

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Elementary Faith Formation at Our Lady of Angels! Please see information below for Registration dates for 2017 – 2018 classes. Registration will be conducted online at [www.ourladyofangels.com](http://www.ourladyofangels.com).

The registration process is as follows:

- Pre-Registration: April 23 – Open to children of adults who sign-up to volunteer as catechists.
- Registration: May 7<sup>th</sup> – Open to all parishioners and children who were registered in OLA faith formation in 2016-2017 as well as children of adults who sign-up as catechists.
- Open Registration: June 1<sup>st</sup> – Open to all parishioners as well as non-parishioners.

Please register by August 1 in order to give staff and volunteers adequate time to prepare.

A minimum of 5 students is necessary to make a class.

For every class, 2 adult catechists are needed. ALL students will be put on a waiting list in the order in which their registration forms are received. For every 2 cleared adults who commit to teach, the students registered for that day and grade will come off the waiting list.

Please provide 3 choices. Every effort is made to place families together on their first choice.

Day changes can be made, but there's no guarantee of space since the program fills quickly.

As part of Our Lady of Angel's mission "Continuing Christ's mission to further the Kingdom of God," we aim to provide quality faith formation and youth ministry opportunities. For the annual registration, a fee of \$95 per child/teen with a maximum of \$285 per family is requested. Since it is our mission to provide formation and nurture young disciples of Jesus, we will always provide full and partial scholarships to families with financial hardships.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. We need nearly 150 volunteers to run our program! If you have any questions regarding faith formation classes, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving your family.

In Christ's Peace,

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## **PARENTS, SHARE YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS!**

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Catechist**

Catechists are people of faith, sharing their faith with the children of our parish. There is a team of two people for each class. Some have children in the program; some do not. Some have experience teaching; most do not. All you need is a willing heart, a desire to pass on our faith and a sense of ministry. Also needed is a willingness to come for training, to prepare well, and to nurture the future of the church. This ministry offers a chance to grow in your own faith and strengthen your sense of belonging to our parish community. We provide clearly written catechist guides with on-going support.

All supplies, including crafts, music, materials, videos, etc. are also provided. Training includes an introductory workshop and opportunities to attend optional diocesan workshops with a variety of topics.

#### **Substitute Catechist**

Catechists are sometimes unavailable to attend due to illness or other obligations. Every classroom must always have 2 cleared adults. Substitutes are necessary to avoid class cancellations.

#### **Teen Classroom Aide**

An excellent opportunity for teens to become involved in Children's Faith Formation as invaluable assistants to our catechists. Our aides assist the catechist with classroom activities by reading stories, helping with projects, etc. There is a form on our web site for teen volunteers. And service hours are earned for these positions.

#### **Hallway Monitor**

Hallway volunteers monitor various locations throughout the building for the safety of our children during our sessions. This is especially important since we now have 2 floors of classrooms. These volunteers choose their time; parents often help while their child is in class. Whether you are able to volunteer once a month or every week, we welcome your help with this important position.

#### **Material Assembly Volunteers**

Twice a month we need a few volunteers who can help us gather and sort materials for the classroom lessons. This job takes about an hour each time. We also need volunteers who can assemble or prepare supplies while their children are in class. These jobs are an important part of our ministry and each grade needs a few volunteers.

## **Our Lady of Angels Children's Faith Formation Classes 2017-2018**

This year all classes begin the week of Sunday, Sept. 10th and will meet in our Education Building next to our Worship Center. Faith formation classes meet for 1 hour each week.

We are now offering **adult faith formation classes** at the same time as the Sunday children's class times. Adults are encouraged to drop off their children to their Sunday classes and come to Room 201 for fellowship and learning opportunities in a casual setting. Coffee and snacks are provided.

### **CLASS DAYS AND TIMES**

Sunday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Sunday 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Monday 4 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday 6 pm – 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Angels has 4 weekend Masses to choose from so that you and your children will not have to miss all, or part, of Mass in order to get to Sunday classes on time. Attending weekly Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday is a very important part of your child's faith formation, please make sure to bring them to Mass each week.

### **MASS TIMES ARE:**

Saturdays 5pm

Sundays 9am, 11am and 5pm (contemporary music)

Our calendar considers the liturgical calendar as well as the school calendars for Allen, Frisco and Plano ISDs. If two or more school districts have a holiday, classes will be suspended for the week. You can find a copy of the calendar on our web site.

### **GRADES AVAILABLE**

Pre K 3 Student must turn 3 before September 1 and be toilet trained

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Kindergarten – 5th grades Student should attend the corresponding grade level in school

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

All registration is on a first come basis. Exceptions may be made for a volunteer catechist. The faith formation fees are as follows: \$95 per child with a maximum of \$285 per family. As part of Our Lady of Angels' mission, "Continuing Christ's mission to further the Kingdom of God," we aim to provide quality faith formation and youth ministry opportunities. Program expenses such as books, materials, volunteer training, staff salaries, and the use of the building are not covered entirely by registration fees. The remaining cost for each child's formation is financed by the generosity of our regular Sunday contributions and donations. We encourage all families to give regularly according to the gifts God has bestowed upon them. Since it is our mission to provide formation and nurture young disciples of Jesus,

we will always provide “no-questions-asked” assistance to families who find themselves in financial hardship.

## **CURRICULUM**

Our curriculum for Kindergarten through 5th grade is *Christ Our Life* which utilizes a spiral curriculum that allows for continuous growth of faith in the students both in scope and depth. With a focus on Scripture, the content blends core beliefs: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer. Each chapter includes opportunities for prayer, family features to encourage parental involvement, classical and multicultural artwork, Catholic social teaching applications, and activities. Our Preschool curriculum is *Stories of God’s Love* and uses songs, games and activities to introduce our youngest to our faith. This Catholic religion readiness program is designed to engage children both in the stories of our faith and in real life as it presents the Bible as the source for learning about God and God’s son, Jesus.