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By our Works... We Show our Faith

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Greetings!

The celebration of Easter marks an important point in the liturgical year. During Advent, we experienced the eager longing for the birth of the Messiah and the celebration of God-with-us. We have completed 40 days of reflecting on ways that we can better “show our faith” by what we do. And now we recall how Jesus gave himself completely as the Suffering Servant and how we are called to bring the New Life of Jesus to others as we take on the role of service, filled with the Spirit. The joyful message of Easter is that we don’t have to do it alone...we are a community that has been called to share our works in building God’s kingdom to the world. Most importantly, we know that God’s Spirit is truly with us every time we respond to our call to serve.

This year, we have been able to come together for our Seder Meal during the lunch hour. I am hopeful that your family will take time on Good Friday to either come to our parish liturgy or share some quiet time with your family. The Sacred Triduum (the passion, death and resurrection) is a special time for our faith community and people of faith throughout the world.

The celebration of Easter is truly a celebration of God’s great mercy. God doesn’t abandon us when we sin and do wrong. God continues to embrace us with love and calls us to redemption, providing mercy even before we seek forgiveness. I’m sure that there’s a lesson there for us as we live each day and encounter times when we need to be merciful toward others.

The third quarter has ended which means that we still have 25% of the school year left to see growth in “faith, knowledge, values and respect”. I’m sure that the spring weather (if it actually comes) will seduce students into the sense that “school’s out for summer”, but there is still a lot to accomplish. It’s a tough job for parents to try to keep their kids focused...we appreciate your efforts!

The annual election for positions on the Holy Angels School Committee will not take place as usual during April. This year, we did not receive enough nominations to fill the three positions through an election. According to Committee bylaws, in this situation, the principal appoints members with approval of the School Committee. This is sort of like appointing a Supreme Court justice with the advice and consent of the Senate, except it actually happens...I hope this isn’t politically incorrect.

Peter Winkler and Amy Dahlberg have accepted another two-year term on the Committee. I have appointed Kyle Zautner to serve one more year of a two-year term and she has accepted that appointment. I am grateful to those who serve of community on the School Committee by providing sage wisdom and advice regarding school matters from a parent point-of-view.

Finally, many thanks to all who did their part in making this year’s Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle another huge success! When I looked around at the event and saw the family-friendly atmosphere we have here, I wouldn’t trade it for the anything. I guess that’s one thing we really should be thankful for...we have been richly blessed by a sense of family and faith. It’s who we are...THANK YOU!

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

thanks for fish and gifts from the heart

This year's Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle enjoyed the blessings of sunny (but cool) weather and big crowds. The success of the entire evening is really a tribute to the efforts of many people who gave of their time and talent.

The Fish Fry served over 1100 dinners, including pasta and take-outs. The addition of wine, beer and soda was again well-received, especially when you could enjoy a cold one while in line! But the real stars



were the all-you-can eat cod, sides and dessert tables, and the huge dining area (add in the Wisconsin Badger basketball victory).

Special thanks to Tom and Chris Feldhusen for again chairing this year's Fish Fry Committee. Thanks also to Tracey Nowack and Annette Tighe (desserts), Beth Holbrook (dining room), Kara Guse and Jenifer Koebel (volunteer scheduling), Kyle Holbrook and Bill Waech (bartending), Ron Sturn and The Fry Guys and Hans Weber (graciously providing his secret fish recipe).

There were a lot of people who made everything work: those who prepared desserts; smiling dining room staff; ticket sellers; and kitchen

staff. Thanks to Kathy Staehler for behind-the-scenes support. And thanks to Jim Schmidt, Scott Helnes and the Maintenance Staff for the time and effort it took to set up the kitchen with fryers and dining area. We also appreciate the efforts of many high school students and HA students who helped in many ways during the night. Special thanks to Jeff's Spirits on Main for donated services for the bar. The fish fry made over \$5000 for our school.



This year's Gifts from the Heart Raffle offered well over 125 raffle items. The Silent Auction included a several autographed sports memorabilia which were generously donated by teams and through individual efforts. The Classroom Baskets provided a wonderful assortment of creative themes! One of the most popular items again this year was the half-year tuition which was provided by an anonymous family.

