

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Jr High Service Opportunities

Here are two service opportunities for our junior high students to earn service hours for their religion class:

Sunday, October 13, 9:00 in Connor Hall serving at the St. Anne's breakfast. Contact Nora Kennedy for more information.

([norajanisch@yahoo.com](mailto:norajanisch@yahoo.com))

Saturday, October 19, 12:30-2:30, at ACC washing dishes for the Ladies Luncheon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Contact Michelle Dugan for more information.

([mddugan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mddugan@sbcglobal.net))

## Trivia Night

Our recent *Trivia Night* was a complete success! Everyone had fun and the school benefited \$5,540. Thank you to Beth Christoffel and her amazing committee of volunteers who worked so hard on putting on a great fundraiser for the school.



## Called to Serve

There will be a training for those interested in being altar server on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the church. Anyone in grades 5 and above is welcome to join. One parent is asked to attend with their child. Please contact the Parish Center at 630-897-1194 and leave your contact information. If you cannot attend on that date, please let them know so another training can be scheduled at a later date. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord as an altar server.





## The Wheels on the Bus

If your child will be getting off at a bus stop that is not their regular stop, an email needs to be sent to the transportation department ([mbecker@sd129.org](mailto:mbecker@sd129.org)). Bus drivers cannot release students except at their scheduled stops. Please follow this up with a note/email to your child's teacher so that we are also aware of the change.

## Blue Mass

Holy Angels will honor and bless public safety officers (police, fire, correctional officers, 911 operators, and EMS) at a Blue Mass on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM. This Mass is an opportunity for the community to pray and to show gratitude to first responders and their families. It is especially important to our community in light of the Pratt incident that happened last February. I hope that your family will be able to attend to show our gratitude and continued support for these brave men and women.

## Class of 2024

On October 28, 6:30-8:00 PM, Immanuel Lutheran School 950 Hart Road, Batavia) is hosting a *High School Open House*. Much like a college fair, they have invited area high schools, both public and private, to come exhibit for the evening to highlight their school programs, activities, and other pertinent admissions information. This event is open to the public and especially the middle school students of our school.

In addition to the school booths, there will also be a table with entrance essay writing strategies, tips on how to get noticed by the high school of their choice and more. This event will be a great resource for both students and parents. Aurora Central Catholic, Rosary, Marmion, and West Aurora are among the schools that will be available to answer any questions you may have about high school.

## Better Than a Pot of Gold

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 discounted tickets are \$75 per person.

Go to <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM20> to purchase your tickets and become a sponsor. Information came home about *Sign Up Parties* and other opportunities to help our school. Please consider hosting a *Sign Up Party*. The students really love these opportunities to socialize and have fun together.

Your early bird purchase could win you a day of pampering. Early bird ticket buyers will be entered into a drawing to win a coveted "Belle of the Ball" basket that is now valued at over \$300 for a day of pampering. Included in the basket is a gift card for a massage or facial, fashion accessories, hair style, and nail service along with an Uber ride.

## Family Bingo

The Home & School Association is kindly asking for donations of gently used toys, games, and books to use as prizes for our Family Bingo Night which will take place on Friday, October 25. There will be two collection boxes, one by the front office and one by the library entrance. Thank you in advance for supporting our Family Bingo Night.

## Amazon Smile

Support Holy Angels when you shop at Amazon.com! Amazon Smile will give 0.5% of your eligible Amazon purchases back to Holy Angels when you choose Holy Angels as your AmazonSmile charity. To get started, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). In the search bar, type *Holy Angels Church Aurora* and click *Select* next to the *Holy Angels Church Aurora* option. The parish and school share the same tax ID which is why our AmazonSmile account is set up under the church's name. The parish has agreed to earmark all AmazonSmile proceeds specifically for the school. Existing [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) users can change their charity selection, simply by clicking the down-arrow next to the current charity, and then clicking "Change".

**So every time you shop at Amazon, be sure to start at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)** because Holy Angels will NOT get a percentage of an Amazon purchase unless you start at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Contact Tricia Heinle at [tricia.heinle@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia.heinle@yahoo.com) or (630) 330-8222 with questions. Thanks as always for your support!

## American Bravery

The students at Holy Angels are preparing a special Veterans Day program to recognize the contributions that veterans have made to our country. This ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Mates Fieldhouse (gym.)

We wish to extend a special invitation to the veterans who are family members of our students. If any veterans in your family would like to attend our program, please feel free to have them wear his/her uniform to the program.

In addition, we would like to also include any pictures of family members who have served in the armed forces in a short video presentation. ALL PICTURES MUST BE IN A DIGITAL FORMAT (any photos previously used will need to be resubmitted for this year video presentation.) Please e-mail [sgurbal@holyyangelsschool.net](mailto:sgurbal@holyyangelsschool.net) names and branches of service so we can include them, by November 1, 2019. Unfortunately, we cannot honor late requests.

Your participation is greatly appreciated and welcomed, as is your service to this great country. Thank you in advance.

## An Apple for the Teacher

This week I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our intermediate teachers: Mrs. Stanislo, Mrs. Conover, Mrs. Kuehl, Mr. Kass, Mrs. Bikun, and Ms. Gentile. You listen and truly care about kids. You empower them by igniting their passions, and you help them achieve their big dreams. Each and every day you model patience, honesty, courage, perseverance, wisdom, responsibility, generosity, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Thank you for everything you do to that makes Holy Angels such a great place to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord!"

## Next Week at a Glance

**Monday - No School**

**Tuesday - Vision & Hearing Screening**

**Wednesday - Vision & Hearing Screening**

**Thursday -**

**Friday - Mass 8:15**

**School Store Open K-5**

**Junior High Dance 2:45-4:45**

## Common Catholic Questions

### What's different about the Catholic Bible?

The Catholic Bible has been the same for nearly 2,000 years. We use the same set of Old Testament books as Jesus and the Apostles used. But Protestant reformers rejected some of those original books in the 1500s, creating a Protestant Bible.

The accepted list of books in the Bible is called the “canon.” The canon of the Old Testament books of the Catholic Bible is based on history. At the time of Jesus, there was no official canon of the books of the Old Testament. The process of defining that canon was not yet complete, and there were a few different collections of Scripture in circulation among the Jews. The two most widely accepted collections of Old Testament writings during Jesus’ time were:

The **Septuagint** was a Greek translation of the Old Testament. It contained 46 books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, the Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi.

Another collection of the Old Testament in Hebrew contained just 39 books. It omits Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Baruch, and 1 and 2 Maccabees. It also omits chapters 10-16 of Esther, and three sections of Daniel: Daniel 3:24-90, Daniel 13, and Daniel 14. These books & chapters are called the **deuterocanonical** books, meaning “second canon.” Jesus and his Apostles knew and used the Septuagint most heavily. The authors of the New Testament’s books also quoted directly from the Septuagint most of the time, since this version was the most commonly used in the early Church.

Precisely because the Septuagint was the version most used and accepted by Jesus and the Apostles, the Catholic Church uses the Septuagint’s canon of Old Testament books in the Roman Catholic Bible.

Soon after Jesus's death, a number of books and letters circulated that claimed to contain the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. In the early Church, it fell to the bishops, as successors of the Apostles, to determine which books accurately contained the true teachings. In fact, all of the New Testament books of the Catholic Bible were selected because the Church's bishops agreed that those books alone were divinely inspired, accurate teachers of the true faith received from Jesus and the Apostles.

Some of the books and letters quickly gained acceptance as being faithful, accurate, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The bishops quickly rejected other books circulating at the time because they contained obvious fabrications and inaccuracies.

A few books continued to be debated for some time. Although ultimately accepted into the canon of Scripture, these are also called deuterocanonical because they were accepted later (although written at the same time as the other canonical books). The deuterocanonical books of the New Testament are: Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, Jude, and Revelation (the Apocalypse).

Additionally, some parts of the Gospels are deuterocanonical because they weren't in all early manuscripts, and so were debated for longer than the rest of the Gospel sections. These are: Mark 16:19-20, Luke 22:43-44, John 5:4, and John 8:1-11.

Catholics hold that all of the books of the Catholic Bible — both Old and New Testament, both the deuterocanonical and "protocanonical" ones (first canon) — are the divinely inspired Word of God.

This is the full list of the New Testament books of the Catholic Bible:

- The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- The Acts of the Apostles
- The Letters of St. Paul to the Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon
- The Letter to the Hebrews, the Letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, and Jude
- Revelation (the Apocalypse).

It took a few hundred years to complete this process of officially defining the Christian canon of both the Old and Testament. During that time, the bishops discussed and debated the matter with each other to determine whether the deuterocanonical texts accurately reflected the teachings of Christ, and whether they contained the inspired Word of God. Although there was no official canon during this early period in the Church, the vast majority of the the books of the Catholic Bible were already recognized as being authentic Scripture.

The Church, through its bishops, verified and defined the canon of the Bible. In fact, Catholics see this as an outstanding illustration of the Catholic teaching that the Holy Spirit actively leads and guides the bishops of the Church in a special way: we can rely on the accuracy of the Bible only to the extent that we can rely on the divine guidance of the Church. Pope Damasus I gathered a representation of bishops from the Christian world (called a synod) in 382 A.D. to define the canon of Scripture for the whole Church. This canon was ratified by numerous other Popes, synods, and Church Councils. That canon is what we use today — all the books of the Catholic Bible.

([beginningCatholic.com](http://beginningCatholic.com))

*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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