



# Holy Angels Messenger

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A Newsletter Publication for Holy Angels School Alumni and Friends to share school activities, programs and events.

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## Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

Congratulations and best wishes. We hope your days at Holy Angels have prepared and inspired you to be the best that you can be. Treasure your memories of your grade school days and look to the future with the inspiration to do something remarkable.

- Luke Altschwager
- Zachary Biermann
- Julia Brigowatz
- Tanner Bury
- Roman Frey
- Kenneth Holbrook
- Leanne Howell
- Jordan Lambert
- Molly Logan
- Caitlyn Lopacinski
- Samuel Michels
- Rebecca Minz
- Leah Peters
- Andrew Propper

- Drew Rettler
- Melissa Rinn
- Abigail Rychtik
- Colin Sauter
- Hannah Sepich
- Brodrick Slaughenhoup
- Kali Steilen
- Ethan Tennies
- Molly Waech
- Emily Wagner
- Mitchell Welker
- Brian Wendelborn
- Jaymes Wenzlaff



## Dates to Remember

### May

30  
Memorial Day

31  
3K and 4K  
Last Days of School

### June

1  
3K and 4K  
Last Days of School

3  
Graduation Day  
Breakfast

Assembly

Liturgy

Diplomas

6  
Olympic Day  
Rain or Shine  
Beginning at 9:30am

7  
Closing Mass  
8:15am

Thanks-A-Brunch

Last School Day  
10:15am dismissal

8  
Faculty In-service  
No School

10-12  
HA Parish  
"Festival of  
Angles"

# Greetings

## Greetings...

The end of another school year is upon us and the Festival of Angels announces the start of summer vacation (at least for the students). It's been a good year here at Holy Angels School. We completed our work on the once-every-seven-years accreditation team visit. Although the team was thoroughly impressed with our school, we've made some plans for improvements in order to make our school even better. I'll be putting some details on those plans over the summer.

Our associate pastor Fr. Nate has been assigned to lead the faith community at Cabrini and we'll miss his presence here at HAS. Fr. Jerry continues to provide us with wisdom, inspiration and leadership.

The Stehling Project has provided some wonderful opportunities at Holy Angels over the past several years. The funding this year has allowed our students to experience the Lynden Sculpture Garden (formerly known as the private Bradley Sculpture Garden) in a very unique way. A docent spent time with each of the grades here at school presenting information about a variety of art forms including sculpture and abstract art. This was followed by an opportunity for students to tour the sculpture garden and then have studio time at LSG. Unfortunately, the terrible spring weather dampened the experience for some of the classes (there was one glorious sun-filled day!).

As I've been reading through this year's parent survey, I can't help but reflect on the importance of faith in the life of our community. Our parents greatly value the day-to-day living of our Gospel calling. In addition, it's remarkable how many parents appreciate the exposure to world languages which is unique to our school. One can't help but wonder about what the global future will be for our present students. The Stehling Project is also supporting the Chinese curriculum.

Finally, we're looking into expanding the use of technology as an educational tool. Although there are SMARTBoards in every instructional area (thanks to the Stehling Project), the use of iPads for individualizing instruction has some additional potential for our Resource Learning Centers. The verdict is still out on replacing textbooks with iPads so we're being a bit cautious in that area, but for small groups working with the RLC staff, there are many great applications.

The face of education keeps changing. The concern most mentioned by parents is affordability which then relates to enrollment and class sizes. We continue to look for ways to be as cost-effective as possible while meeting the needs of all who want to enroll in our school. We're graduating a small class of 27 students this year. However, our parish census indicates that there is the likelihood of small classes entering our school over the next few years. In all, we have been blessed by a supportive community and we're extremely grateful!