Thanks to the Gifts from the Heart Committee: Ross Zautner-Chairperson, Colleen Beisbier – Co Chair, Amy Barnes, Patti Heinen, Julie Barnett, Ingrid LaForest, Lisa Reichenberger, Kathryn Fisher Davies, Kara Guse, Melissa Haeney, Jenifer Koebel, Heidi Sternig, and Kyle Zautner.



We really appreciate the support from our printing sponsors Dupli-Quik Printing Service Inc. and Graphic Imaging, as well as from major sponsors/donors Bernie's Carpet Cleaning, Delta Defense LLC, JL Business Interiors, The Pagoda Fine Jewelry, SkyRun Copper Mountain Resort, and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company. Kudos to all of the Room Parents who worked at creating those special "gifts

from the heart" theme baskets for the Silent Auction.

Finally, a standing ovation for Ross Zautner, who also handled MC duties. The Gifts from the Heart Raffle topped last year and generated over \$15,000 for the Instructional Budget...WOW!!! A list of winners will be posted on the school website using the School Links to Fundraising.

We're also grateful for the entertainment which The Celtic Company again provided during this year's event. It was a great way to extend the celebration of St. Patty's Day!

student artists to display pieces

Holy Angels students recently displayed their artwork at the Holy Angels Fine Arts Evening. Several Holy Angels students will also have works entered into the Student Art Contest at the UW-Washington County Festival of Arts on Saturday, April 9th. The Winter Arts Festival will include art-themed seminars, a winter farmers market, beer and wine tasting, and more. The event runs from 10am until 4pm.

Holy Angels students with entries include: Caley Beimborn, Lola Chemer, Brooke Deppert, Kira Guse, Morgan Krause, Katelyn Matenaer, Ronnie Sadownikow, Kelsey Schommer, Hannah Schroeder, MiKenna Sterr, Elise Sturn, Megan Tennes, and McKenzie Zywicki.

registration for 2016-17; don't forget deposit

By now, parents should have received budget and re-registration information for the upcoming school year...if their contact person was doing the job! We have received most of the re-registration forms and are grateful for the prompt response from so many families. If you have not returned yours, please get it in as soon as possible. If you need forms because they never arrived at home or were misplaced somewhere among the busy-ness of life, please contact the school office right away.

The goal of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and the School Committee each year is to establish a tuition scale which will be affordable to parents seeking a Catholic education for their children while trying to provide a just wage for teachers and staff. The parish continues to provide substantial subsidies to accomplish these goals while the school makes the necessary changes in staffing and structure necessary to match the current parish demographics.

At Holy Angels, the full cost of education is decreased through parish general subsidies resulting in what is called a regular tuition. Families may also receive additional help in covering the cost of tuition through a number of other sources such as the School Trust Fund (for Holy Angels families).

As noted in the letter which accompanied the re-registration materials, there is a tuition increase of \$70 for a family with one child...that's about 3.0%. Other increases for multiple-child families are similar. The tuition for the two-day K3 will be \$1325, while the three-day K4 will be \$1850 (half-day) or \$3700 (full-day). Please note that the K3 and K4 programs are not subsidized by the parish. There will again be no increase in the Instructional Fee because of the continued success of our fund raising efforts.

In the past, the School Trust Fund and Family Tuition Assistance Fund have provided individual families with important financial aid. Parents are continually encouraged to apply for this additional assistance to help make ends meet .

Along with the tuition letter, parents received Re-Enrollment, Tuition Option and Financial Agreement forms for the 2016-17 school year. The April 15th deadline for the Re-registration Deposit is important because it provides the school with greater assurance of enrollment projection accuracy. It also allows parents to apply the \$100 Re-registration Deposit to next year's tuition and fees.

third quarter report and finances

The third quarter grading period ended last week and the Reports of Student Progress are being sent home with students on April 8th. Please remember to return the report card envelope.

