

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Grow

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Greetings!

It's March Newsletter time (already?) and winter is almost over...at least spring seems to be just around the corner...the snow pile is gone!! The maintenance staff has again had a light year of shoveling and salting...they deserve it!

Lent provides everyone with a chance to break away from the everyday stuff that takes our mind and heart away from the Lord. A few minutes of solitude and reflection each day can help in re-focusing on our journey of forty days. This year our parish focus is an offshoot of our school theme for the year. During these forty days, we will be making efforts to "build our relationship with Jesus". For Holy Angels students, it begins on Ash Wednesday and the student retreat day. Throughout the Lenten season we will have reminders that we are called each day to "build" that relationship. Students can help by donating to the daily building project (see related article).

To help parents make this year's Lenten Season a time of building their own relationship with Jesus, I am sending home a booklet with each family's contact person on February 24th. **BE SURE TO ASK FOR IT!** "The Way of Faith" provides a daily scripture passage and a reflection piece. I really hope that each parent will set aside about ten minutes each day to read the passage and reflection. They are meant for adults, but parents can certainly share their own reflections with their children.

It takes time and effort to build a stronger relationship with Jesus. Please consider making this Lent your time to find what a relationship with Jesus can do for you.

The March calendar has lots of twists and turns and it's mind-boggling that we're already into March!!! Be sure to note that we have a Spring Break and an Easter Break this year. As we approach the Sacred Triduum, we will have a prayer service on Holy Thursday which recalls some of the symbols found in the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. On April 7th, we will have an all-school Stations of the Cross. The West Bend parish cluster has much planned for Lent...watch the bulletin for something that might interest you.

The School Committee and Finance Council are spending time re-visiting the budget in light of the registrations that were received for the kindergartens...there is still room in the K3 and K4 programs. As one of many parish ministries, our school continues to provide many wonderful opportunities for children to learn and grow in knowledge and faith. We have been blessed by being part of a parish community that has been most supportive of our school in finding ways to provide the necessary financial support to be "enduring". Re-registration information for the 2017-18 school year will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Some of our grades currently have room for additional students. Let's get the word out to the community and to encourage new families to consider a great Catholic education for their children at Holy Angels. To be sure, at Holy Angels we will continue to make every effort in meeting the formational and educational needs of our families with a "Unique, Premier and Enduring" Catholic school.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 17th...Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle. Invite your family, neighbors and friends!!! In addition to (by far) the best fish fry around (except for the Festival of Angels which comes in second) and the largest family-friendly raffle in the area, the Celtic Company will again perform. Many, many thanks to all who are helping to make these events a success.

Peace be with you,

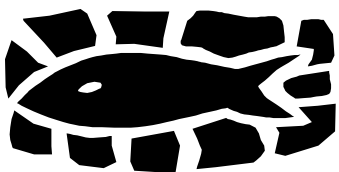
Mike Sternig

Our Mission: To proclaim the Gospel, serve others, and praise God as we grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect.

all-you-can-eat / great prizes on march 17th

If you don't already have March 17th reserved on your calendar for a fabulous fish fry, then Holy Angels is the place for you to be! Starting at 4:00pm, the Famous Friday Fish Fry will be served in the Walnut and Cedar Rooms. This annual event features the secret "Festival Recipe" (if you don't get it now, you'll have to wait for the Festival of Angels and the I-o-o-ong lines on Friday night outside in the rain or blistering heat!).

Here's the really exciting part...this year, the adult portion of fried fish will again be "all-you-care-to-eat" for \$10.00; the children's portion is \$6.00; and children 4 & under are free (dine-in only). Family-style servings of fries, cole slaw or applesauce, rye bread, and homemade desserts are also included.



This year's fish fry will again feature baked fish (like the Festival of Angels) with an adult portion for \$10.00. Because of the popularity of the baked fish, we've continued to increase our order from last year!

