

*Holy Angels Parish*  
**Religious Education**  
**Kindergarten - 8th Grade**  
**2020-21 Program**

**First Day of Class:**  
**Wednesday, September 9th**

**Classes Meet at:**  
**Holy Angels School**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**



*“All your sons and daughters shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children.”*

—Isaiah 54:13

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Please carefully read this entire booklet.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

Mimi & Rose are in the Parish Center Office  
Monday—Wednesday—Friday  
from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
during the school year.

**Pastor**

Rev. Michael Lavan

**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Dean Smith

**Religious Education Coordinators**

Rose Gatzke  
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## ***Holy Angels Catholic Church***

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Religious Education Program for the 2020-21 year. It is a privilege to teach and care for your children as they receive their Sacraments and become closer to our Lord and His Church. Giving the Sacramental gifts of Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation are the greatest gifts you will ever give to your children. Through your example they will continue to lead lives of faith. This is why it is so important that you indeed live your lives to honor God. It is the example that you provide that will form your children and help them become the adults you and God want them to be. Attending Sunday Mass with your child(ren) is a great example of the trust and love you have for our Lord.

Our dedicated and faith filled Religious Education catechists will do their best to teach the Faith to your children in the short hour they have them each week. They still need your help in making sure your children know their prayers and teachings of the Catholic faith.

Please make sure you visit our website for the schedule and fill the dates in on your family calendar. There is important information for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation. Make sure you fill in your email address on the enrollment form. We will send you regular emails to keep you informed of the events for RE and of any emergency school closings.

Visit our website at [www.holv-angels.org](http://www.holv-angels.org) link to Religious Ed. We have posted all the prayers your children will need to know for the year and additional information regarding the sacraments and all meeting information and forms that you will need to turn in .

We look forward to seeing you in September.

God Bless,

***Rose Gatz & Mimi Steinwart***  
Religious Education Coordinators

## What a blessing to bring God's children to know his love!

Consider becoming a catechist and watch the students in your class grow spiritually. Teaching a child to know God's love for them is such a blessed and important responsibility. Our Lord will always return the blessing. They are the future of our Catholic Church.

## There are ways you can help in Religious Education.

Please indicate your choice on the enclosed  
registration form:

### Catechist for one year

- ◆ Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- ◆ Teach a class of 10-15 students using materials provided.
- ◆ Classes are once a week on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school.
- ◆ Starts in mid September and ends in early May.
- ◆ Teacher's aides, training and materials are also provided.
- ◆ Any adult, 18 years or older wishing to register in any way, must attend a Protecting God's Children training session. Please contact Rose and Mimi with questions.

#### Sacramental Program

##### Substitute Catechist

(Lesson plans will be done  
for you.)

#### Catechist Aide

##### Crossing Guard

##### Assist with Craft

##### Projects & Holiday Parties

## Most Of all . . .

What's needed is your prayer. Please take the time to pray for the success of our Religious Education program. After you drop off your child(ren), you may go to Adoration in the chapel at church.

### REMINDER:

Tuition is free for  
any fulltime catechist  
who has a child  
enrolled in  
Religious Education.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ Students entering Kindergarten must be five years old by September 1.
- ◆ For students to be properly prepared to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion, we stress the importance of two years preparation (First and Second Grade).
- ◆ Confirmation is a THREE YEAR program (Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades) that will start in September and end in May.
- ◆ Students preparing to make their 1st Communion or Confirmation should enclose a copy of their baptismal certificate if they were not baptized at Holy Angels.



# Curriculum



## **KINDERGARTEN.**

The focus of the kindergarten program is to teach the children about God's love for them. They will be introduced to the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

**1st and 2nd grade are mandatory to make First Communion at Holy Angels in 2nd Grade.**

**FIRST GRADE.** This year your first grader will be introduced to Bible stories.

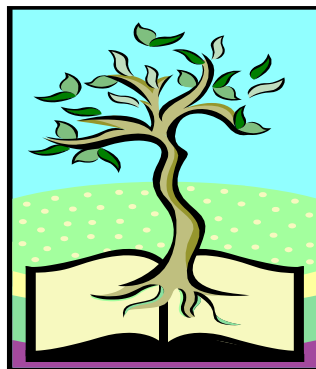
**FIRST & SECOND GRADE.** To prepare the student for the first reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Your child will learn about God's love and the graces that are received in these sacraments.

## **THIRD GRADE.**

Continue to strengthen the child's understanding, love, and appreciation for the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Learn the prayers of St. Michael and the Rosary.



**FOURTH GRADE.** In preparation for 5th Grade, the children will need to recite the Apostles Creed and know the Ten Commandments. They will start to learn about the basic truths of the Catholic Faith.



*And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise*

—Deuteronomy 6:6

**FIFTH GRADE.** Students will study the Creed, which summarizes the basic truths of the faith. What better time than the present to help these students to delve more deeply into their faith and to apply it more completely in their lives.

**6th, 7th, and 8th grade are mandatory grades to make your Confirmation at Holy Angels.**

**SIXTH GRADE.** Sixth grade is devoted to the Ten Commandments and the Mass. At this turning point in their lives, the students need to be guided to follow Christ with their whole mind and will.

## **SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES.**

To prepare the student for the Sacrament of Confirmation, this three year program will strengthen the student's knowledge of the Catholic Church and will nurture them in the Sacraments on which all Catholic life is centered.

# Questions

## ***What are the requirements for a student to be accepted into sacramental preparation?***

The requirements are:

- ◆ Membership at Holy Angels Church
- ◆ Two consecutive years of Religious Education for First Communion/Reconciliation and three years for Confirmation
- ◆ A copy of the student's baptismal certificate turned in to the Parish Center, Attn. Rel. Ed.

