

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Called to Serve

There will be a training for those interested in being an altar server on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the church. Anyone is grades 5 and above is welcome to join. One parent is asked to attend with their child. Please contact the Parish Center at 630-897-1194 and leave your contact information.

## Junior High Dance

The *Fall Fiesta*, our first junior high dance of the year, will be held tomorrow after school. *Fiesta Wear* is encouraged. Snacks, soda, and water will be provided. Candy and raffle tickets will also be available to purchase. All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Banquet.

## Spirit Wear

The new gray and green crewneck sweatshirts may be worn with the school uniform. However, the hoodie sweatshirts are to be worn for only Spirit Wear Days.



## Showing Support

It's been eight months but the intensity and emotion of that Friday afternoon haven't faded for many involved in the Henry Pratt shooting including our own school community. After reading this article <https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/aurora-beacon-news/ct-abn-aurora-police-cebulski-family-recovery-st-0825-20190901-vbmsmi3tezatxjztuhef4l5etm-story.html> I know we need to offer our support.

For those of you new to our school, John was a long-time parent in our school, our school liaison officer, and volunteer basketball coach. He was also one of the first officers to be





## Blue Mass

Holy Angels will honor and bless public safety officers (police, fire, correctional officers, 911 operators, and EMS) at a Blue Mass on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM. This Mass is an opportunity for the community to pray and to show gratitude to first responders and their families. It is especially important to our community in light of the Pratt incident that happened last February. I hope that your family will be able to attend to show our gratitude and continued support for these brave men and women.

## BWW Day

HSA is trying something new for hot lunch. On Wednesday, October 23, we will be serving parmesan garlic boneless wings from Buffalo Wild Wings. Order forms are due back by the end of the day tomorrow.

## High School Info

Please be sure to check our website for information about upcoming open houses. Marmion has one scheduled for Sunday, November 3 at 12:30 PM.

shot on that fateful day. As a way to show our support, we will be having our first *Spirit Wear Day* on Friday, October 25. For \$1, students may dress in their new spirit wear. However, since all the proceeds will go to the Cebulski family, I am hopeful that students will give more than a dollar in honor and support of this brave man.

To review: on Dress Down Days, students are expected to represent themselves in appropriate Spirit Wear with modesty at all times. Students may wear a Holy Angels t-shirt, polo shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie sweatshirt. In addition, students may wear their gym shorts or loose-fitting navy, black, or gray shorts that are knee length. No running shorts are allowed. Students may also wear loose-fitting navy, black, or gray sweatpants. **No jeans**, leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants are allowed. Uniform shoes or gym shoes are preferred. No open-toed shoes, high heeled shoes, or shoes without a hard sole will be allowed. Students must wear socks.

Thank you in advance for your financial support of John and his family.

## Pumpkins on Parade

Our KIDS Club is pleased to announce our *Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest*. For the admission price of \$1, students may use props, paint, stickers, glue, and other art supplies to decorate a pumpkin that will be displayed from October 24-30. Pumpkins are not to be carved, violent, bloody, or gruesome. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, funniest, and most creative pumpkins. Entry forms are due on Monday, October 21.

The KIDS Club (Kind Intermediates Doing Service) is made up of 3rd-5th graders whose purpose is to promote service to others. They sponsor service projects and small fundraisers throughout the year. These include the pumpkin decorating contest, the February candy sale, and food drives to aid the Holy Angels Food Pantry.

## Retail Therapy

For those that are new to our school, we have a *School Store* run by Home & School that is open for business several times a year. It will be open for the first time tomorrow. What does it sell? School supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, and folders along with HA spirit items such as window clings, keychains, and pencils. There are also seasonal items like Halloween socks, eraser, pencils, and notepads. Prices range from \$.50 to \$5. Grades K-5 shop throughout the

afternoon tomorrow. Order forms came home on Tuesday and students should return the order form with their money tomorrow. You might be wondering, why buy from the *School Store*? First, the students love the independence of being able to shop for themselves. In addition, the funds raised go directly to the Home & School Association to continue the community-building events and fun activities for all of our students.

## Parking Lot Concerns

For the safety of all of our children, do NOT exit through the entrance off of Russell to beat the traffic wait. All cars are dismissed by the teachers onto westbound Kensington. If your child is not going to be picked up in the parking lot, they should be exiting with the second group of students at dismissal. Please remind them of this to avoid any accidents.

## Family Bingo Night

Family Bingo Night will be held on Friday, October 25, from 6:30-8:00 PM in Connor Hall. Students may wear their Halloween costume. Bingo cards are \$2 apiece or 3 for \$5. Please bring your own bingo chips. Prizes will be our gently used collection of toys and books with multiple winners per round. Concessions of hot dogs, baked goods, pop, water, chips, candy, and popcorn will be available for purchase. For any questions, contact Gaby Mankowski at [mankowski1@comcast.net](mailto:mankowski1@comcast.net).