In addition, parents have been receiving their child's Writing Portfolios. This is an opportunity to look at the progress being made in developing writing skills. As usual, a third quarter sample should be selected for the permanent portfolio and returned with the Writing Portfolio. Please remember to return these to school (if they haven't already been sent home and returned) as soon as possible.

Also with the report cards, contact persons should be bringing home copies of the Family Financial Record (as of March 24th). This is a reminder for families who have past due tuition payments to make a payment at this time. According to Family Handbook 3240.1, "a 10% surcharge may be added to all unpaid fees after the May 15th due date." If there an unforeseen financial need situation has developed, please contact principal Mike Sternig as soon as possible.

"testing: one, two, three" (rather 2, 3, 5, 7)

Students in grades 3, 5 and 7 will begin taking the Iowa Assessments (IA) which were formerly known as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT) beginning April 11th. Testing will continue through Friday, April 22nd. Students in grade 2 are taking a survey form of the IA which covers only the areas of reading, language, and math.

Holy Angels uses the test results to help evaluate instructional programs and as one of many forms of individual student assessment. With regard to curriculum, most areas are significantly higher than most schools across the country although some subtest results help to raise questions regarding scope and sequence or methodology. In general terms, last year's test scores indicated that Holy Angels students as a group are achieving above what would be expected for their ability.

To help students to do their best on the IA and CogAT, parents should encourage students to get plenty of sleep. A complete breakfast and adequate water intake can also help students to do their best, not just during standardized tests, but everyday!

we've got trouble in river city

Again this year, the seventh grade will be taking on leading roles for the spring performance. Music in our schools is very important, and the story of "The Music Man" emphasizes how music can enrich people's lives. The fourth, fifth and sixth grade will help tell the story as well as perform many of the wonderful musical selections from the show.

The story begins with a train traveling to Iowa as boys perform a rhythm song called "Rock Island" that talks about the life of a salesman and the no good swindler, Harold Hill, who is giving them all a bad name. Little do they know that this very man is aboard the train with them. He likes a challenge and stops off at the town of Rivercity to try out his con on the residents.

The Rivercity people of the town are a little wishy-washy. They may be your friend, or they may not. They let Harold know this, in the song "Iowa Stubborn" sung by the sixth grade. After running into his old conning buddy Marcellus, Harold convinces the town that they to form a children's band in order to keep them away from the pool hall, which will make them delinquents, or so he claims. It is here he meets the town's librarian and piano teacher, Marian.

Later at home, Marian and her mother talk about how she doesn't quite fit into this town. She mentions meeting a new man, but doesn't want to be friends. Marian's younger brother, Winthrop, enters the scene. He is terribly shy and doesn't talk much, because he suffers from a lisp.

The next day we find Harold riling up the citizens again at Mayor Shinn's July 4th exercises. He claims the children's band will solve all their worries. Harold then speaks to Marian, trying to win her over so his con will succeed.

With great anticipation, the children wait for the Wells Fargo Wagon to bring their instruments. . Marian sees how excited her brother is and that he is no longer shy. She thinks Harold Hill may actually be a good friend who has helped out this town. Charlie Conway enters and explains that Harold is a swindler that he has vowed to expose. Marian tries to stop him. She realizes that Harold is a good man, even if he doesn't know it.

At the Fourth of July festival, Charlie tries to get the town to turn against Harold, but Marian stops him and convinces the town, and Harold right along with them, that he is a good man who has done a lot of good for them. The story ends with the song "76 Trombones"

The 8th grade will be helping out with the cafe again this year. There will be cookies and juice being sold before and after the performance, with all proceeds going to Charity. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Spring Performance of "The Music Man".

Music Man
Spring Performance
April 21st
6:30pm

indoor rummage sale returns

There's still a few more days for you and your children to search your homes for gently used, unwanted items for the 6th Annual Holy Angels Rummage Sale which will take place on Saturday, April 2nd from 8am to 3pm, and Sunday, April 3rd from 9am to 1pm. Start your spring cleaning early and put aside items you wish to donate.

We will be accepting donations in the Walnut Room Thursday, March 24th (3-6pm), Friday, March 25th (9am-noon) and Saturday, March 26 (9am-noon).

