

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Santa Shop

The *Santa Shop* has become a wonderful Christmas tradition for our younger students (grades PK-5) to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Students can preview the gift selection on December 10 and purchase gifts from December 11-13. Flyers will be sent home on December 5. Please contact Myra Michels (myrarn15@comcast.net) for more information.

Used Uniforms

There is an upcoming used uniform sale. HSA will be selling uniforms from 1-7 PM on both days of conferences. Feel free to send in any uniform donations to the office. Thank you.

Schoolbelles Sale

Schoolbelles gym wear will be on sale for 30% off on November 24 (online only.) Shop online www.schoolbelles.com.



All Booked Up

Our annual *Book Fair* is an awesome opportunity to buy books and support our school too. While fundraising is a definite benefit to holding a *Book Fair* (we receive a percentage of all *Fair* sales) so is uniting kids with good literature and bringing our families together in honor of that mission. Fairs also provide parents with the chance to engage their kids' passions by purchasing books from their book wish lists. Parents may purchase books during conferences on Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26 from 1 - 7 PM.



Qualifying Scholarship

All three area Catholic high schools will be hosting their entrance/qualifying scholarship exams on Saturday, December 7. ACC's and Rosary's test begins at 8 AM. Marmion's begins at 9 AM. Students must preregister for this test through the school's website.

Seraphim Spotlight

Congratulations to Robin Riley who was our *Belle of the Ball* winner! Tickets are still available for our ball.

Please go to <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM20> or stop in the school office today to purchase your tickets.

The first *Fun'd the Need* event will be held tomorrow from 3-9 PM at Chuck E. Cheese in Batavia. Please join us for some family fun!

Lost & Found

Please take a look at the found items we will have displayed in the lobby during conferences. We would love for them to go home to their rightful owners.

Empowering God's Children

Lessons for Empowering God's Children will begin on Monday. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate, please return the opt-out form. The deadline is tomorrow.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Both days are half days of attendance and there is no bus service home on either day. Please be prompt for your conference. Conferences are only ten minutes in length and the teachers have a very tight schedule to meet with all parents.

Monday, November 25 is also the date that my husband is having hip replacement surgery. As a principal, I know how vitally important these two days of conferences are and while I'm sure you understand, I deeply regret that I cannot be here to meet with any of you. However, Mrs. Panizzi will be here in my absence if anything comes up.

Making Spirits Bright

A holiday tradition of our Home & School Association is to sponsor a Christmas collection for our faculty and staff. Teachers don't make a lot of money teaching in a Catholic school so it has become a tangible way for families to show their appreciation for their efforts. Our collection will begin on Monday. Please feel free to make a monetary donation in the lobby while you are here for conferences. The collection runs through Monday, December 16. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tutoring Opportunity

Aurora University provides a tutoring program specifically designed for students in grades one through twelve who have difficulties in the areas of reading and/or writing. Tutoring takes place on the Aurora University campus at **no cost** to families. The program runs from mid-January to the end of April. Tutoring is held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM.

Individuals who provide tutoring are enrolled in graduate studies at Aurora University and have had multiple classes related to instructional methods that are appropriate for students that struggle in reading and/or writing.

Please call Pamela Garriott at 812-396-8707 if you are interested in having your child attend this one-on-one tutoring opportunity. There is an application for admission that we have in the office if interested.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday - Early Dismissal 11:30 No Bus Service Home

Conferences 1-7 PM

Tuesday - Early Dismissal 11:30 No Bus Service Home

Conferences 1-7 PM

Wednesday - No School

Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday - No School

Common Catholic Questions

What is Advent?

Advent can come as a surprise to us sometimes, beginning right after the busy Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. It's not unlike the surprise of Mary when she received news that she was pregnant with Jesus. Like her, we take the season of Advent as a time for pause, reflection, and preparation for the gift of God's love coming to us through the baby Jesus.

History of Advent

The historic origin of Advent is not for certain; no evidence exists around the feast of the Nativity of the Lord before the end of the fourth century.

Several homilies and synods made mention of a specific liturgical time before Christmas, but no rule existed until a note on the Mass parts appeared during the time of Pope St. Gregory VII from 1073-1085.

Much like a Lenten period of fasting and sacrifice, the early Church urged Christians to dedicate this time to readying themselves for Christ. Their practices remind us that we are also called to be attentive to the message of repentance and the end times. This may seem unexpected considering the extravagant ways we eat, shop, celebrate, and rejoice as Christmas approaches!

Advent Traditions

The four weeks of Advent are popularly considered to symbolize the four thousand years of darkness before the coming of Christ. We set up Nativity scenes, light Advent candles, and decorate wreaths in our homes to signify Christ's presence coming in the darkness of sin and suffering. Four candles adorn an Advent wreath, one for each week. A fifth candle is sometimes placed in the center for the beginning of the Christmas season.

Advent colors are worn by the priests and deacons and decorate the church. They are represented in the candles that surround the Advent wreath:

Violet: royalty, repentance, and fasting (First, Second, and Fourth Week of Advent)

Rose: abundant joy (Third Week of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, joy in Latin)

White: light and purity (Christ Candle, center candle completes the season and begins Christmas)

Scripture and Prayers for Advent

During Advent there are three prevalent themes we see as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ. We long for the Messiah, are urged to be alert for Jesus' Second Coming, and meditate on Christ's presence in our lives now. The Scripture readings for the four weeks of Advent and the Liturgy of the Hours revolve around the first two of these themes. They encourage proper preparation, point to the grace and humility of Mary, show us how to adore God in the Incarnation, and recognize the glory of Jesus and how he frees us from sin and ingratitude. We hear from the prophet Isaiah and are drawn to the compelling message of John the Baptist in the Gospels.

It is important to consider how we can grow in spiritual wholeness during such a busy commercial season. Take time for silence and reflection each day with Scripture, a devotional prayer, or with an Advent calendar. Dwell with the scene of the Nativity. What is it like to imagine the journey of Mary and Joseph and to be with them as the baby Jesus comes into the world? St. Ignatius of Loyola had a deep reverence for the Nativity scene, as we see in the Spiritual Exercises. Consider praying with saints like him, with the Liturgy of the Hours, or with the O Antiphons the last week before Christmas. A prayerful journey with the Holy Family and the Church throughout Advent will lead to gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas Season. (loyolapress.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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