If angels do not have a gender then how come they have boys names?

It is true that we believe that angels do not have gender. Angels unlike human beings are pure spirit. This is why when people say that a human being has become an angel in heaven that is incorrect. Any human being in heaven is a saint. It is true that human beings until the resurrection of the dead while in heaven only contain their spiritual nature. But when Christ comes again, and the resurrection of the dead occurs at that moment human beings will become complete joining the physical and spiritual together in heaven. Hence, angels and human beings are not simply a different species they are different order of creation. As such angels can never become human and humans can never become angels. But when angels have been revealed to human beings, they taken on the appearance of somewhat human form. They did this in order for human beings to be able to comprehend the message that is being given to them from God.

The word angel means messenger. And each angel has a specific function to perform based on their rank. There are nine ranks of angels: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Angels. Seraphim are caretakers to the throne of God and lead the worship of God in heaven. Cherubim guard the tree of life and the throne of God. Thrones are living symbols of God's justice and authority and listening to the will of God present the prayers of human beings to Him. These three are of highest rank. Dominions oversee the lower ranks of angels. Virtues are who God works through to bring forth His signs and miracles. Powers help to keep the cosmos in order. These three are of the second order of angels. Principalities are protectors of nations, groups or institutions such as the Church. They act as educators and guardians. Archangels and angels deal with the immediate reality of human life and they are messengers of God. These three are the lowest rank.

When it is a most important function to be done or message to be given usually that would be given to an archangel. Thus, according to the teaching of the Church, angels do not have names in the same way that we do. In fact, not every angel even has a name. Angels only receive names in the context of the nature of the duty or function they are called to perform.

The most famous angels from the Bible are Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. The “names” they are given speak about their function. Michael means “who is like God?” Gabriel means “God is my strength.” Raphael means “God is healer.” Michael gets “his” name for “he” led the armies of God against Satan who lead a rebellion against God. Michael in a sense stood in the place of God in the battle. Gabriel gets “his” name for he brought great message of salvation to God’s people. The message Gabriel proclaimed was to strengthen those who bear the message into the world. Raphael got “his” name because “he” brought God’s healing into the life of Tobit and Tobias.

The reason we associate the names with males was simply we chose that as our convention. They could just as easily have been female names. It is how they essentially came to be represented through the centuries that connected their names to males.