

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Making Memories

This year's yearbook committee is already hard at work! They are looking for volunteers to take pictures at events that happen throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Villalpando at dmgriffin4@aol.com. If you have any photos that they could use please send them digitally to yearbook@holyangelsschool.net. Thanks!

Fun Fest

Family Fun Fest is back! HSA will hosting Fun Fest again this year on Saturday, February 2. This will be a day filled with games and fun for the kids. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the planning and execution of this fun event. The planning committee will hosting their first meeting soon. Please contact Margaret Vagnoni at margaretvagnoni@gmail.com or 630-248-8142 if you are interested in helping. Thank you.



Kicking Off the Season

There are over 100 student athletes that participate in basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, volleyball, and track. Our Luigi Sport Night helps support our athletic program with resources to help pay for the reconditioning of football equipment, purchasing new uniforms, refinishing the gym floor, and other incidentals that come up throughout the sports seasons.

This year's Luigi Sport Night will be held on Thursday, October 4. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served until 8:00. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under, and \$20 for a family of 5. Laser tag and game room tickets can also be purchased. Pre-sale orders will be accepted through Monday, October 1. Tickets will also be sold at the door.





Run for Charity

The Knights of Columbus will hold their second 5K Mark Bancroft Run for Charity on Saturday, October 6. Entry fee for each runner is \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the race. For further information, please contact either Phil Brink at 630-947-9489 (ptbrink@att.net) or Rick March at 708-466-2593 (richardmarch2@aol.com). The registration link is <https://www.raceentry.com/races/mark-bancroft-memorial-runwalk/2018/register>.

Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring their soccer challenge for all boys and girls ages 9-14 on Sunday, September 30 at Rosary High School soccer field. Winners in each age division win a trophy and a chance to participate in the district competition. Any questions can be directed to joe.vagnoni@yahoo.com.

Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center is located at 732 Prairie, Aurora. We hope to see you there!

Dance to the Music

Junior high students are invited to attend the Fall Barn Dance on Friday, October 19 from 2:30-4:45 PM. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite western wear i.e., jeans, cowboy hats, boots, etc. Clothing must abide by the dress down day guidelines in the Parent Handbook. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Candy will also be available for purchase for \$1. Raffle tickets are available to win various prize baskets. These are 3 for \$1. All proceeds go to offset the cost of the 8th grade banquet. For more information contact Nicole Coffman (thgoods@comcast.net) or Emily Anderson (emilyanderson005@gmail.com). Permission slips along with the \$7 admission fee are due on Wednesday, October 17.

Buddies Not Bullies

We are pleased to announce that Jodee Blanco, an internationally renowned expert on school bullying will be leading programming for our teachers, students, and parents. We are partnering with the following area Catholic schools: Annunciation, Holy Cross, St. Rita, and St. Peter in putting this bullying prevention program together.

Mrs. Blanco partners with the National Catholic Education Association and is the author for the NCEA's new Anti-bullying Survival Series. Her first title, [A Primer on Bullying Intervention: How to Save a Child in Crisis Using Core Catholic Values as the Catalyst](#) serves as a companion to her faculty workshops. Here is the outline for her presentations:

- Friday, October 5 - Mrs. Blanco will be conducting a faculty in-service for the staff of the five participating schools.
- Tuesday, October 23 - Mrs. Blanco will lead a K-4th grade program at St. Rita with Annunciation and St. Rita students in attendance.
- Wednesday, October 24 - Mrs. Blanco will lead a 5th - 8th grade program here with Annunciation and St. Rita students in attendance.
- Wednesday, October 24 - Parent/Family Seminar led by Mrs. Blanco at Aurora Central Catholic High School from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Mrs. Blanco's program includes a comprehensive twelve-themed follow up curriculum that keeps the message of compassion and forgiveness alive for the entire school year. This is an important and timely topic so please mark your calendars to attend.

Early Bird Catches the...Ticket!

The early bird catches the worm and the best discount too! For a limited time only, Holy Angels School is offering an early bird discount for advance Seraphim Ball ticket purchases made during the month of October. The Seraphim Ball is the school's largest fundraising event. Student parents, educators, parishioners, and parish friends will enjoy an elegant evening - complete with dinner, dancing, cash raffles, live and silent auctions, and an open premium bar - all while supporting Holy Angels School. Tickets are regular \$100 per person but can be purchased through October for \$75 - a \$25 savings per person! The promotion will run from October 1 through 31, 2018. Standard tickets prices will apply after October, so purchase your tickets now while you still can at this reduced rate. To purchase tickets, visit <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM19/> or contact Cathy Medernach at 630-241-2284 or sandcat86@yahoo.com. We hope you'll take part in this fun-filled celebration of the Holy Angel's community.

