

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Family Fest

Save the date - July 28. The 2nd Annual Holy Angels Family Fest will take place from 5-9 PM. There will be free food, music, games, & more. If you would like to help, contact Julie Lano at 630-585-8174 or julielano@sbcglobal.net. You may use this volunteer opportunity for school PIP hours.

Memorial Day Parade

Who doesn't love a parade? It's even more fun when you're in it! Holy Angels students will be marching in the City of Aurora's Memorial Day Parade. The annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28, 2018, with step-off at noon. This year's theme is "In Memory of Many...In Honor of All." Please email me if you'd like to participate, tforbes@holylangelsschool.net.



Clark! Have you seen Superman?

In this case, it's actually Superwoman - Cathy Medernach. She has agreed to another year of leading the Seraphim Ball Committee. Thank you, Cathy, for your commitment to this special event. Even though she's Superwoman for stepping up, she really can't do it alone. I'm confident that there are parents amongst us who would like to volunteer their time and talents to make next year's Seraphim Ball the best ever! So if the Holy Spirit is quietly prompting you to help, please consider joining this committee. It is hard work but our children benefit in so many ways from your generous giving of yourself. Please email Cathy at sandcat86@yahoo.com if you are willing to help out.





Birds of a Feather

Second grade has been busy learning about the life cycle of a chicken. The baby chicks have arrived!

Tee Time!

The Holy Angels Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, May 18. It will be held at Bliss Creek starting at 1:00. The organizers would love to see many of you golfing to benefit both church worship and school enhancements. Sponsorships are available for \$250 for a hole sponsor and \$100 to sponsor a priest. Checks can be sent to the office (please mark it to the attention of the **Parish Center**) or sent directly to Andy Stanislo, 2341 Tanglewood Drive, Aurora, IL 60506.

Restaurant Night

Our next Restaurant Fundraiser is Monday, May 21 at Culvers in Oswego.

Gentle Reminder

All outstanding tuition and fees must be current to receive end-of-year report cards.

All Booked Up

All library books are due back to the library by Thursday, May 17.

The library will be hosting a spring book fair starting next Friday, May 18 from 11 AM - 1 PM as well as 5 PM - 7 PM. The book fair will operate May 21-25 for students as well as Wednesday evening, May 23 before our spring choral concert from 4:30-6:30 PM. This is a great time to purchase books to meet the school's summer reading requirements. Students entering 1st grade are required to read 300 minutes (with parental assistance if needed). Students entering 2nd grade are required to read 500 minutes (with parental assistance if needed). Students 3rd-8th grades are to complete two book reports before the first day of school. One of the books must be a non-fiction book. For a list of recommended reading and the book report forms please see our website. You will find it under *Enrichment*.

We are the Champions

Do you know someone who would like to have a keepsake of their sports experience from their time at Holy Angels? If so, invite them to browse our collection of past sports trophies and old sports' jerseys. We will be selling items won during the 2005-2006 season through the 2013-2014 season. They will be proudly displayed in our lobby from May 21-25 and can be purchased for \$5 apiece or 3 for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the upcoming sports season.

Focused on Success

Are you looking for a tutor this summer? Tutors can help with reading, math, or any other area of concern in a fun, relaxing atmosphere. The following teachers will be offering their services and their areas of expertise:

Mrs. Kass: 4th-7th math and English.

Mrs. Wagner: coordination, balance, gross motor skills, and sports skills

Mrs. Berg: 2nd-3rd reading and math

Mrs. Stanislo: 4th-5th reading and math

If interested contact the particular teacher either through email or calling the school at 630-897-3613.

Next Week at a Glance

Reminder there is no bus service tomorrow, May 11.

Monday-

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Early Dismissal 11:30 No Bus Service Home

Book Fair begins

Junior High Dance 6:30

Bringing Home the Faith

8 Simple Ways to Celebrate Sacred Time as a Family

by Tom McGrath

Even with hectic schedules, it's easy for families to grow in faith together by celebrating the sacred in eight simple and routine activities.

1. Teach your children to start each day with prayers. A good prayer to teach them is a morning offering... O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of the Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, and for the intentions of our Holy Father, the Pope. Amen. (We pray this as a school community every morning over the P.A.)

2. Put a saint-of-the-day calendar on your breakfast table.

For more in-depth information, pick up a copy of Voices of the Saints for your family. Reading the passage of the day gives you the chance to teach your children important lessons about holy people whose example we can emulate, and it also conveys a sense that our days have meaning and worth.

3. Celebrate ethnic holidays and feasts—even if it's not your ethnic group.

My German mother-in-law always made shamrock pancakes for her children on St. Patrick's Day. The growing number of Hispanics in the U.S. is enriching our culture with traditional feasts for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Charity, and Los Posadas. There are countless ways to spice up the calendar year with special celebrations. They convey without words that all the days are special. The whole year is bathed in holiness.

4. Make birthdays special.

Celebrating a person's birth is a central way to convey a sense of time's sacredness. The point of celebrating is to convey how much you cherish this child, and straightforward and simple are usually better than elaborate, as expressed through "things." Find a time to sit together with your child and share a special message just from you. It might be about the day he or she was born, about how much you were looking forward to having this child. Or mention traits of this child that bring you joy. If you do that early in the day, I'll bet the rest of the day goes well, no matter how many kids show up for the party.

5. Make more of your time in the car together.

Do yourself and your children a favor and abstain from asking questions in the car. Instead, sit and listen. Your children may not talk to you—especially if they’re with their friends. But pretend you’re the disinterested chauffeur, and you’ll hear an earful. If you’re alone with your children, let them take the initiative. You can ask something leading: “Have you got any questions about life that are on your mind?” Then sit back and listen. Your listening attitude can draw your children out. The more listening you do, the more you’ll find out, and the closer you’ll become.

6. Create a quiet area or room in your house.

Find space where there is no TV noise or other distraction. This area can be a place the kids do their homework, a spot where you can have a quiet and serious conversation or just daydream. With all the noise of modern life, times of relative quiet can indeed be sacred.

7. Celebrate the night before the first day of school.

Set aside the night before school begins as story night. Each person has to tell at least one story from the previous year about him- or herself or about the family. Here is a chance to solidify connections and gather strength before beginning the adventure of a new school year. It gives everyone the chance to calm down and switch gears from summertime ways of living.

8. Make Saturday night special.

As the week segues from business-as-usual to the restful experience promised by observance of the Sabbath, mark this special time with your children by helping them switch gears. You can prepare your family to get more out of church by shaping what goes on in your home during the hours beforehand. There’s no one set formula. Find a routine that works for you; then be faithful to it.

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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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