For those family members who don't care for fish, Pasta/Italian Bread will be available for \$5.00. Carryouts are also available for a quick in-and-out fish fry (enter through the gym)! This year's fish fry will again offer a cash bar with beer, wine and soda. If you've been to the Famous Friday Fish Fry before, we know you'll be back; if you've never tried it, you're missing a real treat!

At 8:00pm, the festivities shift to the gym for the drawings of the winners in this year's Gifts From The Heart Raffle. For One Dollar!, you can take a chance at winning YOUR CHOICE of over one hundred unique items or services! Among the items in this year's offering...One semester tuition; Cash (\$1125 - 2 Winners!); Two Colorado Condos; Sky Run Copper Mountain Getaway and Treehouse Condominiums in the Rocky Mountains; Packers tickets; a 50" Smart TV; 2 Ipad minis; Lego sets; a video streaming drone; gift cards to local stores; carpet cleaning; IT services; sporting events tickets; jewelry; and a whole lot more!

Simply come to the Holy Angels Gym to purchase your raffle tickets, neatly fill out your information on each one (or bring your address labels), place them in the buckets for your desired items. We suggest you get six raffle tickets for \$5. Again, you must be present to win or you can designate someone you trust (like your friendly principal) to claim your prize for you.

There will also be several special items offered in a Silent Auction, including a Homemade Chocolate Chip Kahlua Cake complete with Ice Cream made by Father Heppe, plus Biking and Pizza with Father Heppe, an Autographed Ryan Braun Jersey, Beer Memorabilia, a handmade Packer Comforter and an autographed book by Donald Driver.



Back again are some wonderful gift baskets from our Holy Angels classes:

K3 Class - Spring and New Life (flower pot with handprints)

K4 Class - Fisherman Basket (lunch box full of outdoor essentials, hat, and size large t-shirt)

K5 Class - Art from the Heart (Photo of the kids in the alphabet, blown up and framed)

1st Grade Class - Family Night Basket (food, games and wine with cutting board decorated by the kids)

2nd Grade Class - Dr. Seuss Themed Ceramic Art

3rd Grade Class - Collaborative Wall Art

4th Grade Class - Family Meal Basket (serving plate with kids finger prints, and gift certificates)

5th Grade Class - Keurig Coffee Basket (mugs decorated by the kids)

6th Grade Class - Mrs. Anhalt - Homemade crafty clocks

6th Grade Class - Mrs. Arndt - Painted Pottery

7th Grade Class - Alphabet Photo

8th Grade Class - Finger prints of the 8th grade class on a ceramic serving platter shaped liked WI

Those with a desire to win one of these special items can simply submit their bid with the amount they are willing to pay. As prize winners for the regular Gifts from the Heart Raffle are identified, the highest bidders will be determined and the winners' names will be announced during the night.

Booklets with all of the raffle items listed are available in the school office and all prizes will be on display in the gym throughout the evening of Friday, March 17th!



Those who have donated items are asked to turn these donations into the school office as soon as possible. It takes everyone's effort to make the raffle a success, so spread the word and buy some tickets! Don't forget to pick up additional booklets in the school office for work, family or neighbors.

There will also be entertainment at this year's event. The Celtic Company will perform in the gym at 6:00 pm. The Irish dancing troupe has performed at Holy Angels in the past and dazzled the audience the last two years with their talent. What a great way to extend your celebration of St. Patty's Day!!

budget and enrollment for 2017-18

The Holy Angels School Committee, Finance Council and Pastoral Council have been working with the budget for the “big three”: salaries/benefits, tuition, and parish support. As in the past, the School Committee is trying to balance all budgetary components in order to: 1) provide the best possible program for our students; which is 2) affordable to families; and 3) offers a just salary to the teachers.

Several years ago, the Parish Council adopted a five-year-plan which was approved by the Archdiocese. The primary purpose of the five-year-plan was to create a plan to handle a deficit budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. As we came to the end of that plan, we had seen modest salary increases while minimizing increases in tuition, resulting in a balanced budget over that five-year span.

