

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Limited Office Hours

Please email me if you need something left at school (tforbes@holyanangelsschool.net).

Report Cards

Report cards will be published tomorrow by noon. You must be current in tuition to view.

Assignment Bins

On Saturday from 7 AM - 4 PM, 8th graders can turn in their research paper to be graded in the bins in front of school. Please only do this if you're comfortable.

Sixth grade can also turn in their packets.

K-3 will **not** be dropping off or picking up packets.

Schoolspeak

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.



Show Us Your Spirit Week

We have so many blank pages that need to be filled for the yearbook as more and more events have been cancelled. Plus everyone is feeling so isolated from friends that our *Yearbook Committee* came up with a fun activity for us to do! They are asking students to participate in a spirit wear week, starting Monday, March 30. Parents can then take pictures and email them to Becky Barr (beckyabarr@gmail.com). The committee will create a slideshow of the pictures of what students are doing each day. Mrs. Gurbal will then upload it to our website. This will also give them photos to use in the yearbook to document this world event.

Attached you'll find an outline for the week:

Monday - Class Spirit Day - wear a Holy Angels shirt

Tuesday - Superhero Day - dress as the true superheroes of this quarantine (nurses, doctors, first responders, truck drivers,



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 resumed.

Date Change

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

cashiers, postal workers, etc.)

Wednesday - Neon Day - dress in bright colors

Thursday - Sports Day - dress in your favorite team attire

Friday - Pajama Day - dress in your favorite comfy pajamas

Remember to send pictures of your child(ren) each day to beckyabarr@gmail.com.

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul

Holy Angels is very blessed that we are not cash poor and should therefore be able to sustain this stay-at-home order. However, it isn't going to be easy if it continues well into April. Therefore, please continue to honor your tuition commitments. If you are facing financial hardship due to this crisis, please contact Mrs. Sadowski (msadowski@holylangelschool.net). I promise that she will work with you.

Our normal procedure is to send tuition checks in with your child. Since that's not an option right now, here are 3 ways you can pay:

- Pay online - go to our website, hit "Pay Tuition" and create an account. If you have any problems, contact "Our Sunday Visitor" at 1-800-348-2886.
- Drop a check off at the Parish Center. There is a mail slot in the door that you can drop it in. The Parish Center will be open tomorrow from 8 AM - 11 AM. This is a good option if you need to make payments to view your child's report card tomorrow afternoon.
- Mail a check to the Parish Center at 180 S. Russell Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506 or to the school at 720 Kensington Place, Aurora, IL 60506. Please mark the envelope to the attention of Mary Sadowski.

I deeply appreciate all of your efforts to keep your tuition current in these very uncertain times.

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 you Schoolspeak account to register. New families can register through the link on our

school website (www.holyangelsschool.net). Payment can be made online or by mail.

Angel Wings

We haven't made any definitive decisions yet about Angel Wings which has a payout coming on April 1. This is one of those programs that was never designed for us to do remotely from home. However, Mrs. Lentz and Mrs. Smith are working on a plan to sell what we currently have in stock. When I know more details, I will let you know.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - E-Learning Continues

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday -

Common Catholic Questions

A Faith Response to Coronavirus

Spirit of Sacrifice

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves). Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools close, and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly.

But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord's Table, we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed everything in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something.

Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can have huge effects. Scientists point to the 1918 flu when St. Louis proactively and aggressively closed its schools to prevent infections. Death rates in the city were about one third those in Pittsburgh, which was much slower to close its schools. Thousands of lives were saved.

We may grumble about or resist changing our habits, especially if it's unclear what's in it for us. But we need to remember that many of these actions are more about protecting others. Perhaps the invitation amidst this crisis is to embrace the inconveniences fully, and then move beyond them to seek out the best ways to serve those who are most in need.

(The Pastoral Center, St. Catherine of Siena Church, Austin, Texas)

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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