## Belle of the Ball Raffle

Don't miss out on the opportunity to save some money on your tickets to the Seraphim Ball. Discounted tickets, \$75 per person, will only be available during the month of October.

Get your tickets today at <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM20> to purchase your tickets and become a sponsor. Information came home about *Sign Up Parties* and other opportunities to help our school. Please consider hosting a *Sign Up Party*. The students really love these opportunities to socialize and have fun together.

Your early bird purchase could win you a day of pampering. Early bird ticket buyers will be entered into a drawing to win a coveted "Belle of the Ball" basket that is now valued at over \$300 for a day of pampering. Included in the basket is a gift card for a massage or facial, fashion accessories, hair style, and nail service along with an Uber ride.

## American Bravery

The students at Holy Angels are preparing a special Veterans Day program to recognize the contributions that veterans have made to our country. This ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Mates Fieldhouse (gym.)

We wish to extend a special invitation to the veterans who are family members of our students. If any veterans in your family would like to attend our program, please feel free to have them wear his/her uniform to the program.

In addition, we would like to also include any pictures of family members who have served in the armed forces in a short video presentation. ALL PICTURES MUST BE IN A DIGITAL FORMAT (any photos previously used will need to be resubmitted for this year video presentation.) Please

e-mail [sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net](mailto:sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net) names and branches of service so we can include them, by November 1, 2019. Unfortunately, we cannot honor late requests.

Your participation is greatly appreciated and welcomed, as is your service to this great country. Thank you in advance.

## Schoolbelles Pant Sale

Schoolbelles is offering a uniform pants sale on all styles, colors, sizes with no customer limit on October 20-21. Shop online [www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com) for pants deals of \$13.95. Our school code is 1769.

## SchoolSpeak Off-line

As a gentle reminder, all tuition and fees must be current to view report cards on November 1. With the approaching end of the quarter, access to online grades are not available to parents starting on October 21 until 3:00 PM on November 1. This allows our teachers to finalize grades and do the required maintenance to upload student report cards.

## Teachers Touch the Future

This week I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our junior high teachers: Mrs. Belskis, Mrs. Kass, Mr. Mayer, Mrs. Waegner, Mrs. Coughlin, Ms. Nardone, and Ms. Heintz. Thank you for the role you play in shaping our students into the young adults they are fast becoming. Your positive influence and moral guidance help them grow in both mind and spirit. You hold them to the highest of expectations and prepare them so that they are ready for high school. Thank you for everything you do to that makes Holy Angels such a great place to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord!"

## Next Week at a Glance

**Monday -**

**Tuesday -**

**Wednesday - Hot Lunch**

**Thursday -**

**Friday - End of First Quarter**

**Mass 8:15**

**Family Bingo Night 6:30 Connor Hall**

# Common Catholic Questions

## What is Purgatory?

For the Catholic Purgatory is a period of **purification** after death. When we die, our souls are judged immediately by Christ in what's called the "Particular Judgment." Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation. (*Catechism*, 1022) So **Purgatory** is this period of purification before heaven. It's not always well understood by today's Catholics but Purgatory is still very much a part of Catholic doctrine.

It is **not** a "second chance." Don't think that Purgatory is anything like a "second chance" for those who have not won the reward of heaven! During our human life, we either accept or reject God's offer of divine grace. Once we die, our choice is definitive. We cannot change our mind after death. (*Catechism*, 1021) Heaven and hell are real. They're part of a viewpoint that's fully Catholic and Purgatory is simply a transitional state for those who have merited heaven but still have aspects of their souls that are not yet fully purified.

Purgatory is where that purification happens after death. The souls in Purgatory are assured of salvation. They've died in God's grace and friendship, and **will** end up in heaven. But they're not yet in a full state of holiness — the holiness that's necessary to behold God "face to face" in heaven. (*Catechism*, 1030)

The Catholic Church is often accused of inventing the concept of Purgatory out of thin air. Not so! You don't hear about it from many who aren't Catholic but Purgatory does have deep roots in Sacred Scripture as well as [Catholic Tradition](#) — the full, living faith of the Apostles as received from Christ.

First, it's based on the ancient Jewish practice of prayer for the dead, as mentioned in Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (2 Macc 12:46) The early Christians continued this practice: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (*Catechism*, 1032) Inscriptions on the walls and tombs of the Catacombs testify to the belief of many early Catholics in Purgatory. The words of the Apostles in the New Testament also clearly tell us about being "tested by fire," (1 Pet 1:7.) St. Paul warns us that if someone builds on the true foundation of Christ but doesn't take care to build well, "the person will be saved, but only as through fire," (1 Cor 3:15.)

Finally, the *Catechism* quotes St. Gregory the Great: "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come." (*Catechism*, 1031)

Part of the faith of Catholics is that Purgatory is a **good** thing! Purgatory reveals the depth of God's mercy: even those who are not yet perfect can attain the fullness of heaven. For Catholics Purgatory helps us hope in perfection even when we can't completely achieve it in this life.

([beginningCatholic.com](http://beginningCatholic.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*

### **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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