As we look ahead and consider the demographics of our parish community, the projection for future enrollment indicates that we will continue to accommodate parish families seeking a Catholic education for their children while maintaining a fiscally sound budget. In light of the demographics, there is again significant interest in the K5 program for the 2017-18 school year with 25 registrations meeting the February 15th deadline. In addition to K5, there is some room for additional students at several grade levels.

The K3 and K4 programs are currently accepting registrations. The K4 program will again include a full-day MWF session in 2017-18 as well as a half-day MWF option. The K3 program will continue to have a half-day TTh session.

Looking ahead to other areas for the 2017-18 school year, the first through sixth grades will have one class per grade. The primary and intermediate grades will continue to receive additional support from the Resource Learning Centers staff and other personnel.

As a teaching staff, we will continue to consider ways to provide the support necessary for larger class sizes in a one-class-per-grade environment. It should be noted that the commitment to providing an excellent educational program for our students is steadfast.

It is the neighbor-to-neighbor and friend-to-friend contacts of current school families that bring families to Holy Angels School. By sharing your family’s stories of the good things that happen at HAS, others will begin to see the possibilities for their own children. Parents have been wonderful ambassadors for Holy Angels in their neighborhood and in the community.

In the coming weeks, re-registration information will be sent home following approval of the 2017-18 budget by the Finance Council and Pastoral Council. The proposed budget includes a tuition increase that is similar to past years because of the continued financial support from the parish.

ash wednesday - retreat day on march 1st

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner on March 1st and the annual Student Retreat Day has been planned to help students to focus on the coming 40 days of Lent. The parish theme is “Building our Relationship with Jesus” and echoes our school’s “building” efforts this year.

To help personalize the symbolism of “building”, students are invited to bring a small piece of scrap wood (no larger than 12 inches long) to school. These can be given to classroom teachers. Each day, the pieces of wood will be used to construct a symbol of our relationship with Jesus. The finished construction will be revealed after the Easter Break.

reconciliation during lent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to pause, look at our relationship with God and others, and consider ways we need to change in order to “make things right” again. During the season of Lent, students have an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament as they continue to “build their relationship with Jesus”.

Second graders had their first experience of the sacrament of forgiveness in December as part of their preparation for receiving Eucharist for the first time. Preparation for the formal celebration of the sacrament has been moved to the second grade and this year’s third and fourth graders have been preparing with their parents during this “catch up” year. The students in grades three and four will have the chance to celebrate the sacrament with their families during Lent on March 18th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled for students in grades five through eight on Friday, March 17th. Each grade level will begin with a short prayer service followed by individual confessions.

growing and maturing in fifth grade

Parents of fifth graders are reminded of the human growth and development presentations which will be given as part of the Developmental Guidance Curriculum. The presentations are designed to provide parents with a “teachable moment” for their children.

These presentations will be led by Kristin Walker (girls) and Mike Sternig (boys). The presentation for the girls will be on Tuesday evening, March 7th at 7:00pm. The presentation for the boys will be on Wednesday evening, March 8th at 7:00pm.

Both presentations will be given in the Science Room and the office entrance should be used. The presentations will cover the material contained in the fifth grade Family Life text. Parents will have the opportunity to continue the discussion as needed with their child with the materials provided at the presentations.

The presentations will also include information about personal hygiene and typical growth patterns. This material will be reviewed later in the regular classroom setting as in the past. However, only those students who attended the evening presentation with a parent (or made other arrangements with the principal) will be allowed to participate in the class discussion and review.

academic honor roll—second quarter

The Academic Honor Roll recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.00 during the second quarter. High honors(*) are accorded to students whose GPA is 3.50 or higher. Congratulations to the following:

Sixth Grade: Thomas Arndt, Veronica Beisbier, Jack Bell*, Aislinn Carey*, Madeline Ciriacks, Sophie Dahlberg*, Natalie Daute*, Ellie Eckert*, Amber Georgenson, Jessica German, Allison Glaszcz*, Delanie Heinen*, Thaddeus Jamieson*, Jonah Nagel*, Nicholas Paul*, Caroline Peplinski*, Emily Rauch*, Jack Sadownikow, Kaylee Schiller*, Alex Schneeberger, Fiona Shaw*, Mya Spaar, Calen Stanek*, Tyler Tennes*, Olivia Walker*, Nora Walter, Samuel Wiedmeyer*, and Matthew Zier.

