

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

Your child is entering the Junior High Religious Education Program for the 2011-2012 year. In recognition of their busy sports and other school activities, we want to try to offer various options for their religious formation. Religion level 7 is an important year of formation in growing in their understanding of and relationship to Christ, as well as preparation for the Confirmation year that follows. Religion level 8 is the important and demanding year of formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our three Catholic parishes are working together to offer these options. We ask that you look at the sports commitments and other after school activities of your child. It is difficult to make classroom switches of students after the religion classes have already started. We will need at least six youth in a class to keep the class in operation. At the same time, we do not want too large of a class, so once a class is full, we will need to put your child in the second choice of classes and times. Therefore, the sooner you sign your child up for their desired day and time of class, the more likely you will get your first choice.

Please note on the calendar we are doing what we call ***Jr. High Gatherings***. These will take place four (4) times during the school year and are similar in structure to LifeNight for the high school teens. There is only one that will take the place of a class session for February. The other three will be optional for the Junior High students. These are for all **7th and 8th graders** in all of the parishes and the catholic school. They will be held on Sunday nights @ St. Mary's Church/Commons. Students may want to attend their 5:00 pm Sunday Mass before the gathering, if they did not go to church earlier in the day with their family.

CHOICE OF PSR CLASSES:

The choices of class days and times are the following: **(please mark a 1st and 2nd choice on registration form)**

Wednesdays: **6:15**-7:30 pm at FFC (Faith Formation Center) **(levels 7 & 8)**
(Please note the earlier start up time by 15 minutes)

Sundays: 10:30 am -11:30 am at SM Church lower room **(level 8 ONLY)**

6:15-7:30 **pm** class at Holy Angels with opportunity to attend the 5:00 pm LifeTeen Mass at HA prior to class. **(levels 7 & 8)**

Please note that the Sunday evening classes at Holy Angels, in conjunction with LifeTeen for high school students, gives the Junior High students something to look forward to, and allows them to participate in the teen's Mass at 5:00 pm.

We are encouraging the youth to attend Mass in connection with the Sunday classes, if they haven't attended another Mass with their family. Youth attending Wednesday classes should also be attending Mass regularly on the weekends. It is still a sin to miss Mass on the Lord's Day (3rd Commandment) **through my own fault**. The Catholic Church of the United States has not changed this. Any student preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation should look seriously at **this lifetime commitment and personal habit** before receiving this sacrament.

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will be through your parish, coordinated by the DRE of your parish.

The fee for PSR is \$45 for the year. The fee for the Sacrament of Confirmation is an additional \$40. We had to raise the fee due to the added expenses of the Confirmation Retreat at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine.

As you return your child's separate Junior High registration form, it will be dated, so that classes are filled on a "first-come" basis. If you can't make all the payments at this time, please at least return the registration form to reserve a place in a particular class for your child. Payments can be made when classes begin or in conjunction with younger children in the Level 1-6 Religion program. It is also very difficult to order textbooks, materials and plan classroom space when registration forms are turned in with "walk ins". Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at: 419-625-3698

Sincerely,

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Please return forms to YOUR parish by
AUGUST 15

OR

Drop them in the collection basket at
either Holy Angels or Sts. P & P
during weekend Masses

Please put "PSR Registration"
on outside of envelope