Miscellaneous Items

It's inevitable that our children get sick. As parents we worry about the homework that needs to be made up especially when they get in the older grades (6-8). Please know we want your first concern to always be to your child and if they are not up to finishing homework on the day that they are absent then they have extra time to finish it when they come back. It is beneficial for their homeroom teachers (since they see them for only one period of the day), if students check for the homework assignments through our website. These are updated daily. Having a buddy that they can text about work assignments is also helpful. I know my daughter actually snaps photos of notes and worksheets and passes them along to her friends that are absent. Like you, we want to teach responsibility, so please encourage your child to contact their teachers when they get back to discuss the homework and a timeline for turning it in. This ability to advocate for themselves will serve them well as they enter high school and college.

As a gentle reminder, please do not drop off students until your car is heading west on Lakewood. Also, please do not park in the employee parking lot on Russell and walk your child across traffic. We want to keep everyone safe!

Thank you to the Bellarmine Ladies, the auxiliary to the Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 for their help with the second graders in making their very own Rosary. Second grade is such a special year in their faith life. What a wonderful tradition the Bellarmine Ladies started 22 years ago. They have made and distributed over 10,000 Rosaries. Again, thank you for helping them to encounter Our Blessed Mother and her Son in a deeper way.

Finally, if you need to speak to a teacher about a concern, please contact them (email is best) to arrange for a convenient time to meet. I understand that it's natural to want to just quickly talk with a teacher when you see them but sometimes there are "little ears" listening in or the teacher may have a duty or another meeting to attend. We'd hate for you to think that your child's teacher is being rude.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - No School - Teacher Inservice

Bringing Home the Faith

Earlier this year, one of the big auto insurance companies released an ad that is part of a major effort to promote safer driving. That's a good thing. Given the tragedies that occur while texting, talking and driving, many other businesses connected to the auto industry also are doing their part to get people to realize the dangers involved when we take our eyes off the road even for a split second. But this ad in particular sends a mixed message.

The commercial at first makes the viewer feel somewhat warm and fuzzy. After all, it's the image of an all-American family taking the important issue of road safety seriously. The dad is behind the wheel with his wife next to him, and his two adorable children are in the back seat. Everyone also is buckled in properly. It's a lovely day, and all is well because dad is paying close attention to the road, his cellphone is nowhere to be found. Soon we see and hear dad talking out loud to himself. He is bragging about all the savings the family is earning through their insurance company by practicing good habits behind the wheel. The point being, of course, in addition to not risking life and limb by trying to do two things at once while driving, taking precautions pays off in other ways as well. We can all drive safely home now and live happily ever after.

Not so fast.

If you haven't seen this commercial yet, you might be wondering why the dad is talking out loud to himself with his entire family only inches away. Well, this is where the mixed message — a sad message, indeed — comes in to view. Dad has no one to hear him because everyone else is wearing headsets. Mom is listening to music on her phone. The children also are connected to electronics and appear to be watching a movie or playing a video game. Not one family member is engaged in conversation outside of dad's lonely mumbling. They're certainly "safe" in the physical sense of the word. But they're also putting themselves in harm's way emotionally and spiritually by being so obviously disconnected. And while the father appears to be extremely pleased with himself because the extra money earned has apparently helped him buy a new set of golf clubs, if you're really listening, you can sense some frustration in his voice. He seems annoyed, insulted even, but not because he's being ignored by his wife and two children. Instead, he is annoyed because he can't pick up his own favorite piece of technology.

Scenes like the one portrayed in this auto insurance commercial are not at all far-fetched. They're a glimpse of real life. The producers of the commercial are to be commended for being concerned about a very serious problem that's causing accidents as well as taking lives. At the same time, I wonder if those producers realize the dual or mixed messages they were sending by having the rest of that very attractive family oblivious to one another. Wouldn't it have been even more effective to have everyone put down the

phones and actually have a conversation? How about using that time in the car as some quality family time, catching up on the day and talking about events or activities on the horizon? What about mom telling a story? Could it be that this didn't even occur to the creators of the TV ad because their own family time looks very similar to what was portrayed in the ad; everyone together but alone, tied to technology instead of talking to each other? Definitely something to think about.

(Our Sunday Visitor)

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

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