



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

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Mission: *To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition*
Vision: *A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.*

Dates to remember:

- Apr. 29: Prom/ Grand March 7:00 pm
- May 1: Spring Choir Concert 7:00 pm
- May 5: State Solo & Ensemble UWSP
- May 14: Royal Parents Meeting 6 pm
- May 16: Senior Awards Ceremony
- May 18: Royal Event @ Ridges
- May 19: Plant Orders pick up @ St. Vincent Tracks for Tina @ AHS
- May 20: Royal Event @ AHS
- May 21-23: Senior Exams
- May 24: Senior Graduation Practice/Picnic
- May 26: Graduation
- May 29-31: Final Exams

Athletic Events:

- Apr: 30: Track @ Stratford 4:30
- Soccer @ Oshkosh 7:00
- Softball vs Newman 4:00
- Baseball vs Newman 4:00
- Golf @ Pine Valley Golf Course
- May 3: Track @ Stratford 4:00
- Soccer vs Mauston 5:00
- Baseball @ Newman 4:45
- Softball @ Newman 4:45
- May 4: Soccer @ Newman 5:00
- Softball vs Rib Lake 4:45
- Baseball vs Rib Lake 4:45

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STATE RESULTS:
WAY TO GO!
Ryan Hustedt
GOLD medal
Erin Heineck,
Delaney Weiler
Layne Gebert
BRONZE medal

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER—FUN FOR THE IMPERISHABLE

Now that the 2018 NFL Draft is in full swing I am once again enamored, as I am every year, with the young men who finally see their dreams of making the NFL come true. The countless hours they spent learning the game and perfecting their own from their grade school years to their middle school and high school years and then their years of college. On top of school sponsored sporting events many of them were heavily involved in football camps throughout the year. These players and their families bent over backwards to realize their son's aspirations. The kicker though is that the average NFL career is only 2-3 years. Sure you have the anomalies that play for 10 plus years. However, the fact remains that for most young men who were talented and lucky enough to make the NFL, despite all their previous strenuous efforts, only realize their NFL dreams for a short time.

Sports provide a great opportunity for young people to learn valuable life lessons such as discipline and commitment as well as many others. What is troubling to me though is the immense effort we as a culture are willing to put into sports and a seemingly lack of effort placed on the practice of our faith. Even superstar athletes like Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady have achieved a fading glory in their careers because eventually their careers will end and that glory will not last forever. The glory that endures forever though is that found with God and the saints in heaven.

It is very admirable to help our children develop into good athletes, but we do them and ourselves a disservice if our efforts are not matched and exceeded in the practice of our faith and pursuit of heaven. Though my opportunity to excel in high school or collegiate sports is long past, I always have to reexamine if I am putting forward as much and more effort in pursuing my relationship with God than the effort I put forth to pursue anything else. I ask myself, "Have I done more to inculcate a life of holiness, than something else? Where is my heart? Am I chasing a fading glory or a glory and relationship that endures into eternity?"

These are extremely difficult and humbling questions to put to myself. The words of St. Paul continually come back to me, *Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one* (1 Cor. 9:24-25). If becoming a great athlete requires such an immense amount of effort and dedication, than surely a glory that is much greater requires even more effort to achieve. As a culture we have placed so much importance on the perishable crown many times to the detriment of the imperishable one.

One question I always get asked is, "Can't I just believe in Christ? Why does Christianity have to be so difficult?" I look at the young men being drafted to the NFL and recognize that they put forth an awful lot of effort to become NFL players, a fading glory. My answer to the inquisitor forces me to reexamine my own life, "If it takes such great effort to become an exceptional athlete and enter the NFL, how much more effort must it take to enter heaven?" Run for the Imperishable.