

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Play It Again

Don't miss out on the opportunity to save \$25! Return your re-registration forms before April 13 to get in on the savings. You will also be entered in a raffle to win back your registration fee by turning them in early. We really need this information to help plan our staffing needs for next year.

Baby Bottles

The baby bottles, our Lenten project, are due back to the office March 26. Thank you for your generosity.

PIP Deadline

PIP Hour forms are due into the office by April 9. If you are choosing the buy-out option, please send in your check with your form.

Schoolspeak

A gentle reminder that all accounts must be up-to-date in order to view your report cards. This includes payment of the Super Raffle fee.



Easter Egg-citement

This Saturday from 10:00-11:30, Home & School will be hosting a morning of faith and fun at their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will begin in the gym and then continue to Lincoln Park to hunt for eggs. Price for admission is a canned food item for the Food Pantry. Please pre-register by emailing Tricia Heinle at tricia.heinle@yahoo.com or by RSVP to <http://bit.ly/HAEasterEggHunt2018>. The actual hunt is for those in grades PK-5, but all are welcome to watch the fun. There is a chance of snowy weather, so activities may be moved inside.





Food for Thought

The Knights of Columbus host a Lenten Fish Fry each Friday in Connor Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Springfield Dominican nuns. Come and enjoy six varieties of soup along with bread and socialize with other parish families after Mass in Connor Hall on Saturday evenings during Lent. From 5:15-6:30 PM until March 24, you can enjoy this fundraiser for the food pantry and get a night off from cooking. There is even take out available. The only cost is a donation to the food pantry.

Restaurant Night

Mark your calendar for our next restaurant fundraising and this one lasts the whole **month!** The entire month of April at local Chili's locations in west Aurora, St Charles, Oswego, and Batavia 15% of your purchase will go back to school. Please bring the flyer with you.

Purse Auction

St. Anne's will be hosting their Purse Auction on Friday, April 13 in Connor Hall starting at 6:00.

Tickets are \$10 and available from any St. Anne's member.

On the Right Track

If your child would like to participate in Track and Field this spring, please register as soon as possible. Practices will begin on March 26, but registration will remain open until March 31.

Here is the registration link:

<http://holyanfels.sportssignup.com>. Click on *registration* located just above the news photos. Should you have any questions or need any information, please email Paul McCue at pmccue@holyanfelschool.net.

Hitting the Books

March is National Reading Month and we're celebrating with a book drive. Our KIDS Club will be sponsoring a book drive to benefit our littlest of learners - our preschoolers. This drive will run until April 20. Students can bring new or gently used books appropriate for emerging readers to school for Mrs. Timm. Consider looking through your books at home during *spring cleaning week* (aka/Easter Break) and sending them in for another child to love and enjoy.

Caution: Kids at Play

As a gentle reminder, for arrival please do not park in the employee lot in the rear of the building by the pantry. Also please refrain from dropping your child off heading east on Lakewood. Both of these are not safe for students to cross there due to moving cars driving on the street. A better alternative would be to park in the front lot, cross with Mrs. Gurbal and Ms. Mosquera, and then walk to the rear of the building. As always, please remember to drive to the end of the sidewalk so we can get as many students as possible out of their cars as quickly as we can.

For dismissal, please try to leave some room between the cars for parents to exit and for children to get into their cars. It will prevent an accidental "ding" to another parent's car. Thanks so much for your continued vigilance in keeping our students safe!

Next Week at a Glance

No Bus Service All Week

Monday -

Tuesday - 8th Grade Holocaust Trip ***Students will arrive back

to school after dismissal***

Wednesday -

Thursday - Stations of the Cross - Grotto 8:15

Early Dismissal 11:30

Friday - No School - School resumes April 9

Bringing Home the Faith

We don't like to talk about Hell. It's not pleasant, it's not polite, and it definitely makes us uncomfortable. We like to stick to the happy stuff, the infinite love and mercy of God and the glory of His Heavenly Kingdom. Some people joke about the 'fire and brimstone' pastors who seem determined to show the world that sinners will be punished. Sure, scaring people into a Christian lifestyle isn't always the best approach. However, if we focus too much on salvation and neglect to consider the reality of Hell, we get to where we are today, with more and more Christians beginning to deny the very existence of Hell. According to a 2014 Pew Research Study, 85% of people who self-identified as Catholics said that they believe in Heaven. Only 63% of those people believed in Hell. Fr. Robert McTeigue, discussed on Morning Air® his belief that meditating on Hell can be a fruitful Lenten practice.

Why don't we like talking about Hell? "It's too awful to consider. We only play being sinners so we can only play at being saved. If we admit that we are sinners who have merited infinite loss of God, that's horrifying and then we can't count on ourselves anymore, we can't trust ourselves anymore," said Fr. McTeigue. "We have to absolutely abandon ourselves to the mercy of God and the saving work of his Christ. And we don't want to surrender that power—we want to be able to save ourselves. On one hand, we want to think that we're powerless, that we don't have the power to say no to God; on the other hand we want to think that we're divine and we can save ourselves. It's a dual illusion. And honestly, at the root of it is we really like our sin. We find our sin comforting, we find it entertaining, we find it reassuring. And we wonder, how can we live without our sin?"

"We deny ourselves of our dignity if we deny the reality of Hell. If everybody goes to Heaven no matter what, then it doesn't matter whether you're a coward or a martyr; it doesn't matter if you're a believer or careless about the Truth; it doesn't matter if you're faithful or unfaithful to your spouse, because all roads end up in the same destination," says Fr. McTeigue. "That sucks the meaning out of life and it deprives us of the opportunity for heroism and for sacrifice. But if we are capable of responding to God's grace and attaining union with Him, then we have to be equally capable of rejecting God."

Lent is a great opportunity to meditate on the reality of death, Heaven and Hell, and our free will to choose our eternal destination. During this Lenten season, accept the reality of Hell and then choose to reject it through rejection of sin and evil and by embracing God's will for your life.

(Relevant Radio)

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protector against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Times: *Saturdays 4:30*
 Sundays 6:45, 8:00 (Extraordinary Form, Latin, 1st & 3rd Sundays), 9:30, 11:00

Confession Times: *Sunday after 9:30 Mass*
 Tuesday after 8:00 Mass
 Wednesday 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
 Friday after 6:30 AM Mass
 Saturday after 8:15 Mass and 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Holy Angels School is committed to spiritual formation, which nurtures the Catholic faith and inspires its practice. It is committed to academic excellence, which fosters the growth of each individual. Holy Angels School strives to meet the intellectual, social, and ethical challenges of living in a technological, global, and culturally diverse society.

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