

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Grades K & 1	Mrs. Shari DiDomenico
Grade 2	Miss Erin McDonough
Grade 3, 4, 5	Mrs. Geralyn Kogut

### Sunday

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Grade 6	Mr. Dan Lebel
Grade 7	Mrs. Betty Ocone
Grade 8	Mrs. Diane Lebel
Grade 9	Mrs. Geralyn Kogut
Grade 10	Mrs. Geralyn Kogut

## Program Schedule

Grades K - 5: Monday or Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:10 p.m.

Grades 6 - 10: Sunday, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

## Office Hours

Sunday	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 - 6:00* p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Friday	Closed

\*3:30 - 8:00 p.m. when the Sunday class is moved to Monday evening.

Secretary: Mrs. Deanell Fraser

# Holy Angels Religious Education

## 2010 - 2011 Student/Parent Handbook

### Grades K - 10

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## Letter from the DRE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

I wish to thank the Parents and Guardians for choosing Holy Angels Religious Education Program, and would also like to thank the students for their commitment to learn and grow in their faith. Our program goal is to help youth, and adults become disciples of Jesus Christ, through prayer and liturgy, both in the community and in the family.

Students are unique gifts from God with many abilities and different learning styles. We strive to incorporate variety in our teaching, along with the textbook, to help them grow in their faith as well as experience it in a meaningful way in everyday life. Catechists will utilize speakers, video material, appropriate web sites, art work, discussions, etc. to help their students understand the lesson, and to engage them in classroom activities.

From the earliest grades, the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are represented: **The Profession of Faith** (Creed), **Celebration of the Christian Mystery** (Sacraments and the Mass), **Life in Christ** (The Ten Commandments & The Beatitudes), and **Christian Prayer** (The Prayer of the Believer). Teaching of these pillars is grade-level appropriate and expressed in a way to meet the needs of individual learners. Our older students are asked to complete Community Service Hours to demonstrate "Apostolic Works of Mercy" as a follower of Jesus.

Our program is an extension of the faith formation in the home. We expect students to consistently attend Mass to hear the Word of God, to be nourished with the Eucharist, to participate in the liturgy when possible, and to share their gifts and talents in the parish and the community.

Yours in Christ,

*Geri Kogut*

Mrs. Geri Kogut  
Director of Religious Education

Remember to look for the **Holy Angels Messenger**, our bi-monthly newsletter filled with useful information including upcoming events, meetings, and activities.

## Sunday Classes

Arrival - Students may start to arrive **no earlier than 9:20 a.m.** They should enter through the FRONT or SIDE door and go directly to their classrooms.

Departure - Students that will be joining their families for 11:00 a.m. Mass, should leave through the SIDE door and go directly to the Church. Watch out for cars that will be entering the parking lots, as Parishioners will be arriving for Mass at the same time you are leaving class. Students not going to church should leave through the FRONT door and meet their rides in the parking lot closest to the Parish Center.

## Registration Information and Fee Structure

<i>Grade Level</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Sacrament Received</i>
Kindergarten	\$25	
Grade 1	\$25	
Grade 2	\$35	First Reconciliation
Grade 3	\$35	First Holy Communion
Grade 4	\$25	
Grade 5	\$25	
Grade 6	\$25	
Grade 7	\$45	
Grade 8	\$45	
Grade 9	\$50	Pre-Confirmation
Grade 10	\$60	Confirmation

Students in Grades 6-8 are required to complete 10 hours of Community Service for the year. Students in Grades 9-10 are required to complete 20 hours of community service for the year. These Apostolic Works of Mercy enable students to share their gifts while impacting upon others in a positive way.

Registration begins in April. **Register on time & Save!** After June 15, there is an additional fee of \$10 per child. Non-parishioners pay an additional \$10 per child. Please note that the varying fees are due to sacramental materials and special activities for each grade level.

*Catechists do not have to pay to register their children!  
If you are interested in sharing your time and talents,  
please call Geri Kogut to discuss open catechist positions.*

## Arrival and Departure Procedures

### Monday & Tuesday Classes

Arrival - Students may start to arrive at 3:30 p.m.

**No child should arrive, or be dropped off, before 3:30 p.m. as there is no supervision before this time!** Gym Monitor volunteers are welcome. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Enter through the main door of the Parish Center and go directly into the gym. Students will meet their classmates in the gym, and go from there to their classroom at 3:55 p.m.

