

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Limited Office Hours

I will be in the office every weekday from 10-12 if you need anything.

Report Cards

Report cards will be published on Friday, March 28 by noon.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg Hunt scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled.

Schoolspeak Problems

While we are able to send information out to you via Schoolspeak, the REPLY feature does not work for you to respond. Please use your personal email account to create a new email if you need to contact a teacher or turn work in.

Registration Winner

Mrs. Jessica Sittig was the winner of our recent registration drawing. Congratulations to her!



Doctor's Orders

I am truly grateful for your patience and support as we have worked to navigate these initial days of this school closure. As this situation has evolved, I've gained some clarity from the state and Diocese and virtually met with my staff and wanted to provide you with some updates regarding our plans for the days ahead.

First, it's important to provide you with some context regarding Act of God days. The most recent direction from the state indicates that while the missed days will not have to be made up, learning can occur on Act of God days. For us, e-learning will be the platform for learning that takes place.

It is important to acknowledge that there is no activity that can replace the type of learning that happens when children are in a classroom being supported by a great teacher. However, we also believe that we can and should do our very best to educate and support our students. To that end, we want to communicate some shared understandings with you regarding the goals we have for these learning activities:



Altar Server Training

All students currently in **fourth grade and up** are invited to serve as altar servers! There will be a **new** altar server training on Monday, April 20 at 6:00 PM and Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 PM in the church. Students are welcome to attend both sessions but only one is required. Please call the Parish Center and leave your name, contact information and which session you would like to attend in order that they have enough printed information for all. We look forward to seeing you. Come and see. Bring your friends! If you cannot attend either of those dates, please let the parish center know and they work to find an alternative date.

For **current** altar servers, there will be a training for those interested in serving for special Masses, such as weddings, funerals, certain Holy Days and serving with the Bishop. That training will be on Monday April 27 at 6:00 PM in the church. Please call the Parish Center and leave your name and contact information if you will be attending.

Empower Illinois

Awards of scholarships have been temporarily suspended.

Date Change

Family Bingo Night has been changed to Friday, May 8.

Connection

It is important for our teachers to maintain their connection and relationship with students during this extended closure, and these activities will help students and their teachers maintain that connection.

Sense of Normalcy

This is a very unusual circumstance that can cause disruption to routine, creating stress and anxiety. While we know this situation is anything but normal, it is our hope that these activities will provide students with some semblance of their normal routine.

Intellectual Engagement

One of the most valuable aspects of school is that it provides students with the opportunity to “build their brain muscles” by engaging them in tasks that require some cognitive work. Our goal will be to help kids continue training those muscles.

Reinforce the Importance of School, Learning, and Content

We want kids to know that even though we are in this unique situation because we are focused on keeping everyone safe and healthy, we also can't forget that school and the things they learn in school are important.

In This Moment, All Any Of Us Can Do Is Our Best

None of us has ever experienced anything like this, and we're all just doing our best. We know that as parents you are navigating this unique situation as well as you can, and we hope you know we're doing the same as we work to support you and our students. Let us remember that we are a people of faith. If we all give each other a little grace and patience and recognize that we're in this together, we'll be OK.

Beginning on Monday, March 23 our teachers will provide learning activities that may look a bit different than this past week as we're moving more towards meeting the requirements of our curriculum in the event that this closure becomes long-term. Teachers are available for students on a daily basis via email until 3:00.

On Saturday, March 28, parents of students in grades K-3 must come to school to get the next packet of learning for them. You will find bins located outside the building from 7 AM - 4 PM. There will be two for each classroom. One will be marked DROP OFF to put the previous week's learning packets. The other will be marked PICK UP. Please find your child's envelope with the next week's assignments to take home to complete. This will be our

standard operating procedure until we can return to school. Drop off and pick up every Saturday between 7 AM - 4 PM. Use the envelope provided for all of your child's schoolwork. Teachers will continue to send email updates and any additional directions.

On March 28 only, from 7 AM - 4 PM, 8th graders will need to turn in their research paper to be graded. You will find a bin for 801 and 802 DROP OFF.

Thank you for partnering with us and for all the grace and patience you've provided as we work to support you and our students.

Registration Continues

While it's difficult to think ahead to next year during this time of uncertainty, our school will only remain strong if we all commit to having our children return in the fall. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. If you are a current family please log into your Schoolspeak account to register. New families can register through the link on our school website (www.holyangelschool.net).

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - E-Learning Continues

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday -

**Saturday - DROP OFF/PICK UP 7 AM - 4 PM GRADES K-3 AND GRADE 8 (RESEARCH PAPER)
DROP OFF**

Common Catholic Questions

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The suspension of the public offering of Mass will last until at least Saturday April 4.

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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