

# **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

**Holy Angels School - West Bend**

*Come, Holy Spirit... You Are Welcome Here*

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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. It seems like winters "like in the old days" may become a thing of the past!?!?!?

Lent provides everyone with a chance to break away from the everyday stuff that takes our mind and heart away from the Lord. This year's 40-Day Retreat can become a daily experience of solitude and reflection that can help in re-focusing on our efforts to welcome the Spirit into our lives.

To help parents make this year's Lenten Season a time of building their own relationship with Jesus, I've sent some links with the Friday weekly email. Of course the internet is filled with reflective resources for Lent..simply google "Lent Resources 2018". The website for USCCB (that's United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) always has good things on it!

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 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, K4 and K5 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 2018-19 school year will be sent home in the coming weeks.

A few 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.

The staff continues to prepare for unfortunate situations which place people in harm's way. We have been revising our crisis response plans and practiced for responding to different situations. Of course, there are so many, many possibilities that are unforeseen. However, by thinking through possible situations (and losing sleep doing so), the staff has trained themselves to a greater awareness of what could be done to keep our students safe in whatever situation we may encounter. It is a daunting task.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 16th...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 have already been helping to make these events a success.

We still need some additional volunteers, especially for the later shift in the dining room. Here's the link to the sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca5ad2ca6fc1-holy>

Peace be with you,

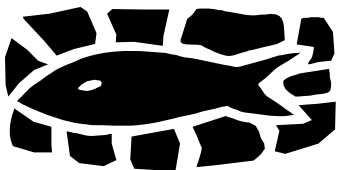
*Mike Sternig*

**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 16th

If you don't already have March 16th 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'll continue to offer this option!

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 (\$1000); Two Colorado Condos: SkyRun Copper Mountain Getaway and Summit Condo in the Rocky Mountains; Packers tickets; Apple watch; Nintendo Switch; a 55" Smart TV; Amazon Echo; Lego sets; a Shadow Drone; Google Home Mini; Beats headphones, Instant Pot; gift cards to local stores; carpet cleaning; 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 to 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 Davante Adams autographed photo framed, Miller Brewing Tailgate package, Private Tennis lessons from Mr. B, Cake baking with Fr. Pat Heppe, Brewers Game package with autographed hat & ball, Packer Mini Autographed Helmet by Mason Crosby, and an autographed book by Donald Driver.

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

**K3** - Arts & Crafts Basket

**K4** - Small Hands Big Hearts basket

**K5** - Cookie Jar

**1st Grade** - Framed paper butterflies & Gift card tree

**2nd Grade** - Original written book by class with Kindle and books for the family

**3rd Grade** - Ceramic Tile Cross

**4th Grade** - Framed painted Holy Spirit

**5th Grade** - Class Clock

**6th Grade** - Handmade serving platter designed & painted by class

**7th Grade Mrs. Gengler** - Decorative hanging glass cross

**7th Grade Mrs. Walker** - Crockpot Caramel Apple Bar

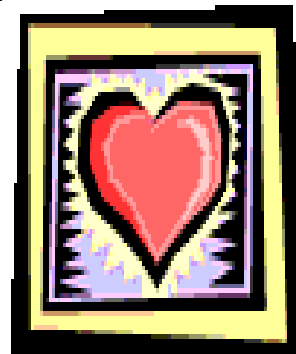
**8th Grade Joint** - 2 hand painted Adirondack Chairs & side table

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 16th!



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 Acme Fiddling Company (formerly 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 2018-19**

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. There is again significant interest in the K5 program for the 2018-19 school year with 20 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 school year, the first through seventh grades will have one class per grade, making next year’s eighth grade to only one to have a double class. 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 our 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 2018-19 budget by the Finance Council and Pastoral Council. The proposed budget includes a tuition increase that will likely be similar to past years because of the continued financial support from the parish.

## **reconciliation opportunities 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 had been moved to the second grade last year.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled for students in grades three through eight on Thursday, March 22nd. Each grade level will begin with a short prayer service followed by individual confessions.

There are also parish opportunities to celebrate the sacrament. On Saturdays, there is Reconciliation at 7:30am (following the Rosary at 7:00am), and again at 5:00pm (following the 4:00pm Mass). On Wednesday, March 21st, there will be a Quad-Parish Penance Service at Holy Trinity-Newburg beginning at 7:00pm.

## **stations of the cross...prayerful reflections**

On Friday, March 23rd, students will gather in church to participate in a special prayer...the Stations of the Cross. Led by Deacon Mark and eighth graders, students will reflect on the traditional stations while joining in prayerful reflections at each station.

There are also parish Stations of the Cross each Friday, at 7:00pm, during Lent. A special Living Stations will be prayed on Sunday, March 18th, at 7:00pm in church.

