

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Handbook Changes

Here are a couple of minor changes to our uniform policy. Socks should be “plain with no decoration, frill, or ruffles.” Girls may no longer wear hair ties or scrunchies on their wrists. These are not jewelry and should be used only for their hair.

Showing Your Spirit

New this year are our Spirit Wear Days. Orders for Holy Angels apparel are due on September 3.

If you are having difficulty finding PE shorts at Kirhofer’s we have some spirit wear shorts available now. Spirit Wear shorts may be worn for PE. Please email Mrs. DuVall tduvall@holyangelsschool.net if you need to purchase shorts.

Hot Lunch

Our first Pizza Day will be Friday, September 6. Order forms are due in the office tomorrow.



New Diocesan Forms

Attached to this newsletter are revisions to the *Norms for the Prohibition of Sexual Abuse of Minors* and the *Guidelines for Youth and Those Working with Youth*. At the end of these documents are the acknowledgement pages. Please print these out, sign them, and return them to the office. It is important that this is done in a timely manner as Mrs. DuVall has the responsibility to insure that this information is forwarded to the Diocese to show that we are in compliance with our volunteer paperwork. It becomes very time-consuming when she is repeatedly reminding volunteers that they must be in compliance. So let’s all help her out and get





Fox Valley Youth Chorus

Fox Valley Music Consortium is pleased to announce that Mrs. Patricia Doctor is the new Director. Pat brings her 23 years as an elementary music teacher in West Aurora schools and 24 years of combined additional experience directing junior choirs at Annunciation, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and Holy Angels.

Children grades 3-8 are invited to sing with the FVYC. Rehearsals begin at Aurora Christian School on Tuesday, September 17 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Register on line by visiting fyouthchorus.org.

Mrs. Doctor begins her first season as director preparing the chorus to perform *Shake It Up With Shakespeare*, part of the Rise and Shine musical series written by Jill and Michael Gallina. It is a fun and unforgettable introduction to English literature's most famous writer.

Their first show is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, at 2:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

those forms in quickly. Also while you're signing forms please return the *Parent Cooperation Agreement* from the Parent Handbook if you haven't already done so. Thank you in advance!

Called to Serve

For those students in grades 5 and above who may be interested in altar serving, there will be training for new altar servers on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the church. Please call the Parish Center (630-897-1194) and leave your name and contact information if you plan to attend. If you're interested but cannot make the September date, please call the Parish Center and they will contact you about an alternative date.

A Little Trivia on Trivial Pursuit

"*Trivial Pursuit*, the board game that made it cool to know everything about nothing, was conceived by two Canadian journalists and released in 1981. It reached households all over the world after 1983 when it was licensed to a U.S. distributor and manufacturer. In 1993, Games Magazine named it to the *Game Hall of Fame*." If you're good at *Trivial Pursuit*, you're a natural for our *4th Annual Trivia Night* which will be held on September 27!

Even if you're not a trivia buff, there are no worries. This is a casual night to gather with friends, enjoy the food, bid on silent auctions items, and have fun! The best part is that the money raised is used to support our children's school. Flyers will come today with more information.

For all of you Blackhawk fans, be sure to buy a square (or two!) for a chance to win 4 tickets, a parking pass, and 4 passes to the Ketel One Club for an upcoming game. Squares are on sale now for only \$20. The Trivia Committee is also looking for business sponsors to support the evening. If you would like to be a business sponsor, purchase squares or have any questions, please contact Beth Christoffel at elizabeth.a.christoffel@gmail.com.

Boosterthon Fun Run

Coming soon: Holy Angels Fun Run!

We are hosting a fundraiser and our goal is to raise \$23,000 to

balance our budget. In just a few weeks from now, family and friends will support our school by giving pledges towards the number of laps your student will run on the day of the Fun Run. We've asked the fundraising experts at Boosterthon to power our program, making our fundraising simpler, more profitable, and more fun. Click the link below to learn more about our upcoming program:

<https://vimeo.com/177157581>

In the past, our school has been extremely successful with this fun program geared specifically to our students. Please help us reach our goal this year by connecting with sponsors. Pledging opens on Monday, September 2. Log on to funrun.com. The student pep rally is Monday, September 9 and the Fun Run is Wednesday, September 18. Save the date! You're invited! More information will be shared over the next few weeks.

Just for Kicks

Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Soccer Challenge on Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 PM at Rosary High School. For any questions, please contact Joe Vagnoni at (630) 229-3870.

They are also sponsoring the Mark Bancroft Memorial Walk Run Event on September 28 at Waubonsie Lake Trail in Aurora. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the event scheduled to begin at 9:45 AM. There will even be a kids' 100 yard dash as well as food and beverages. Contact Phil Brink at (630) 947-9489 (pbrink55@gmail.com) or Rick Marsh at (708) 466-2593 (richardmarsh2@aol.com) for more information.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - No School

Tuesday - Junior High Curriculum Night 6:30

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15, Hot Lunch

Bringing Home the Faith

Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith

Faith Themes

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ unifies us and makes us holy.
The marks of Christ's church are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Natural Teachable Moments

- Before a family reunion, or when visiting grandparents or attending a get-together with extended family
- When celebrating a family tradition that your child loves
- When looking at our country's flag or that of another country

Many families have particular ways to identify themselves. For example, in Europe there is a rich tradition of crests, shields, and flags that carry a family's identifying symbols. In the Celtic world, colorful tartans identify traditional family names. In Latin American culture, the icon that unifies people and gives them a common identity is Our Lady of Guadalupe. Although she appeared in what is now the outskirts of Mexico City, she belongs not only to the Mexican people but to the entire hemisphere. Besides the Virgin of Guadalupe, Latin American people identify themselves by their respective flags and anthems.

The Catholic Church has ways to identify itself, too. Its particular characteristics are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. These four marks of the church are not characteristics that the church creates or develops or learns; they are qualities that Jesus Christ shares with his church through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the source of unity and holiness. The Catholic Church is one because of Jesus, who is its head and whose Spirit unites different people and a diversity of gifts into one body. The church is holy because of Jesus; as the church lives in union with Christ, the Holy Spirit sanctifies and guides its actions. The church is catholic (the word means "all embracing") because its mission is to proclaim Christ to the whole world and to serve all people. And the church is apostolic because it remains faithful to the faith it received from the apostles.

How can your child see the holiness and faithfulness of the church? By the way members of the church love one another and make sacrifices to help other people in the world. Were people to look at your family as representative of the Catholic faith, what would they recognize in the way you speak, act, or relate to others? What identifying marks would they see in your family?

Starting the Conversation

Talk about any crest, symbol, traditional celebration, ritual, sign, or fabric pattern that identifies your family as coming from a particular heritage or tradition. Share its history with your child and explain why it is meaningful to you. Then brainstorm together about what your family would put on a new crest or a family website that would show the world what you value.

To Help You Pray

Begin prayer with your child by inviting him to still his heart and mind so as to focus quietly on God's presence. After praying, give him a few moments to pray silently to God in his own words. You might say something like: "Now, if you want, take a few moments to say to God whatever you'd like. You can pray this silently in your heart—and I'll be doing the same."

A Prayer Moment with Your Child

Let's thank Jesus for the gift of his church:

Loving Jesus, thank you for creating a church
that shares in your holiness and love.

Help me to love the church
and to identify with unity and holiness, as it does.

Amen

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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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