

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

He's Making a List

All students in preschool - 2nd grade can wear their Christmas clothes on Monday, December 17 for their pictures with Santa.

A Special Gift

The Teacher Collection runs until December 18. Please feel free to donate to this very worthwhile cause - our teachers. They will greatly appreciate this special gift from all of you.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Holy Angels Choir will present their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 PM at Rosary High School. All are welcome to attend.

Guardian Angel Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a restaurant night at Colonial tonight. All proceeds will support the school's Guardian Angel fund. Coupons are in the office if needed.



Lady Luck

Holy Angels School works hard to keep tuition as affordable as possible and our fundraising efforts help to "fill the gap" to cover our budgeted expenses for the year. Our only mandatory fundraiser is set to begin on Monday, December 17. Each family is required to sell 15 raffle tickets for the chance to win the grand prize of \$3500. Second prize is \$500 and the top seller will win \$100. Tickets must be turned into the office by February 1 to avoid the \$150 fundraising fee that will be added to your February tuition. Please look for the raffle packet coming home in backpacks on Monday.





Full Court Press

The deadline for girls' basketball registration is rapidly approaching. Please go online and register at: <https://holyanfels.siplay.com> before December 17. Tryouts and team selections will be finalized based on the number of student athlete registrations. Please register as soon as possible. For any questions, contact Paul McCue (pmccue@holyanfelschool.net).

High School Events

West Aurora High School will be holding their placement testing Wednesday, January 16, 3:30-5:30. Call (630) 301-5530 to make an appointment. This is followed by *Parochial Student Course Selection* on Wednesday, January 23 from 3:30-5:30. Again this is by appointment only. *Incoming Freshman Orientation* is Thursday, January 24 6:00 in the Auditorium.

ACC will have a placement exam on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00. This is for anyone who was unable to take the Scholarship Qualifying Exam. Please register online.

The Spirit of Christmas

Daniel Malatt, a junior at Marmion, and a Holy Angels alum, was born September 13, 2001 and was immediately taken to Loyola NICU for a lifesaving surgery. Since that time he has had 25 major surgeries and almost as many minor procedures. His family has continued to be active in their schools and communities and has remained positive in their outlook. Daniel also has remained positive and joyful over the years and his parents are quite proud of him for his strength and attitude. This 17 year journey has been very long and hard and the last 3 years have involved 3 surgeries and many difficulties. The family now needs help. On December 19, Daniel will have a rather difficult and lengthy surgery that family and friends hope and pray is not only successful but the last. The bills, quite frankly, are piling up. In the spirit of Christmas and giving we will be having a dress down day on Friday, December 21. For a \$1 donation, students may dress down. Feel free to add Christmas themed apparel to the casual dress for the day.

The Malatt's are very grateful to Holy Angels for their support of a dress down day and hope that many blessings come forth to all who participate. If you have any questions you can contact Judy Lentz at aurorand@sbcglobal.net or (331)444-4763. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Crafty Kids

The Holy Angels Fine Arts Fair will be held on Sunday, January 27 from 10:00 -12:00 in the Leurck Library. Every Holy Angels student is invited to submit an original work of art for display. Categories include photography, sculpture, fabric craft, painting, drawing, jewelry making, weaving, or any other original creation. All artwork must be submitted with an easel or some way for it to be displayed or propped up. Please label all artwork with the student's name and grade level. Entries are due to Mrs. Panizzi's off by Friday, January 25. Please contact Bethany Hollarbush (630-222-8842) with any questions.

Paint the Town

Calling All Holy Angels Supporters for an Evening of Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising Festivities. Mark your calendars! You are cordially invited to attend the Holy Angels Twelfth Annual Seraphim Ball on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at Gaslite Manor Banquets in Aurora. This year's event promises to be an unforgettable evening for all. Parents, parishioners, and community members are invited to join us for a lively evening of

fundraising, music, and spirits—including hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, a live deejay, raffles, silent and live auctions, and a premium open bar—all while supporting Holy Angels Catholic School. The school will also raffle off a \$3,500 tuition credit for the 2019-2020 school year. Tuition raffle tickets are \$30 each or four for \$100. To purchase ball and/or tuition raffle tickets, visit <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM19/>. For additional information or to make an auction item donation, contact Cathy Medernach at 630-421-2284 or sandcat86@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

Empower Illinois

We are thrilled to share that the Illinois tax credit scholarship program has broken the United States record for the most dollars raised in the first year of the program of its kind! We are grateful for your partnership in helping spread the word about the program and making it such a successful first year. Over 6000 scholarships have been granted statewide across all areas. Application reminders: Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on **January 15, 2019 at 7 PM**. The application is a two part process. Part one is a brief reservation form which will time stamp applications. Schools and families will be notified when part two is available. Families can complete part two on empowerXchange and are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.

Next Week at a Glance

Sunday - Choir Concert 6:30 Rosary High School

Monday - Pictures with Santa PK-2

Super Raffle Begins

Tuesday - Teacher Collection Ends

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Bringing Home the Faith

Have you ever wondered about "swaddling clothes"?

Everyone knows that Jesus was born in a manger, and the 2nd chapter of the gospel of Luke says that he was wrapped in "swaddling clothes" and laid in a manger. How does Saint Luke relate the message of the angel to the shepherds of Bethlehem? "And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For, this day, is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger" (2:10-12).

And this shall be a sign unto you? How could swaddling clothes be a "sign" if all babies were wrapped in such? A baby in a "manger" yes, that would be a sign, but what of these bands? There is a tradition that

the shepherds, who in the hillside were not too far from Jerusalem, provided the "lambs without blemish" for the temple sacrifice at Passover. That first new-born lamb, to protect it from blemish (as it was required to be by the Law), was wrapped in swaddling cloth and placed in a food trough apart from the other sheep. Ah, this would be a sign indeed! They would find the Savior, Christ the Lord, wrapped just like they wrapped their own precious lamb after its birth.

Furthermore, in the Middle East, people traveling long distances were often met with many hardships and trials on their journeys. In the event of a death in travel, the body could not continue to be transported for many days. For that reason, travelers wrapped a thin, gauzelike cloth around their waist many times. If someone died on the journey, the others would use this cloth, referred to as "swaddling clothes" to wrap the corpse in before burying them.

When Jesus was born, there was no room in the Inn, and so Mary and Joseph used a nearby stable for Jesus' birth. With no other cloth to use, Jesus was wrapped in Joseph's "swaddling clothes" - the cloth normally reserved for a person's death.

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords came into this world in a lowly manger and was wrapped with burial clothes - in truth, He was born to die. To die for the sins of all mankind.

When you celebrate Christ's birth this Christmas season, keep in mind that even in birth, He was preparing for death - his ultimate reason for coming to earth....

To save us from our sins.

(catholicism.org, living4jesus.net)

*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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