Rummage Sale

April 2nd

April 3rd

We are also asking for donations of baked goods to be sold at our bake sale on Saturday, April 2nd. Treats may be dropped off at the 8th Avenue school entrance before 8am that morning.

This fundraiser not only helps us raise funds for our school, but it also allows us to connect with the greater community by offering much needed items at low prices. Each year we draw families who are eager for a bargain not only from the West Bend area, but also from Milwaukee and surrounding areas. As these challenging economic times continue, we should expect another good turnout.

Interested in helping to make the sale a success? (Although the Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle are done, there is a need for volunteers...here's your chance!) Please contact Kristin Walker at 262-271-6159 or email her at: kristin@walkers5.net

This is also a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours. Many thanks to all for helping to support our school's mission.

golf classic to provide “early weekend”

Join the fun at the 13th annual Holy Angels Golf Classic on Friday, August 5th. Participants can start the weekend early and still have a couple of days for family fun. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at West Bend Lakes. The event features a four-person scramble with 18 holes, cart, golfer gift pack, breakfast, lunch and hole prizes. There will also be several fun on-course hole challenges.

Annual Holy Angels Classic: August 5th

Over the past twelve years, over \$100,000 has been raised in support of Holy Angels School with proceeds covering curriculum and technology updates and lunchroom tables.

The Golf Classic has provided an opportunity to enjoy a morning of golf with community members and also a chance to be amazed at the principal's inability to find a fairway. For more information, see updates on the school website. To volunteer on the day of the event, help with organizing, or to step up as one of many event sponsors, contact Phil Dahlberg (262-677-8999).

co-ed softball coming to holy angels

The local major league team has high hopes of developing some young talent this season (“Playoffs? You kidding me? Playoffs? I’m just hoping we can win a game.”) At the finish of another school year, the Holy Angels Intramural Slowpitch Softball League hopes to develop some of the fun of past years as students take to the field...actually they’ll be on the playground.

The co-ed program for seventh and eighth graders is played after school and emphasizes participation and fun. In the past, teams have been evenly divided with about the same number of girls and boys, seventh and eighth graders on each team. Games are scheduled for the following dates: April 27 (W), May 2 (M), May 5 (Th), May 9 (M), May 11 (W), May 16 (M); the championship finals are on Thursday, May 19th.

grandparents and lunch on april 15th

Although this winter was rather mild, the annual Grandparents’ Lunch will again be held in spring. This year’s gathering is on Friday, April 15th. Grandparents (and adopted grandparents) are invited to join us from 11:45am until 1:30pm. Please note that the lunch time for students in grades 2-5 begins at 11:45am and the students can simply meet their grandparents in the Walnut Room. Following lunch, grandparents may visit classrooms.

Because students in grades 1 and 6-8 begin lunch at 12:20pm, grandparents may visit these classrooms before lunch or simply meet students in the Walnut Room at 12:20. The grandparents of K4 and K5 students are asked to meet in the K4 or K5 classroom at noon and the kindergartners will show them the way!

At 1:00pm, all grandparents are invited to the Cedar Room for some entertainment by Holy Angels students. Please pass the word!! Invitations will also be sent home after the Easter Break.

students to participate at state forensics meet

As the 2016 forensics season moves rapidly to a close, most of the team has qualified for the MLFA State Tournament in Neenah on Saturday, April 9th.

This year’s state qualifiers are: Humorous Solo Acting - Greta Zier and Laura Zautner; Infomercial - Aidan Schmidt; Infomercial - Matt Bonertz; Infomercial - Hannah Schroeder and Leah Rosene; Infomercial - Ricky Conlin; Persuasive Speech - Kate Davies; Prose - Kaya Faehling; Prose - Joe Held; Sports News Reporting - Daniel Krause and Alex Gonzalez; Group Interpretation - Kira Guse and Ericka Beistle; Group Acting - Brooke Deppert, Leah Nagel and Isabelle Sternig; Group Acting - Andrew Glaszcz, Ty Stanek, Nate Waech and Brady Steier; and Group Acting - Samantha Cooley and Morgan Hanrahan. Congratulations on all your hard work!