Seventh Grade: Ericka Beistle, Lola Chemer*, Richard Conlin*, Jonathan Dorow*, Isaac Fichtner, Alex Gonzalez, Aiden Guse*, Joseph Held, Michael Kleinhans, Daniel Krause*, Will Mueller*, Leah Nagel*, Leah Rosene*, Konnor Sadownikow*, Owen Schmidt*, Hannah Schroeder*, Caelen Spartz, Isabelle Sternig*, Keegan Tennes*, Nicholas Whittle, Caitlin Wohlt, and Greta Zier*.

Eighth Grade: Taylor Chemer*, Kate Davies*, Casey Gerber, Andrew Glaszcz*, Curtis Holbrook, Morgan Krause*, Elizabeth Meurer*, Payton Rossebo, Veronica Sadownikow*, Christian Spaeth, Tyler Stanek, Aaron Tennes, Nate Waech, Laura Zautner*, and Joseph Zimmer*.

forensics team preps for parents and state

The forensics season is nearing the halfway point, and the Holy Angels Forensics Team is experiencing success. At the Webster meet on February 4th, Leah Nagel and Isabelle Sternig earned blue ribbons in Group Acting, making this the first MLFA State qualifying meet for them. Lola Chemer and Sophie Dahlberg earned blue ribbons and second place medals (a State qualifying meet for them) and qualified for the power round with their Infomercial for the Mindo Magic Remote. Kira Guse and Ericka Beistle qualified for the power round in Group Interpretation, and Maddy Ciriacks qualified for the power round in Humorous Solo Acting.

At the Badger meet on February 17th, Delanie Heinen and Macey Steier qualified for the power round in Group Interpretation (a State qualifying meet for them); Joe Held, Alex Gonzalez, and Danny Krause also qualified for the power round in news reporting; and Lola Chemer and Sophie Dahlberg again qualified for the power round and received third place medals (their second State qualifying meet). Also receiving blue ribbons at Badger (making it a State qualifying meet for them) were Leah Nagel and Isabelle Sternig (Group Acting), Aislinn Carey and Fiona Shaw (Group Interpretation), Laura Zautner (Humorous Solo Acting), Ricky Conlin (Infomercial), Emily Rauch and Kaylee Schiller (Infomercial), and Ellie Eckert (Prose).

The team will compete at Silverbrook on February 24th, St. John the Baptist in Plymouth on March 4th, and Campbellsport March 10th. To qualify for The MLFA State Tournament on March 25th, students must earn an average of 62 points at their three best meets.

There will be a special Holy Angels Forensics Parent Night on Wednesday, March 15th. This will give parents and other guests an opportunity to see several presentations as team member prepare for the State meet with a presentation to an audience.



evening of fine arts postponed

The original Holy Angels School Calendar of Events included a Fine Arts Evening in March. Because of a number of changes in the Fine Arts Department, this event has been rescheduled.

The Fine Arts Evening will be held in conjunction with the Spring Performance and Grandparents for Lunch Day on April 27th and 28th respectively.

Student art will be on display before and after the Spring Performance which will feature students in grades six through eight. The artwork will remain on display for grandparents (and “adopted grandparents”) to enjoy when they join their grandchildren for lunch on the following day.

intra-basketball starts for fourth grade

As the 5th through 8th grade basketball season comes to a close, plans are being made for this year’s Intramural Basketball season for students in grade four. The program emphasizes basic skills and encourages kids to have fun and show good sportsmanship. The first session is an instructional night which introduces some real basic skills. There will be two more instructional sessions during the program.



