

Hello Families!

Holy Angels Catholic Church 138 N. Eighth Avenue West Bend, WI 53095

Summer 2024

You are receiving this letter because our parish records show you have a child in K5 or 1st grade for the upcoming school year (2024-2025) who has not previously been enrolled in our Faith Formation program, or Holy Angels School. Sometimes our database miscalculates the grade for a child, so if you do not have a child in K5 or 1st grade, please give us a call or an email so we can correct our database. If your child(ren) will be attending Holy Angels School, then you can disregard this letter.

If you would like to have your child(ren) receive First Communion in 2nd grade, your child must start attending Holy Angels School or a Faith Formation program in 1st grade. Our K5 class is optional and is not required for Sacramental Preparation, however, it is a great opportunity for your child(ren) to start learning about God and Jesus, and to interact with other Catholic five and six-year-olds!

For our K5-8th graders we are offering our traditional weekly **Sunday Night program** which goes from 5:30-7:00pm. New this year: as an opportunity to build community among our students, we are adding an opening and closing prayer as a large group around our class time. In addition to prayer and time in the classroom, students will participate in other community building activities, time with prayer partners (similar to a big/little buddies program), celebrate special holidays and feast days, serve their community, and practice different kinds of prayer. As an alternative, we are also offering an **at-home program** through Saint Mary's Press. Students will be asked to complete their "book work" at home and come to a few in person events throughout the year.

We offer online registration and payment, and a paper registration form that can be mailed in along with cash or a check. **Our prices for our formation program for our K5-10th graders is: \$100 for 1 child, \$180 for 2 children, and \$250 for 3 or more children**. Please see the back side of this letter for instructions on how to access our online registration and payment portal. *Please note that if you choose to pay online the prices will be slightly higher because we need to cover the online payment fees from our registration program*. If you do not want to register or pay online, please go to www.hawb.org/reled to find our paper registration form.

There are a couple of things to note about registration and payment:

* You have two options with your initial payment. The first is a \$30 deposit with your registration (options for online, cash or check) and your remaining balance will be billed in late August. Your other option is to pay the full balance right away. * There is an online form on which you can list your interest in volunteering; visit <u>www.hawb.org/reled</u> for the link. By checking an item, you are just stating interest in helping, not committing. We will send you an email later in the summer to talk to you about the area in which you are interested. *If you are a catechist, aide, high school small group leader, or office assistant/hall monitor your child's fees for Faith Formation will be waived*.

* A black & white copy of our schedules is enclosed with this letter. We don't anticipate any additional changes, but it is still tentative, and you will receive a final color-copied schedule mailed out in late August along with your statement.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either me or Lauren: Brian: 262-343-2370 or <u>maseb@hawb.org</u>; Lauren: 262-334-9393 or <u>ducharmel@hawb.org</u>

Blessings,

Brian Maro

Brian Mase Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Holy Angels Parish

Instructions for Online Registration and Payment: *New and Returning Users* Holy Angels Faith Formation: Grades K5-10

STEP 1: Please go to: <u>https://milwaukee.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/</u>

STEP 2: *If you are a returning user*, please type in your username and password, then skip to step 6. *If you are a new user*, under the "Password" text box, click "New User" you will have to make an account. If you are a parishioner or if you have been part of our Faith Formation program before, the Parishsoft system will find your existing information. If you are not a parishioner and have not been part of our Faith Formation program before, the Parishsoft system will be entered as a new user.

STEP 3: You should be on the "New User Registration" page now. Under "Organization" please find "Holy Angels Parish, West Bend." Fill out all your information and then at the bottom of the page, click "Submit Registration."

STEP 4: After you submit your registration you will get an email confirming that you registered for our system. Within 1 business day, we will have to approve your request to register for an account on our side of the system. Once we have done this, you will get an email that looks like this:

Holy Angels Parish - ParishSOFT User Registration Successful!

Thank you for registering. Username: **johndoe** Temporary Password: **OV[rP!;DAZ** Please use your 'Username' and 'Temporary Password' the next time you log into the Holy Angels Parish portal. You will be prompted to change the temporary password and enter your own for future access. Click <u>here</u> to log in right now.

STEP 5: Click the link in the email or go to <u>https://milwaukee.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/</u> and log in with your username and password provided for you in the email.

STEP 6: After you log in, click the black "Faith Formation" tab on the left.

STEP 7: Then, you will go through three steps. Step one is to verify, edit, or add your family details. Please make sure that this information is correct and up to date.

STEP 8: Step two is to select an enrollment term from the drop-down menu. Please select "2024-2025."

STEP 9: You will then be able to add students so click the "+ Add Student" button. You will be able to select your children from the dropdown menu, you will have to add each of your children one at a time. Fill out their information such as their grade level, and learning or medical needs if they have any.

STEP 10: Then go down to "Session Preferences" You will see that there are first, second, and third choices. Please only select one choice. Your child is guaranteed to get their first choice. (There was no way for us to remove the second and third choice options.) If you have a K5-8th grader, you will want to select either the "K5-8th Grade Sunday Night" option, or the "K5-8th Grade At-Home" option. If you have a 9th or 10th grader you will want to select the "Grades 9-10" option. After you are done, click "Save Student."

STEP 11: Once you are done adding all your K5-10th graders, click "Submit Registration" at the bottom. A new page will come up confirming that you registered, and you will be able to see the information you submitted. You will also get an email confirmation with this information.

STEP 12: If you wish to pay online, click the blue "Pay Now" button. If not, you can still pay with cash or a check, please make checks out to "Holy Angels Parish." Prices for online registration will be slightly higher so that we can cover the processing fees that come with online payment. Follow the directions on the website, it is fairly self-explanatory. As a reminder, the fee is \$100 for 1 child, \$180 for 2 children, and \$250 for three or more children. It will then ask for your credit/debit card information. This is a secure online platform. When you are done entering your information, click "Submit" and you are done!

Thank you so much for using our online payment and registration feature!