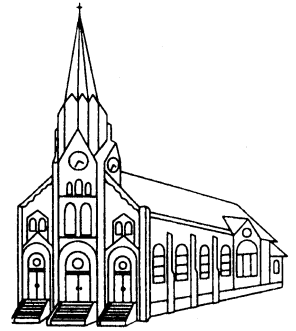


# *Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Fund, Inc.*

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December 3, 2012

Our Dear Friends:

Here we are again at the end of yet another year, as we are in the holiday season. We hope this letter finds you all well and that 2012, while challenging, has been kind.

Since I last wrote to you, I wish to bring you up to speed on several initiatives we have been working on. While not a huge list like last year, there still was a lot of work accomplished, with much more yet to do.

On January 1st of this year, several members of the parish and board re-insulated the church's attic. In researching, we believe this was last done in the late 50's. The large area dome span made it difficult for the blown insulation to stay where needed, so buffer strips were installed to hold the insulation in place. Over 500 bags of insulation was blown on New Year's Day, while the temp was cold and the wind outside was blowing approximately 50 miles per hour. Special thanks goes to the Ramaekers, for their assistance in getting the insulation and the use of their blower.

Every year, our church boiler is inspected, as required. We were notified that we had a few issues that needed to be addressed, purely as maintenance goes, as boilers do require lots of tender loving care and a few pipe wrenches from time to time. Several mercury control switches needed to be replaced, along with one of the gas regulators. A small leak off the main water pipe was also discovered, which needed to be cut out and a new section installed by means of certified welding. The boiler system was also completely flushed out and put back online. Hartford Steamboiler, our insurance carrier on the mechanical system, was fully informed and noted (as well as appreciated) our immediate attention to these small issues.

This summer, sections of cement sidewalk adjacent to the north parking lot were ripped up and new cement sidewalk sections were poured. This section was part of the original sidewalk that connected Holy Angels School (for those that remember those days) to the Church. The sidewalk sections were cracking and heaving unevenly and needed to be replaced. A thank you to Nate Stangl and family for their contribution to this project and to those dedicated members, again, that assisted in the labor!

One carryover project from last year was the church front doors. These doors were in the process of being handcrafted to match the original doors, which were installed in 1904. All the front doors were completed in early 2012, stained on the inside to match the existing woodwork and painted on the outside. These doors were installed in early spring and took several fittings to make them work properly in the existing door jams. Not a small task, as these doors are very large and heavy, making them difficult to handle.

**Our new HACCFI (Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Foundation Inc) website was launched recently, which took considerable time and effort to create and will also be a challenge to maintain, but one we believe is vital going forward. The website address is:**

[www.roselleholylangelsforever.com](http://www.roselleholylangelsforever.com)

We will load new content into this site frequently (weekly for bulletin updates and featured news, monthly/quarterly for content refresh). Please check this out and drop us a line with your e-mail address. A special feature that will be added in 2013 is the cemetery plot locator. Here, it is our intent that anyone can research loved ones within the cemetery, find the row, exact location and view a picture of a loved one's headstone. A feature currently available is the "**Donate**" tab. You can make a donation direct to the HACCFI by a safe and secure portal.

This year, no pictures were embedded into this letter. This was done on purpose. While I agree they added a lot to spice up my boorish letter, the specific reason they were omitted was they all can be found on our website (lots of pictures). **We encourage you to explore Holy Angels online and provide us your feedback, as we would love to hear from you!**

Again this year, the parish will have its annual Valentine's Day cash raffle. Details will be forthcoming on the website, **where you can order them online**, or by contacting any parish member, or you can write directly back to me at the address on this letterhead. Also, if you wish to call me, my number is 712-792-3072. This year, we reduced the price of the tickets, while increasing the number of prizes given away!

Lastly, our annual meeting will be held January 29, at Holy Angels church in Roselle, starting at 7:00 PM. **This is our official notification** of our meeting and you are invited to attend if possible, as we would love to have you there.

In closing, I don't need to remind you (but I will) that your contributions to this cause are most important, as well as deeply appreciated. Without you, many of these projects simply could not be done. In the short term, please consider a monetary gift. Projects under consideration are: new sound system, new flooring, steeple repair, brick tuckpointing, and stained glass window restoration. For the longer view, please consider Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Foundation in your will. Unlike our government and your tax dollars, these monies are for a worthwhile cause and are used responsibly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo Sibenaller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Leo Sibenaller  
HACCFI Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer