

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.

Take Note

The Midyear Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 in the Curly Lambeau Gym. All are invited to attend.

Picture Perfect

Spring pictures are Thursday, March 8. It is a dress up day. Please follow all guidelines found in *The Parent Handbook* on page 16. There is no pre-ordering of pictures for spring pictures. These optional pictures come home at a later date and are available for purchase. Eighth graders will also have their pictures taken.



The Time is Now

Don't delay! Come and join us for an enjoyable evening out with friends from the Holy Angels community! This week is your last chance to buy tickets for the Twelfth Annual Seraphim Ball. Completed RSVP cards and ticket/sponsorship payments are due no later than this Friday, March 2. Please send all payments to the school office in an envelope marked "Seraphim Ball."

The Seraphim Ball—Holy Angels School's largest fundraising event of the year—promises to be an evening filled with friends, food and fundraising fun. The ball will take place at Pipers Banquets in Aurora on





Food for Thought

The Knights of Columbus host a Lenten Fish Fry each Friday in Connor Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Springfield Dominican nuns. We were able to donate \$675 to them from our recent Black and White Day. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

On a Closing Note

For those who did not participate in our mandatory Super Raffle, your next tuition statement will reflect this fundraising fee.

Shop 'Til You Drop

The School Store will be open on March 9 for grades K-5. Forms will be coming home today. Please complete and send them in with your child on the 9th.

Saturday, March 10 and will feature an Ireland-inspired theme, "Grand and Green." The open bar and silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Classic or themed formal wear is encouraged (black or green tie optional).

Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, please complete your RSVP card and return with payment made to Holy Angels School. For more information, contact April Ray at 630-636-8676 (april.ray.8676@gmail.com) or Cathy Medernach at 630-421-2284 (sandcat86@yahoo.com).

Get in the Game

It's NCAA March Madness Time! As a way to support the school, the Seraphim Ball Committee will be sponsoring another Squares Pool. To participate simply go to <https://superbowlsquares.org/seraphim2> grid id: haball2 password: seraphim. This is a fun way to enjoy basketball fever and support our school. Good luck!

One Last Look

Graduation is fast approaching for our 8th graders. The Seraphim Ball is looking for a family to help host this year's *Last Hurrah*. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact Cathy Medernach 630-421-2284 or April Ray 630-636-8676. Thank you for your support.

Nothing But Net

Four students advanced to the next level from the recent Free Throw Contest held by the Knights of Columbus on January 15. This will be held in Lisle on March 20. Congratulations to Ella Oester, Vivianna Ruby, Billy Reynolds, and Oliver King.

A Hunting We Will Go

On Saturday, March 24 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. The actual hunt is for those in grades PK-5, but all are welcome to watch the fun.

Show Me the Money

Our final Box Tops submission was a great success! With your support, we raised over \$1,000 for the school. The winning classes were Rooms 201, 402, and 802. Thank you to everyone who sent in their Box Tops. It is greatly appreciated.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday - Band Concert 6:30

Wednesday -

Thursday - Spring Pictures - Dress Up Day

Friday - Mass 8:15

Saturday - Seraphim Ball 6:00

Bringing Home the Faith

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, *fasting, prayer, and almsgiving*,³¹ which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins."³²

Lent has traditionally been the season where we give something up, often sweets or a favorite food, in order to focus on the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. But fasting is much more than a means of developing self-control. Fasting is a spiritual and physical purification; the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting and abstinence help us to participate more fully in the cross of Christ.

Fresh Ways to Fast

- In the Western world, fasting from food is a reminder of our abundance and our way to walk in solidarity with people around the world who struggle with daily hunger and starvation. Pause to remember families that face hunger as you fast.
- Limiting social-media exposure or fasting from the twenty-four-hour news networks are ways to quiet our minds and open our hearts to transformation.
- We might also strive to fast from anger, road rage, workaholicism, judgment, or jealousy.

Lent is a time to fast from those things or habits that may become a roadblock to our relationship with Christ.
(From *Your Guide to a Catholic Lent*, OSV.com)

*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*

You are invited to the Parish Mission on Sunday, March 4 and Monday, March 5 from 6:30-7:30 at church. "Second Conversion: What is it?"

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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