Forensics team members who earned first, second, or third place medals at our meets this season include: Aidan Schmidt; Samantha Cooley and Morgan Hanrahan; Kaya Faehling; Kate Davies; Matt Bonertz; Brooke Deppert, Leah Nagel, and Isabelle Sternig; and Andrew Glaszcz, Ty Stanek, Nate Waech, and Brady Steier.

Thank you again to Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Krause, Mrs. Held, Mrs. Steier, Mrs. Faehling, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Cooley, and Mrs. Hanrahan for judging this season. The team is coached by Mrs. Gengler.

fourth grade: human growth and development

Human growth and development is an important part of the school's guidance curriculum. Students need good information from reliable sources to better cope with the changes that take place. There will be an opportunity for 4th graders and their parent to consider the physical changes which take place during puberty. The presentation will be on Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:00pm.

The session for girls will be held in the Intermediate Science Room (Room 208) and the session for boys will be held in the Junior High Science Room (Room 226).

future scientists to meet again

The final series for this year's Future Scientists and Engineers of America (FSEA) will begin on Wednesday, April 13th. The three-week series will focus on "Hydraulics, Plastics and More". Instructors Brian Hubbard and Tim Stellmacher will help members discover how little hydraulics can accomplish big things. They'll also consider what plastic and aluminum have in common and try to keep objects afloat. The group gathers in the Science Room from 3:00 until 4:00pm. The original schedule for this series is April 13, 20, and 27. However, business travel for one of the presenters may necessitate a change in dates. Participants will be notified after the Easter Break.

quick notes...

Brewers Day...On April 4th, the Milwaukee Brewers begin another season against the SF Giants (HA grad Ryan Rohlinger played for them). The Student Council has declared the day as Milwaukee Brewers Day at HA and invites students to show their support by wearing their Brewers colors or gear! Hats are allowed to be worn (as long as they support the Brew Crew!) Please note that this is the first day back from the Easter Break.

Bike-to-School Day...Mark your calendar and hope that the snow has all melted (let's hope!): May is National Bike Month and the Bike Friendly West Bend committee is sponsoring a Bike-to-School Day on Wednesday, May 4th. Holy Angels has an ample number of spaces on the bike rack and each rider will receive a goodie bag filled with bike swag and more. After the Easter Break, a survey will go out so that the planning committee can prepare enough bags for the Holy Angels Bikers (not to be confused with the HOG).

School Supplies...The School Committee has been looking into providing parents with an option for purchasing back-to school supplies. An area company, School-Pak provides parents with a one-stop option for getting a student ready for a new school year. The company uses the Holy Angels Supply List to put together a package of required school supplies for each grade. Parents then place a single order for the items on the list. More information will be sent home after the Easter Break to determine whether there is enough interest to offer this option.

Chess Tourney...The annual Holy Angels Chess Tournament will be held after the Easter Break. The members of the Chess Team have been practicing for several week in two divisions: Mighty Rooks and Good Knights. On April 12th and 14th, members will vie for the titles of Grand Master and Master through pool play and final pairings. Thanks to Paul Myers (with some assistance from HA grad Liesel Myers) for coordinating this year's program!

Earth Day Planting...This year, Holy Angels will be hosting the local Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 22nd, at 1:30pm. The program will begin in the gym with a program about the importance of trees in the environment, including a game show of Tree-vial Pursuit. The city tree, Autumn Blaze Freeman Maple, will be planted on the parish grounds.

Loyalty Day...The annual Loyalty Day observance will be held on Friday, April 29th, to start the school day. Members of the VFW Post 1393 will be on hand to post the colors and provide inspiration regarding the special day which was created to reflect on the importance of loyalty to country and the community. John Kleinmaus is the commander of the Fred A. Schaefer Post and will serve as the emcee.

Recycle Day...The semi-annual Washington County Clean Sweep Program is coming on May 7th at the Slinger Highway Shop (314 W. Washington St—Hwy 175, Slinger). This is an opportunity to properly dispose and/or recycle hazardous waste, electronics, appliances, medications and tires. For more information, go to their website: www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep.