

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Picnic Meeting

There will be a brief meeting on Wednesday, May 2 at 1:45 PM for room parents helping the day of the picnic. If you have prior experience with the picnic, you need not attend. All important information pertaining to the picnic will be sent via your child's backpack.

The committee is looking for face painters for the day of the picnic. If you would love to volunteer for this, please contact Cristy Dillon at cristindillon@gmail.com.

Bingo!

Glow Bingo will be held tomorrow from 6:00-7:30. For any questions, please contact Denise Villalpando at dmgriffin4@aol.com.

Calendar Change

The final junior high dance has been changed from May 4 to May 18 from 6:30-8:30. Permission slips will be coming home soon.



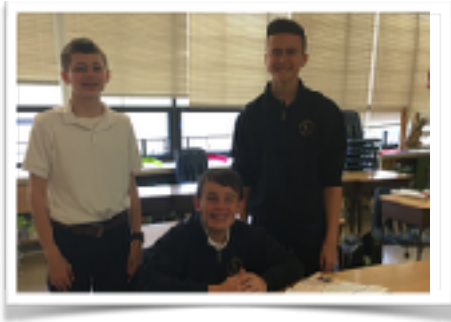
Celebration of Faith

The Class of 2018 has been busy preparing for May Crowning which will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at 1:30 at the Grotto. The weather is supposed to be beautiful so please join us for recitation of the holy Rosary to honor our mother, Mary.

Fun, Food, and Bar-B-Q

Home & School will be sponsoring 5B's Barbecue of pork chops and chicken dinners on May 1. If you've never tried 5B's, their food is delicious! Pickup will be from 4:30-6:30 in the front of the school. Walk-ins are welcome.





Cougars Night

Mark your calendar for this year's *Kane County Cougars Outing!* This year it is on Thursday, June 7. Our wonderful choir will open the festivities by singing the National Anthem on the field, and we have booked another "Thirsty Thursday" which means all beverages and hotdogs are \$1 each - what a bargain! The evening commences with an awesome Cougars fireworks display and the kids can run the bases. Tickets are only \$10 each (children under 2 are admitted free) and this fundraiser helps defray two of our reading program subscriptions. Order forms will be coming home soon, so watch for this in your student's backpack.

8th Grade Banquet

The Banquet Committee is looking for response cards to help with planning of this special evening. Please be sure to send these to the office by May 1.

St. Anne's Scholarship

Forms came home this week for 8th graders. Please check backpacks. They are due back May 8.

A Mother's Love

Mother's Day *Nothing but Bundt Cakes* sales are back! Home & School will be sending home order forms today if you'd like to order these cakes for Mother's Day. Cakes will be sent home with students on Friday, May 11 with an option to pick them up between 2:00-2:30. Cakes are \$5 each. For questions, please contact Megan Swiatek at megswiatek@comcast.net.

Tee Time!

Finally, the weather seems to be cooperating with us! The Holy Angels Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, May 18. It will be held at Bliss Creek starting at 1:00. The organizers would love to see many of you golfing to benefit both church worship and school enhancements. Sponsorships are available for \$250 for a hole sponsor and \$100 to sponsor a priest. Checks can be sent to the office (please mark it to the attention of the **Parish Center**) or sent directly to Andy Stanislo, 2341 Tanglewood Drive, Aurora, IL 60506.

Please take the time to fill out the attached form to let the committee know who will be playing in your foursome. Don't have foursome? No worries, the committee will pair you up with others who also want to play.

Financial Aid Available

As hard as we try to make Catholic education affordable, it can still be a sacrifice to make it happen. That is why the church sets aside funds for financial aid. So regardless of your place in line for potential scholarships available through *Empower Illinois*, please consider applying for financial aid through the school. While we can't guarantee that everyone who applies will get money, we can certainly guarantee that no funds will be awarded if you don't apply. To apply for assistance please go to www.cts-tuition.com/services/tuition-assistance.html. We will accept paperwork until May 15.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday-

Tuesday - May Crowning 1:30 Grotto

5B's Barbecue 4:30-6:30

Wednesday - Picnic Meeting 1:45

Thursday - *Mrs. Deb Wagner Day - Celebrating 35 Faithful Years of Service to Holy Angels*

Friday - Mass 8:15

Hot Dog Day

Saturday - First Communion 11:00

Bringing Home the Faith

In the Catholic faith there are different devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are important to the believers and the Church encourages them. The Marian prayers and the liturgical feasts dedicated to Mary the Mother of God are ample proofs of the universality of these devotions. The word 'May' is often considered a form of Mary though the name of the month comes from the Latin 'Maia' referring to the Roman goddess of grain.

Special devotions to Mary in May date back to the time of St. Philip Neri who died in 1595. He began a custom of decorating the statue of the Blessed Mother with spring flowers in early May. Annibale Dionisi, an Italian Jesuit proposed devotions to Mary throughout the entire month of May.

Just like many other traditions and customs, the Church incorporated the pre-Christian May celebrations and gave them a Christian dimension. The people of ancient Rome celebrated the first day of May by honoring Flora, the goddess of flowers. She was represented by a small statue wreathed in flowers. Later, a procession of singers and dancers carrying the statue developed. Soon festivals of this kind began to spread to other parts of Europe, especially England. Dances around a flower-decked May pole and choosing of a May queen were added to the festivities.

The month of May began to be celebrated in honor of Mary in the sixteenth century with similar types of festivities including floral tributes, processions and crowning of the statue. Soon it spread all over the world. In the United States May procession and May crowning became current prior to the Second Vatican Council. The practice continues in parishes and schools where a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of fresh blossoms to indicate the virtues of Mary. A procession around the church with the decorated statue of the Blessed Mother is common. May crowning ceremony often takes place at a public parish celebration. Mary is celebrated as a queen because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ and the absolute 'crown' of creation.

(Fr Xavier Thelakkatt)

*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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