



May 15, 2019

Dear Parents,

Can you believe this Religious Ed year is over and it is time to register for next year?! It is crazy how fast this year went, thank you to everyone who has helped to make my first year here run smoothly. It has been an honor to serve you all and I hope to do so for many years to come.

The registration form for this year looks very similar to the one from last year, we are still working together with the other Catholic Parishes in West Bend to give all families more options. There are a couple of **new** additions to the form for this year and I want to go over them with you to make sure there is no confusion.

- We have extended Sunday class time for our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders by 15 minutes, so **our new time will be 6:15-7:30 pm on Sunday nights**. The reason for this is to meet our requirement for the Archdiocese of 30 hours of catechesis per year without having to run classes into June (previously, Holy Angels has not met this requirement). The bonus of this for this year is that our last class is the last Sunday in March!
- Holy Angels will be offering a **K5 program on Sunday nights** at the same time as classes for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please note that this is an optional class and is not required for Sacramental Preparation, but it is a great way for your kids to kickstart their faith and to socialize with other five and six-year-olds!
- Our popular 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade "Retreat" program is slightly changing. Rather than attending two all-day sessions per year, students will now attend **four half-day sessions per year**. Students will have two dates to pick from each session to continue our practice of giving teens options for dates that work best for them. We are also changing the name of this program from "Retreat" to "**Small Group**" because the focus of these sessions will be discussion and catechesis in small groups facilitated by Brian, myself, and volunteer catechists. We hope that this change will better suit the needs of our teens and families! We will also still have students complete their Encounter Experience—more information on that coming soon! To further include the aspect of community in our formation, we are adding a service component for our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders starting this year. We are stretching out the traditional Confirmation-year service hours over all three years instead; more information on that also coming soon!

A few last notes, please remember to submit your \$30 deposit with your registration form. Remaining fees, if any, will be due in September. The schedule enclosed in this packet is tentative, but we wanted to enclose it to give you an idea of what next year will look like. Please look for a final schedule to be sent out in September. Finally, there is a separate form in which you can list your interest in volunteering. By checking an item, you are just stating interest in helping, not committing. Someone will give you a call in the fall to talk to you about the area in which you are interested.

Thank you for sticking with us through these changes. We hope that these changes will enhance your experience here and help us all to encounter Christ. We also hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities we offer here at Holy Angels. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brian at any time. Please also join us in giving our new Pastor, Fr. Howard Hasse, a warm welcome. He starts on June 18<sup>th</sup> so please say "Hi" when you see him!

Peace and all good,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah Bergland".

Hannah Bergland  
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