Departure - Students will begin their closing prayer, receive any homework, and collect their things at **5:05 p.m.** They will then be dismissed through the back door of the Parish Center (closest to the Church) at **5:10 p.m.** All cars should pull in behind the Parish Center and form two lines behind the traffic cones. Keep in mind that the **RIGHT LANE** (closest to the Church) is for cars that will turn right out of the Holy Angels parking lot. The **LEFT LANE** (closest to the Parish Center) will be for cars turning left.



**Safety first!** - We ask that you wait patiently until all students are safely in their vehicles.

**No cars will be allowed to move until all students are accounted for.**

Please make arrangements to pick up your child On Time! Young students may become anxious if you are not here when class is dismissed. Our staff and catechists may have other time commitments as need to leave on time as well. **If you arrive as other cars are leaving, pull into the lot in FRONT.** We will keep all children that do not have rides present inside the building until all cars have exited. At that point, remaining students will wait with a teacher at the main entrance.

If your child needs to be dismissed early, please send a note so their teacher may be prepared. Parents must come to the office before going to the child's classroom, and will be asked to sign them out.

## Parents & Guardians: Practice, Live and Share your Faith

- ◆ Share your Faith with your children.
- ◆ Pray together at home and help your children learn their prayers (grace before meals, prayers at bedtime...)
- ◆ Practice the Faith. Be an example to your children and show them the way to respectfully treat others through your actions.
- ◆ Come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- ◆ Bring your children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our God always forgives. Each day is a new beginning!
- ◆ Review each lesson for the week with your children. Help them understand the assignment and complete homework on time.
- ◆ Discuss right and wrong behavior, and review our Class Rules.
- ◆ Take time to LISTEN to your children. Spend time with them and remember to tell them often that you love them.



**Religious Education  
helps to build a  
strong foundation**

Holy Angels Religious Education Program can support, enhance, and build upon your foundation of faith formation. Your words and actions will help your children live a happy, healthy, spiritual life.

## Behavior Guidelines – Class Rules

**We ask that all children remember the 10 Commandments as well as these Class Rules:**

- ◆ Bring an open heart and mind to class so you can be prepared to learn about your Faith.
- ◆ Be polite and respectful to all teachers, staff, your fellow students, and their property.
- ◆ Follow your teacher's specific class rules and instructions.
- ◆ Bring all books, folders, completed homework assignments, and any other materials needed for class each week.  
*(Lost books will be replaced at the owner's expense.)*
- ◆ Dress appropriately and respectfully. No hats/headgear or 'heely' shoes in the classroom.
- ◆ Dispose of gum, candy, or food before entering the classroom.
- ◆ Leave all electronic devices at home, or keep them turned off and in your bag during class. This includes cell phones, iPods, and handheld games.

## Behavioral Issues

Disruptive behavior is a distraction and interrupts the class. Should disruptive behavior continue after a teacher has spoken to a student, the student will be sent to the Religious Education Office and will receive a verbal warning. The second time, a parent will be called; and a third time, a parent meeting with the Director of Religious Education will be required. Every situation will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Ongoing behavior problems may result in a child being unable to participate in classes. In that case, a program will be developed to meet the individual student's needs such as Home Study.

In the event of a serious behavior problem, parents will be called to pick up their child and the student will not be allowed to return to class until the problem is resolved.

## Attendance

Our classes only meet once a week for just over one hour. Therefore, it is most important that a student's attendance be consistent. If your child is ill, **please call** (203) 237-8697 **before class starts.**

*Every Student **MUST** have a phone number on file of a parent or guardian who is available during class time should a sudden illness or emergency develop.*

Students may have no more than three (3) absences, except for a medical issue or family situation of which the office has been notified. When an illness requires a note from a doctor before the student can return to school, please bring us a note as well.

Any student who exceeds the maximum number of absences may be asked to repeat the year. Class participation, class work, homework assignments, and test/quiz scores will be reviewed and a decision will be made accordingly.

## Progress Reports

Students will receive Progress Reports three times during the Program year in **November, March, and April** (on the last day of class). Teachers will evaluate a student's Faith knowledge and understanding as well as their classroom conduct.

If a teacher has indicated a concern, please address this with your child. If you wish to discuss the report further, you may call or email the office to arrange a meeting with the teacher and DRE.