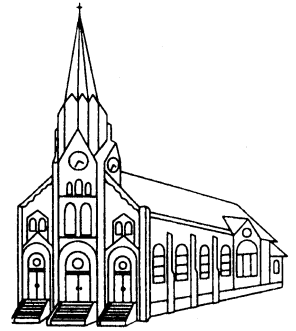


# *Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Fund, Inc.*

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November 29, 2013

Dear friends of Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Foundation:

Here we are again, the close of another year. I hope this letter finds you and your family well at this holiday season.

Your board members were active again this year, completing several projects discussed and approved in its last annual meeting. I am very happy to announce the cemetery layout has been installed on our website. This has been a vision of the board, and particularly Jerry Rupiper's and my self's for the past 5 years. Countless hours of meetings with vendors, researching/documenting and finally taking the images themselves of all headstones have been completed just to get it this far. There is still a ways to go before we call this project fully completed, but we are pleased to get it this far and set it in motion to be utilized. You can also add comments or a story about a loved one for others to see. There is no doubt, we are way ahead of the curve on this, as many cemeteries, public and private, are nowhere close to where we are at Holy Angels, utilizing this type of technology for cemetery plot location. As we fine tune this next year, all plotting will be done using this tool instead of paper mapping. This feature uses Google Map and satellite imaging for the latest current view. My thanks to Jerry Rupiper for his time and effort in assisting me in this endeavor and making this vision a reality! Please check it out at [www.roselleholyyangelsforever.com](http://www.roselleholyyangelsforever.com) and click on the "Enter the Cemetery" button on the right side column. There will be online instructions to assist you in your searching.

Second, a new microphone and speaker system was installed in the church. The existing podium microphone and speaker system was very old and was hard to hear from all areas within the church. A new wireless microphone was added in the choir as well. With this, all points within the church can be heard more clearly.

Third, in mid-year, an opportunity arose in which the City of Carroll was updating their tornado response system, making 2 sirens available. One was donated to Swan Lake State Park, the other to Roselle. The systems were taken on the agreement that the expense to retro fit and install the units was on the entities receiving them. In August, we secured a new pole and installed the unit on it. We also cleaned and repainted the unit prior to mounting. With the assistance of the Halbur Fire Department, Mid-American Energy and Halbur Hardware, the tornado siren hole was dug and the unit set. One of several issues that arose on this was that the unit needs 220, 3 phase electrical service. The only area in Roselle with this service was the former FS/Cal-Car area, located in the Northeast area of Roselle proper. This area is owned by Tom and Patty Simons, who graciously agreed to let us install the siren in that location. The community will be much safer with this in place and the protection of lives and property (including the church) fall within the purview of this board's mission.

Fourth, we replaced the Northeast and Southeast Sacristies' gutters and fascia coverings. These now match the existing church's overall gutters which were replaced 2 years ago, when the church roof was replaced (damaged by high winds—which is why the tornado siren is a nice add to community).

Fifth, several large trees and a few smaller ones were cut down and the stumps ground out. We also secured a large pile of black dirt, donated by Joe and Marcia Rupiper. The black dirt was utilized on several of the existing east cemetery rows, leveling out the ground, which was then reseeded in grass. We will continue to focus on the cemetery and its overall preservation, which is something we should all be proud of. With that said we will discuss further needs and an addition of a secondary road running east and west, merging with the existing perimeter road, in our next scheduled board meeting in early 2014.

For 2014, along with the cemetery road, we are focusing on the replacement of the church front steps, front sidewalk, steps and curb repairs, sub flooring repair and carpet replacement inside the church. While the pews are out, the center ceiling needs repair and before reinstallation of the pews, many of those need repair as well. On the outside, the framing, under hangs and points of the church needs repainting. In total, these listed projects will cost approximately \$55,000.00.

Again, we will have our annual Valentine's Day cash raffle. Tickets are \$25.00 each and cash prizes are awarded. If you wish to purchase tickets, any Holy Angels parishioner will have them, or you can visit website, or you can write or call me, at the address on this letterhead, or at 712-792-3072, and I will make sure you receive them.

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Holy Angles Church in Roselle. This letter will act as our official notice of the meeting and invite and welcome you to attend if possible, as we would love to have you.

I want to remind you of our immediate and future needs, to ensure that Holy Angels continues on its current path. In the short term, I ask for your consideration of a monetary gift, which will assist in getting the above listed projects completed in 2014. As a reminder, you can contribute safely and securely right from the website. For the long term, please consider the Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Foundation Inc. in your will, as an eternal gift of remembrance for the future.

In closing, you're Board of Directors and the entire parish community wishes you and your family the very best of the holiday season and a prosperous 2014.

Faithfully yours in the mission of Holy Angels forever,

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

Leo Sibenthal  
HACCFI Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer