

FAITH FORMATION

GIFT GUARDIAN ANGELS Growing In Faith Together



Program Mission - Engaging children, teens, and families in following Jesus by BEING church through faith development, community building, worship, and service.

What are the GIFT Programs?

Early Childhood for ages 3, 4, and 5, Sundays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Children grow in self-awareness and experience God's love for them.

Wednesday Nights for Grades 1 to 8, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Children learn the basics of our Catholic faith and build community together. Youth in Grades 5 - 8 will continue to participate in JOLT (Jesus Offers Lots Today). JOLT includes mixer games, PowerPoint and video presentations, small groups, discussion, and other activities.

Family Ministry on Sundays, 9:40-10:50 a.m.

Families growing together as the domestic church through community and prayer. This program is free to join. Snacks provided.

Home Option for Grades 1-6

The parish will provide resources to support parents in teaching our faith to their children at home.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist for Grades 2 and older

Children experience sacramental preparation with prayer, discussion, activities and full participation in the reception of the sacraments guided by parents. Preparation starts with a parents-only orientation and then 3 parent/child sessions are offered followed by reception of the sacrament. Parents are the primary formers of the faith and take-home materials support the large group sessions.

Confirmation for Grade 9 and older meets monthly Sundays, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Candidates and sponsors learn together and share faith. Candidates preparing for Confirmation must complete four formation sessions, one retreat, one Safety Session, two hours of service to the poor or vulnerable, and involvement in our high school CONNECT program.

CONNECT Grades 9 to 12 meets monthly Sundays 12:15-1:30 p.m.

CONNECT discusses matters of faith relevant to youth in a safe and supportive environment.



When will GIFT programs begin?

Programs are scheduled to start in person in October of 2023 and run through the end of April. Registration opens in August at www.guardian-angels.org.

How can I volunteer in GIFT?

We need a variety of adult and high school youth to help with our Faith Formation Programs. You do not need to be an expert in the Catholic Faith to help. We will support you, resource you, and help you grow in faith while serving our community! Please contact Lukas Steffensmeier at lsteffensmeier@guardian-angels.org or **651-789-3162** or Paul Deziel at pdeziel@guardian-angels.org or **651-789-3178** for more information.

Questions?

If you have questions or would like to help us please contact Paul Deziel for teen programming at pdeziel@guardian-angels.org or **651-789-3178** or Lukas Steffensmeier for First Reconciliation and First Communion and youth at lsteffensmeier@guardian-angels.org or **651-789-3162** or Deb McMahon for Early Childhood at dcmcmahon@guardian-angels.org or **651-789-3174**.

PROGRAM COST

- Guardian Angels Parishioners: \$50 base fee + \$50 per child. Family maximum of \$200.
- Non-Parishioners: \$50 base fee + \$75 per child. Family maximum of \$250.
- There is a late fee of \$50 per family after September 20.
- A 75% discount is offered to parents who volunteer in the programs.
- Scholarships are available for families with limited means.