On a typical night at HA, players learn the basics of team basketball, get some significant p.t. (that’s “playing time”), and provide good action for families in the stands. Players are rotated halfway through each quarter and the scoreboard is reset each quarter.

Participants include Zach Behn, Maya Beistle, Maddee Bell, Sam Ciriacks, Jack Dahlberg, Jeremy Dorow, Gary Fichtner, Chloe Goratowski, Paige Guse, Lyra Keegan, Rachel Nagel, Henry Peplinski, Grace Peters, Ava Roell, Jimmy Schiller, and Grace Spartz. The coaches include: Katie Gruber, Phil Dahlberg and Jeremy Keegan.



This year’s program is coordinated by Matt Ciriacks and Scott Sadownikow. Many thanks to all who volunteered to be team coaches and scoreboard operators.

The program is being run on the following dates: February 28 (basic instruction); March 2 (team instruction); March 7, 9, 14 (games); March 16 (team instruction); March 20, 21, 23 (games).

volleyball season begins for the guys

The Washington-Ozaukee Catholic Conference is gearing up for the boys’ spring volleyball season. The conference will again be composed of combined 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams. This year’s conference will again have seven participating schools. Holy Angels will have two teams play at the 7th/8th grade and two teams at the 5th/6th grade level.



Players include: 7th/8th... Quentin Butschlick, Taylor Chemer, Casey Gerber, Curtis Holbrook, Christian Spaeth, Ty Stanek, Brady Steier, Jonathan Dorow, Isaac Fichtner, Aiden Guse, Danny Krause, Konnor Sadownikow, Owen Schmidt, Cole Stellmacher, Nick Whittle, Jacob Rauch, Jayden Omernick, Ricky Conlin, Joe Held, and Michael Kleinhans.

5th/6th grade squad includes...Brady Barnes, Bryce Barnett, Aydan Busch, Cade Kohnen, Cameron McAndrews, Kade Rossebo, Tyler Sternig, Bo Tennes, Jack Waala, Tyler Tennes, Sam Wiedmeyer, Thomas Arndt, Jack Sadownikow, Cal Stanek, Alex Schneeberger, and Jackson Davies.

The tentative schedule of matches includes: March 13/14 – St. Kilian @ Holy Angels; March 15/16 – Holy Angels @ St. Joseph; March 22/23 – Holy Angels @ St. Frances Borgia; April 3/4 – Holy Angels @ St. John XXIII; April 5/6 - St. Gabriel @ Holy Angels; and April 10/11 – Cabrini @ Holy Angels.

iowa testing scheduled

Each year, students in grades 2, 3, 5 and 7 take standardized test in order to measure individual growth and provide information for curriculum development. The dates for this year’s Iowa Assessments were established by the Archdiocese after the HAS Events Calendar was created. This year’s testing window is April 24 through May 12.

chess club continues its moves

The 2016-17 Holy Angels Chess Club will begin soon for another exciting year of stealthy moves around the chess board. Practice, fun and learning new strategies will continue in the weeks leading up to the Easter Break.

The organizational meeting is March 2nd, after school. After Easter the season will conclude with the 2017 playoffs on April 18th and 20th. This year's program again offers several meetings for instruction and practice before the start of the annual tournament. These sessions will be held on March 7, 14, 21, April 4, and 6.

There are two levels of competition: the Good Knights - for those who are just beginning to learn the game of chess; and the Mighty Rooks - for those who want to compete for the title of HA Master and Grand Master in April.

Thanks to Paul Myers and Liesel Myers for returning to coordinate the Chess Club this year.



march brings several days without classes

Students will probably enjoy the next two weeks because they provide an extended weekend! On Friday, **March 3rd**, there is NO SCHOOL for students. The faculty will continue to work on the accreditation self-study. The accreditation process involves self-evaluation of 73 benchmarks in four domains: Mission and Catholic Identity; Governance and Leadership; Academic Excellence; and Operational Vitality. A team of educators will visit Holy Angels in November to verify the self-study.

