

2009-2010  
Catechists

Monday

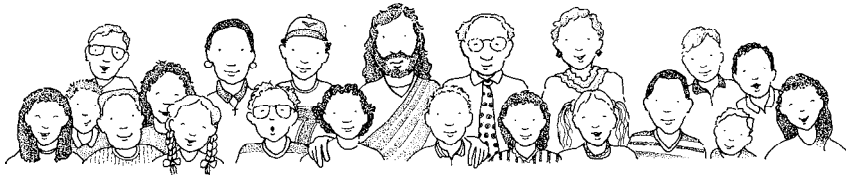
Grades K & 1 Mrs. Joanne Kaczor  
Grade 2 Mrs. Kathleen Gill  
Grade 3 Mrs. Elizabeth Wieloch  
Grade 4 Mrs. Zofia Schiopucie &  
Miss Jenette Schiopucie  
Grade 5 Mrs. Mary Ann O'Byrne

Tuesday

Grades K & 1 Mrs. Shari DiDomenico  
Grade 2 Mrs. Deanell Fraser  
Grade 3 Miss Jenette Schiopucie  
Grade 4 Mrs. Paula Hulings  
Grade 5 Mr. Daniel Lebel

Sunday

Grade 6 Mrs. Pam Sabith  
Grade 7 Mrs. Betty Ocone  
Grade 8 Mrs. Anne Marie Carabetta  
Grade 9 Mrs. Geralyn Kogut  
Grade 10 Mrs. Geralyn Kogut



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# HOLY ANGELS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HANDBOOK



**GRADES K-10**

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I wish to thank the Parents and Guardians for choosing Holy Angels Religious Education Program, and the students for their commitment to learn and grow in their faith. Our program is concerned with helping children, 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 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 and to engage them in classroom activities. Community Service Hours for the older students are expected to demonstrate "Apostolic Works of Mercy" as a follower of Jesus.

From the earliest grades and up, 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 the pillars is grade level appropriate and expressed in a way to meet the needs of individual learners.

Our program is a very important extension and support of the faith formation in the home. We expect the children and youth 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. *They need to let their light shine and be a witness of their faith.*

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Geri Kogut  
Director of Religious Education

<u>Office Hours-Sept. to April</u>		<u>Office Hours-May &amp; June</u>	
Sunday	9 - 11 a.m.	Monday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday	9 - 5:30 p.m.	Tuesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday	9 - 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday	9 - 11 p.m.	Thursday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Parents & Guardians:  
Practice, Live and Share Your Faith**

1. Share your Faith with your child(ren).
2. Pray together at home. Help your child(ren) to learn their prayers (grace before meals, prayers at bedtime...)
3. Practice the Faith - be an example to your child(ren). Show them the way to respect others by your actions.
4. Come to Mass with your family on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
5. Bring your child(ren) to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently. Our God always forgives. Each day is a new beginning!
6. Review each lesson for the week with your child(ren). Help them understand the assignment.
7. Discuss right and wrong behavior and social problems with your child(ren), using Christian values.
8. Take time to LISTEN to your child(ren). Spend time with them and always remember to tell them that you love them.

Holy Angels Religious Education Program can enhance and build upon your foundation. Your words, actions, and examples help your child(ren) to live a happy, healthy, spiritual life.

\*\*Remember to look for the '*Holy Angels Messenger*' (our newsletter). The Messenger is enclosed in the Trumpeter which each parishioner receives bi-monthly from September through April. It is also posted on our website. There is information on upcoming events so you can save the dates and make plans to attend.\*\*

### Behavior Guidelines

- ◆ Respect each other and all property.
- ◆ Be open to learning about your Faith.
- ◆ Be polite and respectful to all teachers and staff.
- ◆ Be attentive once the class begins, following each individual teacher's guidelines for class.
- ◆ Bring all books and other materials needed for class each week and do all homework assignments.
- ◆ **Lost books will be replaced at the owner's expense.**
- ◆ Review material and be prepared for tests and quizzes.
- ◆ Remove hats/ headgear while in the classroom.
- ◆ Remove all GUM before entering the building.
- ◆ Disengage HEELY'S before entering the building.
- ◆ Dress appropriately regarding shirt designs, length of outfits, etc.
- ◆ Shut off all cell phones, iPods, and hand held games during class.
- ◆ Attend all Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses.

