



Guardian Angels
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

December 5, 2011

Dear Parents, Administration, Staff, Group Leaders, and Coaches,

The Education/Faith Formation Board is working in conjunction with the Parish Staff to get children more involved in the 10am Mass on Sunday mornings. We are planning to have specific groups of students greet people at all of the entrances to the church and bring up the gifts during the offertory. As the program evolves, we would like to see the junior high students doing the readings, petitions and possibly distributing communion.

The opening of the new gathering space is an opportune time to start this new program. The schedule, set to begin in January, is attached. We have assigned different groups of students throughout the rest of the school year. In addition to grouping kids by homeroom, we used school clubs, sports teams, student council and youth group. Since we have such a large pool of students to pull from, this opportunity to participate in Mass will only happen once or twice during the school year. The students will also receive service hours for their participation.

There will be five entrances to the church with the completion of the gathering space and we should have at least two children at each door. We also need four children to bring up the gifts at offertory. That means, at a minimum, we need 14 students each week to participate at 10am Mass. We are hoping to mention the student groups in the bulletin each week so the congregation will know what we are doing and who they are seeing as they come in to church.

This program is a great way to get more children involved in Mass at a young age. That involvement will hopefully help them feel even more a part of the weekly liturgy. In order for this program to be successful, we need your support with the students. We must communicate how important it is to participate in Mass each week. The program is voluntary and each of the defined groups contains more than enough students each week.

Thank you in advance for your support and contributions. Group leaders will be contacted about their dates and volunteers. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Smith & Karen Veeneman
Education/Faith Formation Board



10am Mass – Greeters and Gift Bearers

Date	Group	Contact
January 15, 2012	Youth Group	Lisa Kaising
January 22, 2012	Girls 3 rd grade Volleyball	Coaches
January 29, 2012	CCD	Becky Schen
February 5, 2012	Boys 3 rd grade Basketball	Coaches
February 12, 2012	7 th grade/Kindergarten big/little program	Homeroom Teacher
February 19, 2012	Wrestling	Coaches
February 26, 2012	Girls 4 th grade volleyball	Coaches
March 4, 2012	2 nd grade homeroom – Kapp	Homeroom Teacher
March 11, 2012	Scouts – girls & boys	Group Leaders
March 18, 2012	Boys 4 th grade Basketball	Coaches
March 25, 2012	8 th grade/1 st grade big/little program	Homeroom Teacher
April 1 2012	Boys 5 th grade Basketball	Coaches
April 8, 2012	Robotics & Chess Club	Group Leaders
April 15, 2012	7 th grade/Kindergarten big/little program	Homeroom Teacher
April 22, 2012	Drama	Holly Leach
April 29, 2012	6 th grade homeroom – Schmidt	Homeroom Teacher
May 6, 2012	8 th grade/1 st grade big/little program	Homeroom Teacher
May 13, 2012	Boys Baseball – 4 th & 5 th grade	Coaches
May 20, 2012	Track & Cross Country	Coaches
May 27, 2012	2 nd grade homeroom - Moore	Homeroom Teacher