# 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:** Hannah Andrews\*, Bryce Barnett\*, Lorna Bonertz\*, Briannah Busch, Claire Cegielski, Teagan Cole, Jade Ericson, Emelia Guse, Emma Hertel\*, Hailey Kiefer\*, Olivia Klausmeier\*, Brooke Koebel\*, Cade Kohlen, Cameron McAndrews, Megan Minz\*, Maria Olson\*, Kade Rossebo\*, Tyler Sternig\*, Jack Waala, Kate Wiedmeyer\*, and Brianna Zywicki.

**Seventh Grade:** Veronica Beisbier, Jack Bell\*, Aislinn Carey, Madeline Ciriacks\*, Sophie Dahlberg, Natalie Daute, Ellie Eckert\*, Amber Georgenson\*, Allison Glaszcz\*, Delanie Heinen\*, Thaddeus Jamieson\*, Estella Lambie, Jonah Nagel, Nicholas Paul, Caroline Peplinski\*, Nathan Ratzel, Emily Rauch, Kaylee Schiller\*, Fiona Shaw\*, Calen Stanek, Tyler Tennies\*, Olivia Walker\*, Nora Walter, and Samuel Wiedmeyer\*.

**Eighth Grade:** Riley Becker, Caley Beimborn, Ericka Beistle\*, Lydia Bollen, Lola Chemer\*, Richard Conlin\*, Brooke Deppert, Jonathan Dorow\*, Blake Ericson, Isaac Fichtner\*, Alex Gonzalez, Aiden Guse, Kira Guse, Joseph Held, Michael Kleinhans\*, Daniel Krause\*, Hailey Matenaer, Will Mueller\*, Leah Nagel\*, Jayden Omernick, Leah Rosene\*, Konnor Sadownikow\*, Owen Schmidt\*, Hannah Schroeder\*, Calen Spartz, Isabelle Sternig\*, Keegan Tennies\*, Nicholas Whittle, Caitlin Wohlt\*, Avelina Wolfe, and Greta Zier\*.

## 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 original HAS Events Calendar was created. This year's testing window is March 7th through March 23rd.

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 at or above what would be expected for their ability.

## forensics team preps for parents and state

The forensics season is well underway, and the Holy Angels forensics team has participated in meets at St. Frances Cabrini, Badger, and Silverbrook. Several students have qualified for power rounds and have earned medals in those meets.

The following students won medals at the Cabrini meet on February 9th: Lydia Bollen\*, Leah Rosene\*, Leah Nagel\*, and Hannah Schroeder\* received second place medals in group acting; Brooke Koebel\* and Megan Minz\* earned third place medals in informercial; Joe Held\*, Danny Krause\*, and Alex Gonzalez\* won third place medals in news reporting; Ellie Eckert\* received a second place medal in prose; Aislinn Carey\* earned a third place medal in prose; and Caroline Peplinski\* won a first place medal in poetry.

At Badger on February 16th, our first meet with a power round, Ericka Beistle and Kira Guse qualified for the power round in group acting; Ellie Eckert powered in prose and earned a second-place medal; and Avelina Wolfe and Caitlin Wohlt powered and won first place in group interpretation.

On February 23rd at Silverbrook, the team saw several entries make it to the power round: Isabelle Sternig\* and Jenna Rondorf\* in news reporting; Caroline Peplinski; Ellie Eckert; Aislinn Carey; Amber Georgenson and Fiona Shaw in group interpretation; Delanie Heinen\*, Macey Steier\* and Olivia Walker\* in group interpretation (3rd place medals); and Lydia Bollen, Leah Rosene, Leah Nagel and Hannah Schroeder (2nd place medals).

Several groups have now qualified for the state meet (marked with \*), including Greta Zier\* and Brooke Deppert\* in group acting and Natalie Daute\* in prose.

Special thanks go out to our wonderful parent judges: Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Eckert, Mrs. Klausmeier, Mrs. Cegielski, Mrs. Wiedmeyer, Mrs. Steier, Mrs. Krause, and Mrs. Held. We couldn't have a team without you!

There will be a special Holy Angels Forensics Parent Night on Wednesday, March 14th. This will give parents and other guests an opportunity to see several presentations as team members prepare for the State meet with a presentation to an audience.

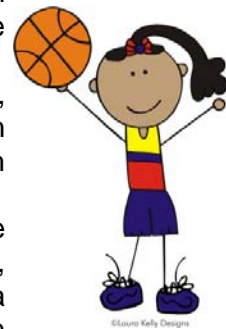
## intra-basketball starts for fourth grade

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 Mitchell Birchbauer, Emily Cegielski, Rylee Faehling, Greta Friemel, Laney Georgenson, Jaylee Heinen, Mikey Held, Laila Hertel, Krista Hetzel, Ella Kohlen, Evelyn Laforest, Layla Reichenberger, Ben Schroeder, Katie Steier, Colton Steinmetz, Hudson Taylor, Elliot Weber, Morgan Winkler, Violet Zier, Max Sadownikow, and Aiden Schneeberger. The coaches include: Chip Faehling, Adam Hertel, and Ryan Schneeberger.