### Behavioral Issues

Our teachers are volunteers. Each teacher spends their own time preparing for class. Disruptive behavior is a distraction and interrupts the lesson. Should behavior continue after the teacher has spoken to a student, the student will be sent to the Religious Education Office where they will receive a verbal warning. The second time the 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 the child becoming unable to participate in classes. A program will be developed to meet the individual student's needs (example: Home Study). In the event of a serious behavior problem, parents will be called to come in to pick up their child. The student will not return to class until the problem is resolved.

<p>Program Schedule</p> <p>Monday or Tuesday Grades K-5: 4:00 to 5:10 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday Grades 6-10: 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.</p>
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**Our students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Grade 2. First Communion is received in Grade 3. The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in Grade 10.**

Students in **Grades 6, 7 & 8** are required to complete **10 hours of community service for the year.** while students in **Grades 9 & 10** are to have **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. Please notice that the fee schedule has changed. Students in grades K, 1, 4, 5, & 6 are just \$25.00 for parishioners. Parishioner rate for students in grades 2 & 3 is \$35.00, while students in grades 7 & 8 are \$45.00, students in grade 9 are \$50.00 and those in grade \$10, \$60.00.. After June 15th, there is an extra fee of \$10.00 per child. **REGISTER ON TIME & SAVE!** Non-parishioners pay an additional \$10.00 per child. The different fees help defray the cost of extra materials and activities. *Catechists do not have to pay to register their children!*

**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.**

## Progress Reports

Students will receive Progress Reports in **January and April**. The January report will have a “cut-off” portion that will need to be returned to the teacher with a signature from the parent or guardian along with any comments they wish to make.

### Arrival Procedure for Monday & Tuesday Classes

Students may start to arrive at 3:30 p.m. **No child should arrive or be dropped off before 3:30 p.m. There is no supervision before this time!** Please use the main door of the Center and go directly into the gym. The students will leave the gym area at 3:55 p.m. to go upstairs to class. Doors will be locked at 4:15 p.m. for safety purposes.

*Gym Monitor volunteers are welcome!  
Your help would be greatly appreciated!*

### Departure Procedure for Monday & Tuesday Classes

Students should begin their closing prayer, receive any homework, and collect their things at 5:05 p.m. Students will be dismissed through the back door of the Center closest to the Church at 5:10 p.m. All cars should drive to the back of the Center and form 2 lines behind the “cones.” The right side closest to the Church will be for those turning right from the Holy Angels property. Likewise, the left line closest to the Center will be turning left from the property as they leave.

**NO CAR WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE UNTIL ALL CHILDREN ARE ACCOUNTED FOR. Safety first!**

If a student needs to be dismissed early,  
please send a note to the teacher.

**Parents must come to the office before going to the child’s classroom. You MUST sign your child out.**

### **Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time!**

Young students may become anxious wondering why you are not there. Staff and catechists have other time commitments as well. **If you arrive as cars are leaving, we will ask that your child wait until all cars have exited. After all cars have left the back parking lot, remaining students waiting for rides will be brought to the FRONT of the building to the main entrance.**

### Arrival and Departure for Sunday Classes

**Students** may use either the front or side doors. They should **arrive no earlier than 9:20 a.m.** Grades 6 through 10 should go directly to their respective classrooms.

### Attendance Policy

- ◆ Our classes only meet for a little over one hour, once a week. It is most important, therefore, that attendance be consistent. If your child is ill, **please call the office at 237-8697 before class starts.**
- ◆ Students may have no more than 3 absences except for a medical issue or a family situation of which the office has been made aware. Some illnesses may require 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 will be reviewed, (class participation, class work, homework assignments, test / quiz scores etc.), and a decision will be made accordingly as to whether it will be necessary to repeat the year.