## ***What grade level do students celebrate Reconciliation and First Communion?***

These sacraments are celebrated in second grade.

## ***How many years for Sacramental preparation?***

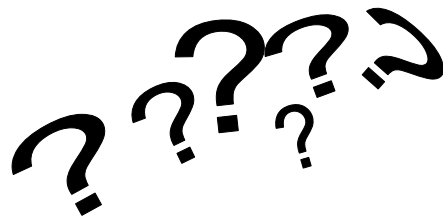
The Sacraments of Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation are two year programs. If you are in grades 3 through 8 and have not been Baptized or made any of your Sacraments, please call us to discuss Sacramental prep.

- ◆ **First Communion**—Grades 1 & 2
- ◆ **Confirmation**—Grades 6, 7 & 8

## ***What if my child has never been baptized?***

If you need to have your child baptized:

- ◆ Call the Parish Center at 897-1194, ext.157, and ask to speak to Deacon Tim White.
- ◆ Having done this, then register your child for Religious Education by contacting Rose Gatze or Mimi Steinwart at ext. 156.
- ◆ Please make these arrangements well in advance of the beginning of the Rel. Ed. school year. If applicable, Sacramental information will be given to you at that time.



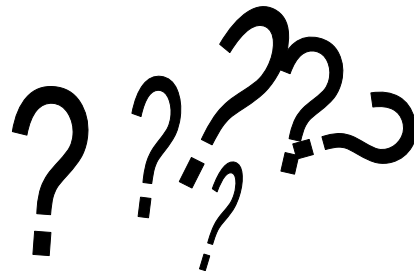
## ***What if my child is in Third Grade or higher and has not received the Sacrament of First Communion, or I have additional questions about celebrating the Sacraments?***

- ◆ Please call Rose and Mimi at the Parish Center, 897-1194, ext. 156, to discuss your options and for further details.
- ◆ We will call you when we receive your registration form and will let you know the preparation needed to make this Sacrament.

## ***What about classes that are missed?***

- ◆ Any classes that are missed must be explained.
- ◆ Missed class assignments must be made up and turned in at the following class.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Going to Sunday Mass each week is an extension of the Sacraments; your children will be learning this in their lessons on the Ten Commandments.



# General Information

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## **ALLERGIES:**

It is especially important that we know of any allergies your child has that may cause serious health problems. Please indicate in detail on the registration form.

## **ATTENDANCE & HOMEWORK:**

All sessions are mandatory and attendance is taken. Homework is assigned for some grade levels. We request that all assigned work be completed before the next class. You will find complete lesson plans on the website.

## **PRAYER TESTING:**

Prayer testing will take place after Christmas Break.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

If you move during the year, change your phone number or email address, please let the Religious Education Office (as well as the Parish Center) know of any changes. Your current information will assist us in keeping you informed of any changes on class nights, information regarding the sacraments, and any last minute closings.

## **ARRIVAL:**

Classes start at 6:30 p.m. Please **DO NOT DROP OFF** your child(ren) until 6:25 p.m. since many of our catechists travel quite a distance from work to

## **MINISTRY FEES** **Kindergarten thru Grade 8**

### **Early Bird Family Tuition:**

1 Child:	\$ 100.00
2 Children:	\$ 125.00
3 Children:	\$ 155.00
4 Children:	\$ 175.00

**\*\*IF REGISTERED BEFORE MAY 31st.**

**\*\*For Registrations postmarked or received after May 31st, the following fees will apply:**

1 Child:	\$ 140.00
2 Children:	\$ 165.00
3 Children:	\$ 205.00
4 Children:	\$ 215.00

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Registrations is not accepted at the door on Wednesday nights.**

All payments must be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Center.

If you register your child after Monday of any week, they will not be able to attend class until the following Wednesday.

**\*\*All past due accounts must be paid before the first class.**

Rel. Ed. and may not arrive before 6:25 p.m. Students are not to enter the room until the catechist is in the classroom. All parents with children in Kindergarten through 4th grade need to walk their child to and from the classroom. Written notification of car pool or someone other than you picking up your child(ren) is requested for the safety of the child(ren).

## **PARKING:**

You must use the parking lot for drop-off and pickup. Do not park anywhere near the cross walk. Your car blocks the visibility of other cars driving by. We do not want any of our children to get hurt. Please take the extra time you need to park away from the yellow marked curbs. It could save a child's life.

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# Registration

## **ADDRESS/ EMAIL:**

Please be sure you enter your proper name, address, phone number, and email address. Your address is needed to mail out any record information during the year and reminders of upcoming events.

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

Please include all information in this section including business name and phone number.

## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION:**

Please include the name of a relative or friend who lives close by that we can contact in case of an emergency. *Also, make sure that person has a letter from you giving him/her permission to approve treatment for your children.* We would only call this person if we could not reach you.

## **STUDENT REGISTRATION:**

Please include all information for each child including school and sacramental information.

## **REMINDER:**

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**You may register by Mail**  
180 S. Russell Ave.  
Aurora, IL 60506

or

**the Parish Center  
in Person**

**Monday--Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
(Closed 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

**Friday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 12 noon**  
(Memorial Day-Labor Day)

**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
(Remainder of the year.)

**Girls and boys entering grades 5 through 8** who are interested in being an altar server, should contact the Parish Center.

# Altar Server

Boys and girls are invited into the Altar Server ministry in the Fall.



**May our Lord bless you as you faithfully raise your child  
to know, love, and trust in our heavenly Father.**

