

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

'Tis the Season

On December 13 and 15, students in grades preschool-fifth grade will have the unique opportunity to pick out the perfect gift for their loved ones for Christmas. Our Santa Store will be open for business on December 13 and December 15.

Supplies Needed

Our specials teachers are in desperate need of Kleenex and wipes. Please consider picking up a box on your next grocery store trip and sending in for music, art, technology, library, STEM, and PE. Thanks!

High School Events

We advertise upcoming events on our website under *School Information*. Be sure to check it out as we add new items each week. There are several sports camps posted that will be happening over the Christmas break at the various high schools.



Making Spirits Bright

Please consider uplifting our teachers and staff with a donation to our Home & School Christmas collection. It has been a long-standing tradition at Holy Angels for parents to show their appreciation to our faculty and staff in a monetary way at Christmas time. In the lobby is a Christmas Donation Box and all of the money donated is divided amongst all who work here and makes for a wonderful Christmas present from all of you. God bless you in your charitableness!

Super Raffle

As a school, we try to be as fiscally responsible as possible which





Fa La La La La

The joy of Christmas lends itself to beautiful music. Consider joining us this week for several opportunities throughout this month to hear the sounds of Christmas. A Nativity choir event will be held after 4:30 Mass on Saturday, December 16. Our Christmas choir concert will be held on Sunday, December 17 starting at 4:00 in the gym. Finally, the Archangel Gabriel play will be presented by the 3rd & 4th graders on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 in Connor Hall. All are welcome to attend!

is why we need to rely on fundraisers to support our budget. The Super Raffle is the school's only mandatory fundraiser. Each family is required to purchase or sell \$10 tickets to meet their \$140 fundraising obligation. This year's grand prize is \$3,000.

Tickets will be coming home on December 21 just in time to sell to family and friends over Christmas break. The drawing will take place during Catholic Schools Week on February 2. All monies collected must be returned to the office by February 1 to avoid having the fundraising fee added to your February tuition statement. Thank you in advance for supporting the Super Raffle.

Making Connections

The Seraphim Ball Committee needs your help!

The Holy Angels community knows people - lots of people - and they want to utilize these connections to make this year's event the most successful ever! Every year the Seraphim Ball raises money through generous sponsorships, advertising, and auction donations. But, to maximize this potential, they need to be in contact with the right people!

Who do you know? If you can put the committee in contact with the right people, please let them know. Or are you interested in helping seeking donations? If so, they would appreciate any assistance you can give! Please contact Megan Thakkar if you can help. She can be reached at meganthakkar@yahoo.com or 630-335-5314.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - Teacher Christmas Collection Continues

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Saturday - Nativity Choir Event 5:30 Church

Sunday - Choir Concert 4:00 Curly Lambeau Gym

Bringing Home the Faith

For many Christians, Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. Although Advent Wreaths are popular among Christians, many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in the tradition. If we learn this meaning, we can appreciate it all the more!

The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the “Light of the World” contrasted with the darkness of sin. Human history spanned long ages before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance, and God’s promise to make all things new through him.

As his Advent, or “coming,” draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the human race.

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God’s complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world’s Savior—from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament. Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white “Christ” candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle by adding a pillar candle to the wreath center.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called “little Lent,” is the season where we spiritually wait in our “darkness” with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ’s birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.
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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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