This year's program is coordinated by 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 1 (team instruction); March 6, 8, 13 (games); March 14 (team instruction); March 20, 21, 22 (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 one team play at the 5th/6th grade and two teams at the 7th/8th grade level.



Players include: 7th/8th... Jack Sadownikow, Tyler Tennies, Sam Wiedmeyer, Thomas Arndt, Cal Stanek, Riley Becker, Jonathan Dorow, Isaac Fichtner, Jayden Omernick, Owen Schmidt, Nick Whittle, Ricky Conlin, Aiden Guse, Joe Held, Danny Krause, Jacob Rauch, Konnor Sadownikow, and Keegan Tennies. They are coached by Linda Stanek, Memorie Wiedmeyer, Jim Whittle, and Lisa Krause.

5th/6th grade squad includes... Jack Dahlberg, Jeremy Dorow, Derek Hetzel, Brady Barnes, Bryce Barnett, Aydan Busch, Cameron McAndrews, Kade Rossebo, Tyler Sternig, Bo Tennies, and Jack Waala. This year's coaches are Amy Barnes and Kelly Sajdak.

The schedule of matches includes: March 13 - HA @ St. Kilian; March 15 - St. Joseph @ HA; March 19 - St. John XXIII; March 22 - HA @ St. Gabriel; April 4 - HA @ Cabrini; April 12 - St. Francis Borgia @ HA.

## 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 6th at 7:00pm. The presentation for the boys will be on Wednesday evening, March 7th 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.



## chess club continues its moves

The 2017-18 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 Spring Break, as well as the day after, leading up to this year's tournament.

This year's program again offers several meetings for instruction and practice before the start of the annual tournament. The Tuesday sessions will be held on March 6th (also the organizational session), March 13th, March 20th, and April 3rd. The season will conclude with the 2018 playoffs on April 10th and 12th.

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.



## spring break to coincide with holy week.

The year's March calendar is very different than last year's. Instead of all sorts of days off for teachers to work on accreditation and archdiocesan professional development meetings, there are several weeks of instructional time without interruption. Great chance for students to really focus on learning!

NO SCHOOL :  
March 26—April 2

The week of March 26th through April 2nd is this year's Spring Break. Those dates coincide with the West Bend Public Schools calendar. We attempt to coordinate with the local district as much as possible. Unfortunately, those dates include Holy Week.

Since we will not have the opportunity to gather as a school community to celebrate this most sacred time of the year, parents are encouraged to attend the services with their children. The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) offers us a chance to prayerfully reflect on the saving actions of Jesus for our salvation and to celebrate the promise of New Life.

Note that there is NO SCHOOL on Easter Monday. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 3rd.

## 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 27th. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the event run so smoothly! We hope to see another awesome turnout next year for fellowship, music, games, arts & crafts.

Mark your calendars! PAC is sponsoring the 2nd annual Adult TRIVIA Night on Saturday, April 21st at 7pm in the Walnut Room at Holy Angels. The cost is \$10 per person. There are a maximum of 8 people per table. 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 table decorating is encouraged! PAC will be awarding prizes to the 1st & 2nd place teams and will offer raffles and mulligan sales during the event.

Proceeds will benefit Holy Angels School to purchase new playground equipment, replacing the tire structure and will support future PAC events. More information and registration forms will be sent in Friday folders and the weekly Friday emails from Mike Sternig. It will also be posted on the Holy Angels website.

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 7pm usually on Tuesdays. Here is a list of upcoming meeting dates: Tuesday, March 6, April 3 & 17th and Wednesday, May 23rd. If you'd like to join PAC, please email Heidi Sternig at [heidisternig@gmail.com](mailto:heidisternig@gmail.com) or call/text (262)227-4370.



## 18-19 calendar dates and issues

The School Calendar for 2018-19 is a work-in-progress. However, many dates have been established as we attempt to match up with the local public school calendar AND fit into archdiocesan dates. The beginning of the year Open House will be Sunday, August 26th, with the first day of school for grades K5 through eight on Tuesday, August 28th. There will be an area Sustaining the Mission session for teachers on October 4th, followed by the bi-annual Archdiocesan Educators' Convention on October 5th. (Translation: long weekend for students and families, lots to think about for teachers).

There is a Thanksgiving Break starting on Wednesday, November 21st. Unlike the public schools, Holy Angels will return to classes on Monday, November 26th. The Christmas Break is December 24th through January 1st, with classes resuming on January 2nd.

The semester break is on Monday, January 21st to again coincide with the public schools. There is an Archdiocesan Professional Development Day on February 15th (works out well with our Valentine's Party!).

There is a Spring Break during the week of March 25th, which is in the middle of Lent. There is no school on Good Friday and Easter Monday (Easter is on April 21st). The school year will end with Olympic Day on June 3rd, followed by the Closing Mass and early dismissal on June 4th. A full calendar will be available at a later date on the school website.

## 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 12th.

### ***school committee nomination form***

*In order to fill three 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 12th.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_