

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Let Them Eat Cake

Please remember that your *Nothing but Bundt Cakes* order will be available on Friday, May 11. For questions, please contact Megan Swiatek at megswiatek@comcast.net.

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@holyangelschool.net.

Help Wanted

Calling all seventh graders to help serve dinner at the eighth grade banquet on Friday, May 25 at Connor Hall. Look for more information to come via backpack next week.



Celebrating Mrs. Wagner

Today we celebrated Mrs. Wagner's 35 faithful years of service to our school. We are grateful for her dedication to our students as she teaches them how to be active and healthy. Please feel free to share with her your congratulations on this incredible milestone.

Tee Time!

Finally, the weather seems to be cooperating with us! 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





Cougars Night

Mark your calendar for this year's *Kane County Cougars Outing!* This year it is on Thursday, June 7. Our wonderful choir will open the festivities by singing the National Anthem on the field, and we have booked another "Thirsty Thursday" which means all beverages and hotdogs are \$1 each - what a bargain! The evening commences with an awesome Cougars fireworks display and the kids can run the bases. Tickets are only \$10 each (children under 2 are admitted free) and this fundraiser helps defray two of our reading program subscriptions. Order forms will be coming home soon, so watch for this in your student's backpack.

8th Grade Banquet

The Banquet Committee is looking for response cards to help with planning of this special evening. Please send them to the office.

St. Anne's Scholarship

St. Anne's Scholarship forms are due back on Tuesday, May 8.

the office (please mark it to the attention of the **Parish Center**) or sent directly to Andy Stanislo, 2341 Tanglewood Drive, Aurora, IL 60506.

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.

Financial Aid Available

As hard as we try to make Catholic education affordable, it can still be a sacrifice to make it happen. That is why the church sets aside funds for financial aid. So regardless of your place in line for potential scholarships available through *Empower Illinois*, please consider applying for financial aid through the school. While we can't guarantee that everyone who applies will get money, we can certainly guarantee that no funds will be awarded if you don't apply. To apply for assistance please go to www.cts-tuition.com/services/tuition-assistance.html. We will accept paperwork until May 15.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday- 7th & 8th Grade Retreats

Tuesday - Band Concert 6:30

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - 7th & 8th Grade City of Aurora Sports Fest

Mass 8:15

Bringing Home the Faith

The Ten Commandments can be used by parents as a way of life, and as a reference to teach their children life lessons. Words about people and actions toward their children, spouses and other people are what truly become the raw material of what children use as their own real-life videos that teach them how to behave and grow toward adulthood. Listed below are some questions associated with each of the Ten Commandments that might help parents take a quick inventory of their life behaviors and parenting patterns, and lead to confirming positive lessons that can be taught to their children:

Reflection questions relating to the Ten Commandments 1. "I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me." Question for parents: Do I honestly have faith in God, and place him at the center of my life? Lesson for kids: Through words and actions children can see what living a life looks like based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, and can learn how to then teach their own children. Children will also be able to feel the strength of their parents' faith. Or: Question for parents: Are my priorities material things, alcohol, work or causes not related to God? If so, the lesson for kids: Don't place God first, instead strive to drive fancy sports cars, always win the game, and wear the trendiest clothes.

2. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Question for parents: Do I choose not to take the Lord's name in vain and not use offensive language? Lesson for kids: Taking the Lord's name in vain, swearing and offensive language are not spoken in the home and are not acceptable behaviors. Or: Question for parents: Do I use the Lord's name in vain for drama and use offensive language because other people use it in conversation and in the media? If so, lesson for kids: It is acceptable to use the Lord's name in vain, as well as other offensive language.

3. "Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day." Question for parents: Do I attend church on the weekend, spend time in positive activities, take a rest and not obsess or work extra hours (not scheduled)? Lesson for kids: Go to Mass once a week and make Sunday an extra special day by sharing the time and activities with family and friends. Or: Question for parents: Do I miss Mass, work extra hours and not have a chance to share time with family or enjoy God's gifts, such as nature, family dinner, music or reading? If so, lesson for kids: It is not necessary to go to Mass regularly or spend time with family on weekends, and it is acceptable to put make or personal activities priority on days off rather than spend time with the family.

4. "Honor thy father and thy mother." Question for parents: Do I speak of and to my parents with respect, spend time with them and offer them help? Lesson for kids: If they see your parents shown love and respect, they will learn how to do the same for you, and other people as well. Or: Question for parents: Do I avoid speaking with them or visiting them, or say unkind things about them? If so, lesson for kids: If children see that their own parents do not show respect, honesty and healthy communication patterns toward their parents, they will probably use the same negatives behaviors toward you and their grandparents.

5. "Thou shall not kill." Question for parents: Do I keep this commandment and also not allow one's self and children to watch murder related television shows or play violent video games that promote players to "kill" images on the screen? Lesson for children: The influence of watching violent behavior is negative, and though a popular pastime in our culture, can and should be avoided. Or: Questions for parents: Have I killed or contemplated taking the life of another? Do I spend free time watching violent television shows about murder, and/or allow my children to watch violent television and/or play video games encouraging players to "kill" the screen images? In a much milder connotation, have I purposely killed

another person's dream, enthusiasm, curiosity or idea? If so, the lesson for kids: Watching violence on the television is acceptable and playing acting out "killing" people figures on a video game is acceptable.

6. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Question for parents: Do I stay faithful to my spouse in body and mind? Do I tell jokes or laugh at jokes that demean the institute of marriage? Lesson for kids: If a marriage is filled with respect and commitment, they will see what that looks like and how it is done. More importantly, if parents keep this commandment, their children and spouses will never experience the conflict and pain that being unfaithful can create. Or: Question for parents: Have I been unfaithful in body, and/or chosen to use pornography or otherwise participated in virtual or real online relationships outside of marriage? If so, lesson for kids: In marriage, it is acceptable to be unfaithful to one's spouse and choose to spend time in affairs of the body and/or mind.

7. "Thou shalt not steal." Question for parents: Do I refrain from choosing to steal or from cheating in financial transactions? Lesson for kids: Honesty is the best policy and stealing is wrong. Or: Question for parents: Do I steal clothes from stores or office supplies from work, cheat on taxes and/or steal ideas from co-workers and take credit for their work? If so, lesson for kids: Stealing is only wrong if I get caught.

8. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Question for parents: Am I honest in dealings and communications with my family, community members, parish and co-workers? Lesson for kids: If parents speak the truth with others, and about others, children will see how honesty and respect are practiced. This can be reinforced as they develop relationships with family and friends. Or: Question for parents: Do I speak untruths or spread gossip about people? If so, lesson for kids: It is acceptable to lie and gossip.

9. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife/husband." Question for parents: Do I think of my spouse as my one and only lover and accept all aspects of my spouse? Lesson for kids: Married couples show total commitment to each other and accept each other. Or: Question for parents: Do I desire a neighbor/co-worker/other person instead of my spouse or wish my spouse was more like other people? If so, lesson for kids: It is acceptable to place one's desire for love outside of marriage and want your beloved to be at the center of your life until someone better comes along.

10. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods." Question for parents: Am I grateful for the life I have, the family I have, the home I have, and the faith I have? Lesson for kids: On any given day, look for something in your life to be grateful for. Always be grateful for what you have. Or: Question for parents: Do I want a bigger house, faster car, greener lawn or more prestigious job? If so, lesson for kids: Appearances are very important, so always try to keep up with the Jones', being jealous of them until you do.

Underlying all actions as parents is one other bonus guideline: Do unto others, as you would have done unto you.

<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/family/story.php?id=20444>

*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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