November 10, 2021

Dear family, friends and supporters of Holy Angels Church and Cemetery,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are happy to update you on the happenings at Holy Angels Church and Cemetery. Please feel free to reach out to any of our board members if you have any questions or concerns.

Our beautiful church is still very active. Every Wednesday morning we have a prayer service at Holy Angels Church at 8:30 am with rolls and coffee following the service. On Saturday, October 2 we had our Feast Day Mass. There have been multiple* baptisms, several end-of-life celebrations, and a wedding. There is already one wedding planned for next year. There has been an increase in the number of people stopping by and touring the Church since it has been on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The big project this year was replacing the 46-year-old carpet. We started in January and finished in February. There were a great number of helpers, plenty of



food, and fun memories. The altars were stripped down to the bare wood and refinished. The bathroom carpet floor was replaced with tile. The Stations of the Cross and lights were all taken down & cleaned. The whole Church was also deep cleaned. Painting was done in the cry room, back of the Church, and the Sacristy. Dimmable lights were put up in the back of Church for Wake services.

In September we received a \$5,000 Grant from the Gilbert & Barbara Renze Charitable Foundation. That money was used to make repairs and repaint the doors and windows on the exterior of the Church. Once again, the people of the area worked together to get that project finished in early November.

Angels Forever is always looking to preserve our Historic Church. In doing so, some major projects are being explored. Top repairs for 2022 will be tuck-pointing the exterior of the Church and replacing our boiler system with furnaces and air conditioners. Doing so will help preserve the inside of the Church by keeping the humidity out.

A project in consideration is a shelter house. The idea is to have a gathering spot for families during wakes, funerals, and weddings. The building would also be used to serve food out of for our grilling events and to store supplies. We are currently using individual's shops and freezers for such events. The shelter house would also store our Christmas trees, flags, mower, and other miscellaneous Church items.

Our Pot-Of-Gold St. Patrick's Day Raffle continues to be our primary fundraiser. Last year was our most successful raffle yet. We continue to do grilling for events in Roselle for the Memorial Day, Car Show, and Tractor Show. Grants are continuously being pursued. Contact us by email at <u>RoselleAngelsForever@gmail.com</u>, our website is <u>www.roselleholyangelsforever</u>, or our Facebook page at *Holy Angels Church Roselle, IA*. Please follow us or "like" us to keep updated on Holy Angels.

Our supporters are the best! Your prayers, positive words, and monetary donations have kept the Holy Angels spirit alive. If you wish to continue to support the preservation of the Holy Angels Church and Cemetery, please make checks payable to Angels Forever, Inc. and mail to Angels Forever, Inc. at 21671 Jade Avenue, Carroll, Iowa 51401. New this year, our Venmo account is @AngelsForever. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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