# **ECHOES OF ANGELS**

### Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

### Next Step: High School

8th grade permission slips and graduation fees are due tomorrow, March 22.

### **Batter Up**

If your daughter is interested in playing softball this summer, please consider registering for Aurora Area Girls Softball (www.aagsoftball.com). There is a league for all levels from ages 5-18. The cost is \$70. Practices start the first week in May with games played during the week from the first week in June until July 19. There will be a walk-up registration on Saturday, March 23 at the Vaughn Center from 10 -2 for those interested in playing.

#### **PIP Hours**

All PIP hours need to be completed by April 1. If there are hours that were not logged for you on signup.com, please be sure to let us know in the office. Hours accumulated after April 1 will count towards your commitment for the upcoming school year.



# **Off and Running**

Track registration is now open for those in grades 5-8. You can access registration through our website. The cost for track is \$65.

# 211 Kane County

What is 211? 211 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people to a full range of non-emergency social services and resources in the community. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days per year trained information and referral specialists answer 211 calls, assess the needs of each caller and link them to the best available information and services. Calls are confidential and help is available in over 150 languages. Over 1500 service providers in Kane County have been loaded into the





### The Joy of the Win

Congratulations to the Hilligoss family who won the registration drawing.

### **Blood Drive**

Give the gift of life. Give blood on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00-11:00 in Connor Hall. To make an appointment to donate go online to <a href="https://www.heartlandbc.org">www.heartlandbc.org</a> or call 630-801-9173.

### **Used Uniform Sale**

HSA will be hosting a used uniform sale on Friday, April 5 from 2:30-4:00 in the school lobby.

### Re-registeration

Registration for new families has recently started. If you have not re-registered for the upcoming year, please do so as soon as possible. You can access the registration forms through our school website.

211 database. This free 211 service went live for all of Kane County at the beginning of November. Please spread the word.

# **Text Messaging**

We are still working out the kinks in our text messaging service. You can participate in the free service just by sending a text message of "**Y**" or "**Yes**" to our school's short code number **67587**. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**." If you do not receive a text message this evening around 6 PM, please email Mrs. Gurbal at <u>sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net</u>.

## Next Week at a Glance

Spring Break March 25-29 No School

# Bringing Home the Faith

### **Family Prayers for Lent**

by Andy Alexander, SJ, Maureen McCann Waldron

One of the real challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. Here are a few possibilities for praying as a family during Lent or at any other time of the year.

#### **Prayer before Meals**

Meals are a natural time to pray as a family. We can begin by simply saying, "Let's pray," or "Let's pause for a minute to give thanks." This can be a brief prayer. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power.

### **Praying at Other Times**

In the Morning: It can be quite transformative of our family bonds, in faith, to pause very briefly to pray together in the morning. This might be a spontaneous prayer, such as while we are lying in bed. When we are rushing around one another in the kitchen and grabbing breakfast, it can be wonderful to pause to pray and simply ask the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do.

Other times: Such as cleaning up or in preparation for guests coming for dinner or for an overnight slumber party. We might share the responsibility for designing the family prayer for special occasions: birthdays, anniversaries, the

beginning and end of a school year, the beginning of a new endeavor.

### **Simple Rituals**

We can easily add gestures that bring powerful prayer to our family life. One of the simplest and most natural gestures is to trace a cross on a loved one's forehead.

### **Praying for One Another**

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook: how we hold one another up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together as a praying family, we want to pray for one another.

May our Lord bless our praying, especially at home, in the community of our family, in these days of Lent. (Loyola Press)

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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