

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Summer Slide

To prevent the “summer slide,” students must read books over the summer as well as practice their math facts. Book reports are due on the first day of school. The requirements and book report forms are found on our website under Enrichment and then Summer Enrichment. Also please remember to practice those math facts!

## Upcoming School Year

Fee Days are scheduled for Monday, August 5 from 8 AM - 11 AM and 4 PM - 6 PM and again on Tuesday, August 6 from 4 PM - 6 PM.

*Meet Your Teacher* is scheduled for Monday, August 19 from 4 PM - 6 PM. Students are encouraged to bring in their school supplies on this day. The *New Parent Meeting* will be held at 6 PM on Monday, August 19. In addition, incoming sixth grade parents are invited to attend a *New Middle Schooler Meeting* on Monday, August 19 at 6 PM.



## Pomp and Circumstance

Congratulations to our Class of 2019! On Sunday, May 26, Holy Angels promoted sixty 8th graders to high school. They are a bright group of kids who will do great things in their future. In fact, Holy Angels students earned the top five scores from all the incoming freshmen on the placement exam given at Aurora Central! We wish them well in their next adventure.

## Called to Serve

For experienced altar servers who would be willing to learn to serve funerals and to do incense, there will be training on Monday





## Summer Hours

The school office will be open all summer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 AM - 12 PM. It will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for the holiday.

## School Supplies

School supply lists are found on our website under *Parent Information*. Look for the updated list to be posted in early July just in time for the back to school sales!

## Turning the Page

Summer's Here

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Another year of school is at an end.

We've learned a lot and grown a lot

and made a lot of friends.

We'll say goodbye,  
now summer's here,  
it's time for us to part.

But we'll remember all our  
friends

and keep them in our hearts.

-Helen H. Moore

night, June 10 at 6:30 PM in the church. If you are interested, please call the Parish Center at 630-897-1194 and leave your contact information. If you are unable to make that date, please let the Parish Center know and they can reschedule for you.

If you are interested in becoming a new altar server, training is scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 9 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. This is open to all those entering fifth grade and above in the fall. There will more information forthcoming in the church bulletin.

## Go Thunder!

Registration for fall sports (football, soccer, and volleyball) continues. Access the registration portal through our website ([www.holyangelsschool.net](http://www.holyangelsschool.net)). Please complete the registration process as soon as possible to help us in our scheduling of games for the upcoming year.

If you are planning for your daughter to participate in cheerleading, they meet over the summer so it is imperative that you register her as soon as possible.

## New 2019 Church Directory

Please schedule your photo session for our new church directory. This can be done online through the church's website [www.holyangels.org](http://www.holyangels.org). There will also be a sign up beginning June 1 after all Masses in the Narthex.

## *Bringing Home the Faith*

### **Make the Faith Alive This Summer**

As temperatures rise and schools close down for the summer, life can change dramatically. We move from the routines and schedules of the school year to the excitement of summer, and it can be easy to lose the prayer routines and rituals of the past several months. While many parishes host wonderful Vacation Bible School (or similar) programs, these events typically last just a week or two. Not only that, but they often focus on the children, and not on families. While it's good to present faith opportunities to our children, it is extremely important to bring our families closer to God. Here are some simple ways we can do this:

## **1. Incorporate prayer throughout the day**

Prayer does not have to be restricted to mealtimes and the evening; there are numerous ways to bring prayer into your day. For example, you can say a quick prayer as a family in the morning before everyone heads off to his or her activities for the day. You can pray the Angelus together. You can read a short passage from Scripture during lunch or dinner. You can pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. Particularly if you have older kids, you can learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours together.

## **2. Create a prayerful environment in your home**

Does your home reflect your faith? Are prayer materials easily accessible in your home? If not, this summer could be a great opportunity to make the Faith more physically present in your home. We don't need anything elaborate, but even just placing simple pieces of sacred art around the home or in a "prayer corner" is a fantastic way to center your day and family life on God. We can also place Bibles and Rosaries in a convenient location, to help encourage prayer. [The Little Oratory](#) by David Clayton and Leila Lawler has some wonderful ideas on ways to incorporate the Faith into your home.

## **3. Visit Jesus in Adoration**

When was the last time you visited the Adoration Chapel? When was the last time you went to Adoration as a family? If it's been a while, this summer would be a wonderful time to visit Jesus together. If you are worried about your kids being too noisy and rambunctious during this time of prayer, try to find a local children's Adoration hour. These types of hours are specifically geared towards young children, and involve vocal prayer, songs, and guided times of silence. If your diocese does not offer these types of events, then start one yourself! The Community of St. John has some wonderful resources to help you do this.

## **4. Go on a pilgrimage together**

Pilgrimages have a long and rich history in the Catholic Church. For many centuries, men and women have prayerfully traveled to holy sites across the world. Although we often think of pilgrimages involving long, often international, journeys, we can certainly make pilgrimages no matter what our budget or travel restrictions may be. [The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy](#), by the Congregation for Divine Worship, states that, among other things, "a pilgrim goes to a shrine to encounter God, to be in His presence, and to offer Him adoration in worship, and to open his heart to Him." Even a journey to a shrine the next town over can be a deeply prayerful, transformative experience! Look around your local area to discover what kinds of Catholic sites are available to visit. There are many good pilgrimage locations throughout the world, some of which are noted at *100 Catholic Pilgrimage Sites and Catholic Shrines, Pilgrimage Sites, and Places of Interest in the USA*.

We belong to a vibrant Church, and it's important to cultivate a growing spiritual life for ourselves and our families. There are numerous ways we can go about this; the four ways listed here are just the tip of the iceberg!

[www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.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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