Those who have read my letters in the past are probably waiting for the latest family info so here it is...Linda and I are continuing to re-do our house. After the siding and windows, we've moved to the inside where second floor wallpaper and plaster is being replaced by drywall and "Santa Fe knockdown" (I've had lots of fun with that!). We're going to keep progressing through the house, including the kitchen (which was designed by HA students in one of my math classes...anyone remember whose plan was used?). I'm playing softball again after a year off for shoulder surgery and we've got a Cousins Subs team...it actually has eight cousins and three uncles (and a few subs) on the team and we really are sponsored by Cousins Subs! I get to still play ball with Matt, Luke and John. Mark, however, is busy up in Green Bay building a new home. In July, the whole gang (all 15 of us) will be heading to Rocky Mountain National Park for some camping, hiking and just having fun together!

Unless I fall off a mountaintop somewhere, I look forward to another school year in fall and the opportunity to share in the journey of growth with another 350 students and a terrific staff! Enjoy your summer!

Peace be with you,

-Mike Sternig



## Junior High Retreat

The junior high concluded the 2010-11 school year by spending a day of retreat. The sixth graders visited two important locations in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The students started the day with a tour of St. Josaphat's Basilica. They also toured the Mother Church of the archdiocese, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The cathedra, or chair of the archbishop, is located in the cathedral. They then joined the faith community of Old St. Mary's in downtown Milwaukee for noon Mass.

Seventh graders travelled to a famous and important religious site in the area, Holy Hill. They followed the Stations of the Cross from the base of the hill to the church at the top. The seventh graders also collected the prayers from our school's Prayer Board and offered them at the Prayer Chapel. The church was recently designated as a basilica.

The TYME-OUT Center was again the location for the graduation retreat for the eighth graders.

The graduates spent the day reflecting on their past years at Holy Angels and their future as they enter high school.



# Festival of Angels

**June 10th, 11th & 12th**

A fun and enjoyable weekend is planned for all. Join us as we celebrate another year.

## Free Entertainment & Admission

<b>Friday</b>	5:00pm - ?	Fish Fry Baskets (Baked also available)
	7:30pm - 11:30pm	"Badd Habit"
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	Bingo
	7:30pm - 11:30pm	"The Crisis"
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00am	Polka Mass
	11:30am - 2:00pm	Chicken Dinner
	12:30pm - 4:30pm	"Mike Schneider Band"
	12:30pm	Bingo
	2:00pm	"Nick's Kids"
	5:00pm - 9:00pm	"John Roehl Orchestra"
	8:00pm	Raffle Drawing



## Silent Auction all weekend

**Raffle Drawings 8pm Sunday (Over \$5,000 in Cash Prizes - Plus many other prizes)**

## Tip Top Rides and Attractions

Reduced Ticket Prices at:  
West Bend M&I Bank  
Piggly Wiggly  
Tennies Hardware.



Discount Wristband Days  
Saturday (1pm - 6pm) and  
Sunday (Noon - 5pm)

## Chess Champs

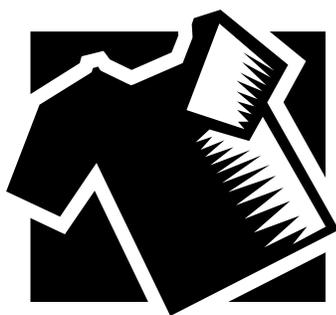
When the dust settled, the laptop timers logged off, and the spilled pieces of the preliminary rounds gathered, this year's chess championship saw a familiar finalist Kyle Wilde take on eighth grader Kenny Holbrook. Each player won their pool play to meet for this year's title. Battling the experience of his opponent, Holbrook was able to make a unforeseen move with his castle which put Wilde in checkmate to capture this year's Grand Master title.

Other participants in the Master's Division included: Connor Hoppe, Brady Backhaus, Andy Yenter, Chase Salinen, Cooper Holbrook, Michael Frey, Shawn Sworske, Liesel Myers, and Brandon Miller.

Novice Division participants included: Kate Davies, Joey Zimmer, Jacob Rausch, Mattie Zautner, Nate Jamieson, Dominic Walker, Matthew Ruppinger, Ty Stanek, Meghan MacFarlane, Aidan Schmidt, and Sam Stanek .



## Rummage for Fun and Funds



The second annual Holy Angels Spring Rummage Sale was another huge success on many levels.

