

Church of the Holy Infant Facility Usage Policy

MARCH 2024

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the *Facility Usage Policy* is to ensure that organizations associated with Holy Infant Parish have a fair and reasonable opportunity to responsibly use the facilities at Holy Infant Parish. The facilities are for the use of parish organizations. They are not available for personal use.

II. FACILITIES

The facilities of Holy Infant that are available include: Holy Infant Room, Lower Cafeteria, Lower Kitchen, Msgr. Buchheit Center (Gym), Upper Cafeteria, Upper Kitchen, Rosario Hall, Adult Education Room, and the Church.

III. SCHEDULING

When a scheduling conflict for facility usage arises, the Holy Infant administration will use the following priority:

- A. Sacramental, Pastoral, and Parish Events
- B. Parish Elementary School & PSR Events
- C. Athletic Events
- D. Other events as allowed with Pastor's approval

IV. CALENDAR

- A. The parish office will accept facility requests on a first come-first served basis.
- B. Each organization must fill out a *Request for Facility Use* form to reserve parish facilities.

V. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR USAGE OF ALL FACILITIES

- A. The use of any Holy Infant facility must be scheduled through the parish office in advance of the event.
- B. To use facilities at Holy Infant, each Holy Infant ministry/organization must ensure that its **members or volunteers 18 or older who work with or near children or vulnerable adults in any capacity are in complete compliance with the Archdiocese's Protecting God's Children/Prevent and Protect Program.** Contact the Parish Safety Coordinator, Kris Mispagel, at 227-7440, ext. 105 with any questions.
- C. All keys must be signed out from the parish office the day of the event during office hours. The person picking up the key is responsible for returning the key. Special arrangements to pick up the keys at other times may be made by calling the parish office at (636) 227-7440. At the conclusion of an event, keys and the **signed *Facility Usage Request* checklist** should be placed

in a manila envelope and returned to the parish “drop box” located at the entrance of the parish office. **DUPLICATION OF KEYS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.**

- D. All rooms are to be kept locked when not in use. **Please check doors before you leave to make sure all are locked.**
- E. Food and drink are only allowed in the facilities with prior approval from the parish and school administration.
- F. The kitchens are available for use only with prior approval from the parish administration and informing the cafeteria manager two weeks in advance of the event.
- G. If you need to place an order through Food Service, contact Laura Kramer, Cafeteria Manager, at (636) 227-0802, ext. 5, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 1:30 pm.
- H. It is the responsibility of the organization using a room to make sure the room is left in a clean and acceptable condition. Please sweep the floor. (Mop, if needed). Trash should be removed. Please wipe down the tables and chairs and return them to the standard configuration. A standard configuration diagram is attached to the guidelines for each room.
- I. Upon leaving the facility, refer to the *Facility Guidelines* for a list of closing procedures.
- J. Any damage to the facility noticed prior to or incurred during your usage, should be reported as soon as possible to the rectory. If there is a true emergency, call the rectory.
- K. If available, you may hire our maintenance staff to clean up after your event. You will need to get approval from Rob Meinberg, Head of Maintenance at (636) 227-0802, ext. 4. The charge for this is “time and a-half” the regular pay of the maintenance worker. You must contact him at least 3 weeks prior to the event to request cleanup by the maintenance staff.
- L. Please use only the equipment, supplies and area that have been approved for you. Please stay in your area and supervise all children.
- M. No tape is allowed on walls and windows throughout the parish complex. Nothing may be hung from the ceilings without approval of parish administration.

VI. THE MSGR. BUCHHEIT CENTER/GYM

- A. All organizations must abide by the guidelines stated above in Section V.
- B. **During the school year, there is no access to the gym Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm. Contact the Parish Office if access is needed.**
- C. **No events, including athletic games or practices, may be scheduled during Mass times. Therefore, no practices or games may be scheduled on Saturdays between 4 pm and 6:30 pm or on Sundays before 1:30 pm or on Holy Days during Mass times.**
- D. Adult supervision is required for all activities in the Msgr. Buchheit Center.
- E. The only balls allowed in the Msgr. Buchheit center are volleyballs and basketballs. The following activities are strictly forbidden in the Msgr. Buchheit Center: hockey, roller blading, kickball, soccer, skating, football, wiffleball, softball and baseball.
- F. Care should be taken to ensure that the gym floor is not scratched. If your event requires using tables, chairs, etc. the cover must be put down before placing the tables, chairs, etc. See the *Facility Request Form* to determine if using the pad is necessary. Care should also be taken to remove debris from shoes before entering the gym.
- G. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE GYM UNLESS APPROVED BY PARISH OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

VII. FORFEITURE

Any abuse of the Holy Infant Parish facility or failure to follow the guidelines as stated in the *Facility Usage Policy, Facility Request Form, and Facility Guidelines* including the Protecting God’s Children/Prevent and Protect Program may result in the loss of privileges to use the Holy Infant facilities.

SIGN AND RETURN TO SANDY IN PARISH OFFICE

I _____ am the chairperson/head of the _____

ministry/group that uses the Holy Infant facilities for our meetings, events, and/or activities. I have read the Facility Usage Guidelines and understand that our group must comply with said guidelines. I also understand that if we fail to comply with the guidelines or if our group misuses/abuses any of the facilities of Holy Infant that we will forfeit our privileges to use these facilities. This includes failure to have all members of our ministry/group be in compliance with Protecting God’s Children/Prevent and Protect Program. If our group works with or near vulnerable children or adults in any capacity, I understand that all current members of our group/ministry must be in compliance with the Protecting God’s Children/Prevent and Protect program or we will not be able to use Holy Infant facilities.

Printed Name of Organization Chairperson

Signature of Organization Chairperson

Date