NO SCHOOL ON:

March 3rd

March 10th (afternoon)

March 27-31

On Friday, **March 10th**, there will be an early dismissal at 12:00 noon. In the afternoon, teachers from the Washington and Dodge counties Catholic schools will gather in Slinger for an archdiocesan inservice on profes-

sional development and performance evaluation.

The week of **March 27 through March 31** is this year's Spring Break. Those dates coincide with the West Bend Public Schools calendar. This year's Easter Break will be April 14th (Good Friday) through April 17th (Easter Monday).

geobee asks the world (and local) questions

The evening news is full of stories which are the result of the way people interact with their surroundings... Not enough water in California. Or too much water in California. Political strife in countries with refugees and immigrants making their way across the globe. Ice sheets breaking off and the possibility of coastal flooding. Endangered species. Moving petroleum products from one place to another. Finding the perfect vacation spot.

The world around us affects our lives more and more each day with stories of tragedies, changes in governments, refugees, natural disasters, and much more. It becomes increasingly important to grow in knowledge of geography in order to better understand these events.

The annual Geography Bee was an opportunity for students to learn more about the land forms, political boundaries, and natural resources which shape the world in which we live.

The Geography Bee was coordinated by Kristin Walker and Seth Breunig. Participants in this year's event included: Maddee Bell, Zach Behn, Teagan Cole, Kate Wiedmeyer, Tyler Tennes, Tadd Jamieson, Owen Schmidt, Greta Zier, Nate Waech, and Taylor Chemer.

After several rounds of questioning, Tadd and Greta emerged as the finalists and provided an exciting final round with Greta Zier emerging as this year's champion by correctly identifying the fact that West Bend was founded as the midpoint between Milwaukee and Fond du lac.



news from the pac...

The Holy Angels Parent Activities Committee (PAC) would like to thank all the families who attended the annual Family Fun Night to kick off Catholic Schools Week on January 28th. We hope to see even more families join us next year for fellowship, music, games, arts & crafts.



Mark your calendars! PAC is sponsoring a NEW adult TRIVIA Night on Saturday, April 8th at 7pm in the Walnut Room at Holy Angels. \$10 per person/tables of 8. You can register as a couple or in a group of 8, 6 or 4. We'll put couples or smaller groups together or organize your own team of 8! Bring your own snacks and adult beverages and PAC will be giving away some fun prizes! Proceeds will benefit Holy Angels School to purchase new teacher desks and will support PAC events. Watch for registration info soon on the HA website as well as in Friday

emails from Principal Sternig.

Want to get involved in planning all the fun activities PAC organizes throughout the school year, such as Trunk or Treat, Family Fun Night, Adult Trivia Night & Teacher Appreciation Week? Join us for an upcoming PAC meeting. PAC meets at 6:30pm in the Science Room. Here is a list of upcoming meeting dates: Tuesday, March 7 and 21st, April 11, and Wednesday, May 10th. If you'd like to join PAC, please email Heidi Sternig at heidisternig@gmail.com or call (262)338-7973.

school committee nominations

Each year during the month of March, nominations are sought for the Holy Angels School Committee. As a committee of the Parish Council, the HASC assists in the development of quality educational programs at Holy Angels School.

At its monthly meetings, committee members review and recommend programs and policies, provide planning necessary for adequate funding of school programs, recommend salary and tuition schedules and instructional budget, and provide a significant avenue of communication between parents and the school. Members serve a two-year term.

Included with this month's Newsletter is a form to offer nominations for this year's School Committee election. If you are interested or have someone in mind who you think would be the ideal candidate, please complete and return the form to the school office no later than Monday, March 13th.

school committee nomination form

In order to fill four positions on the Holy Angels School Committee, an annual election will be held in the spring of the current school year in accordance with the Committee's Bylaws. At this time, we wish to call for nominations. If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination or would like to nominate another person for this two-year term, please complete and return this form to the school office no later than Monday, March 13th.

_____ I would like to have my name placed in nomination for the Holy Angels School Committee.

_____ I would like to nominate the following for this election:

Signed: _____