



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. 20: Hex 5 ends
- Apr. 21: Forensic @ State
- Apr. 23: No School K-12
- Apr. 24: Open Campus Seniors
- Apr. 25: Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15
- Apr. 29: Prom

Athletic Events:

- Apr. 23: Track @ LHS 4:30
- Soccer vs Amherst 4:30
- Softball @ Thorp 4:00
- Apr. 24: Soccer vs GB Lutheran 5:00
- Softball vs Edgar 4:45
- Baseball vs Edgar 4:45

For all of the latest and greatest up to minute information - please go to: www.marawoodconference.org and click on **Assumption**.



Channel 7 arrived at Assumption High School on Thursday to gather the boys basketball team and surprise their coach, Gary Weisenbeck with the "Channel 7 Coach of the Year Award".

Congratulations Coach!

We are very proud of you. You not only help our boys team be successful, you bring joy and pride to the fans.

Congratulations

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER—MARKED FOR LIFE AND BEYOND

A few years ago I was helping my dad add gravel to the cow yard. The dump truck dumped two large gravel piles in the cow yard and, and then my dad used the skid steer to transfer gravel from the piles to where it was needed. Since we hadn't moved the cattle from the area, my job was to keep the cattle out of the way. Before long one of our bulls hit me from behind. He threw me in the air and then pinned me up against the pole shed, burrowing his head into my chest. Eventually my dad and I got the bull away, and I was once again reminded of the fact that Holstein bulls are territorial even if they only weigh 600lbs. This bull had placed his mark, his seal on that cow yard, and well, I was trespassing.

Not only does this phenomenon occur in natural, but it is also a reality in the spiritual life. Much like a bull marks and protects his cow yard so does God mark and protect His. The mission of Jesus Christ was not merely to work miracles and say, at times, outlandish things, but to drive Satan out of the souls of His children. From the time of Adam and Eve's first sin, the devil enjoyed rule over all humanity. Born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, began to take back what belonged to God.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you O Jacob, he who formed you O Israel: "Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, and you are mine" (Is. 43:1).

In the life of Jesus, His mission found expression in His teachings, miracles, and ultimately His death on the cross. Now however Jesus marks and protects His people via the Sacraments. There are three Sacraments in which God places an indelible mark, a sacramental character, on our souls—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Placed on our souls by Almighty God, these marks remain for the rest of eternity. A person can only receive these sacraments once in their life, since the indelible marks change us forever.

Baptism claims us for Christ. In this Sacrament God definitively curb stomps Satan, "This is my son/daughter. You no longer have power over him/her." In Baptism God adopts us as His sons and daughters in Christ and so consequently the sacrament of Baptism is necessary for salvation. As the gateway to the other Sacraments, the indelible mark God imprints in Baptism gives us the ability to receive the grace God bestows on us in the other sacraments.

Confirmation completes the grace God has bestowed on us in Baptism. The indelible mark received in this Sacrament seals us with the grace of the Holy Spirit. It enables the Christian to perform sacraments (i.e. husband and wife in the Sacrament of Marriage). The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us to profess boldly and faithfully our Christian faith.

Holy Orders is that sacrament which makes a Catholic priest a priest. Here too the soul is marked for all eternity. Once a man is ordained a priest, he is and always will be a priest of Jesus Christ. "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek" (Ps. 110:4b). This mark unites the priest to Jesus the High Priest so that the priest may administer Christ's sacraments to the Church.

Even more so than a bull protecting a cow yard, God protects us, His children, from Satan. Yes, we will still be tempted and probably sin, but God has placed His mark, set His seal on our souls, and will do all He can to prevent the devil from trespassing. God has marked us for life and beyond.

STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



“ROYAL PRIDE” is abundant at the high school these days. A number of our seniors have signed letters of intent at various colleges. We wish them all the very best.

Ellie Schill—plans to play softball at Loras College in Dubuque, IA

Jade Hunn—plans to play soccer at UW River Falls, River Falls, WI

Erin Sullivan—plans to play softball at St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, Winona, MN

Alyssa Elsen—plans to play soccer at NAIA Viterbo University, LaCrosse, WI

Ethan Peters—plans to play baseball at NCAA D III Loras College, Dubuque, IA

Joe Grundhoffer—plans to play football at Lafayette College, Lafayette PA



The Agriculture Class was invited to Altenburg’s Farm on Friday, April 13. The students learned about the greenhouse operations and were able to do some hands-on planting.