First...there were so many donations of items that one could just imagine all of the empty spaces created in the city of West Bend. The Walnut and Cedar Rooms were both filled with a wide assortment of goods. Second...many school parents, parish members and high school youth got involved in the project with many new acquaintances established. Third...the line down the block at 8:00am was a sure indicator that the community was eager for a major spring rummage sale.

You can see pictures on the school website...E-News. Fourth, the event generated over \$6000 for instructional materials (patrons even commented on the wonderful prices). And fifth, there were only a couple of carts of items left over to send to St. Vincent de Paul for further sale.

Lots of donations, lots of help, lots of really good deals...THANKS to all who made it possible. A special thank you to Nancy Monday who originated the idea last year and continued to coordinate the event this year!

## Alumni News

### **Mary (Becker) Barker ('73)**

Mary came back to West Bend in February of 2000, and moved into her childhood home on 8th Ave. She helped care for her widowed mother, and then later for her aunt (both of whom have passed away). She is surrounded by memories since being back in West Bend, and making new memories. "Who remembers my dad coming to class to take movies of everyone? Every Year!" She is now the "keeper" of the movies. Mary is married to Bruce and have a blended family of children.

### **Tami Faehling - Slayton ('79)**

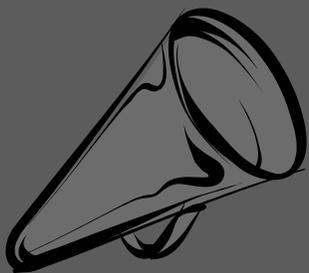
Tami is currently employed by the WB School District. She is a school counselor at McLane Elementary School (And Loving It!). All of her nieces and nephews attend Holy Angels. She and her husband, Jim, reside in West Bend. She has two children; Emily (18) and Austin (15).

### **Andrea Bork ('84)**

Since graduating from St. Norbert in 1992, she has been working in the non-profit field as a fundraising professional. In 2006 she became an independent consultant to non-profits, and work with clients to help them raise funds in support of their missions. Since the birth of her son, Soren, in June, 2009, she has been working part time, and loves the balance of time with her little bundle of joy and time working with her clients on the important work they do for the community. She still comes home to West Bend, and loves seeing and keeping in touch with her HAS Classmates. No matter how long it has been, your classmates from HAS know you from way back when, and there will always be a special connection to those special people and our special school. Andrea is married to Steven Andersen.

### **We would love to hear from you.....**

What have you been doing lately? Where are you residing? Please tell us about you, your families, occupations, travels, and interests. Fill out the form on the back of the Holy Angels Messenger or email your information to [hamesseenger@gmail.com](mailto:hamesseenger@gmail.com). Keep the information coming.



# Attention HA Class of 1981

## HA Class of 1981 - 30th Class Reunion planning underway

The HA Class of 1981 is currently planning their 30th class reunion for Saturday, August 20th, 2011.

For more details, please contact Steve Volkert at 920-410-7838

# Attention All Holy Angels Alumni

The Holy Angels Alumni Committee is looking for help in updating our alumni database. We are in need of people to serve as “class representatives” to provide us with addresses and updates for each graduating class. This is something that can be done from your computer, so you don’t have to be living in West Bend in order to help. Please contact Pam (Felix) Bollen if you are interested in getting involved: [pfelixbollen@yahoo.com](mailto:pfelixbollen@yahoo.com)

# Jeff Walters Joins Junior High

We’d like to welcome Mr. Jeff Walters to Holy Angels. Mr. Walters is a student at Cardinal Stritch University and has joined the junior high staff for his student teaching experience. He is currently teaching eighth grade literature and sixth grade language arts. He will soon add eighth grade language arts to his class load. He’s returning to Cardinal Stritch for his second degree, this time in education. Students are enjoying a new teacher and we’re excited to help him prepare for a new career!

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## Holy Angels School Alumni Update

*What have you been up to lately? We'd love to hear about your families, occupations, travels and interests.*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street address, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Here's what I've been up to: \_\_\_\_\_

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