



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / May 4, 2018



**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:

- 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:

- May 4: Soccer @ Newman 5:00  
Softball vs Rib Lake 4:45  
Baseball vs Rib Lake 4:45
  - May 7: Track @ Edgar 4:30  
Soccer @ Aquinas 6:00  
Baseball @ Marathon 4:45  
Softball @ Marathon 4:45  
Golf @ Wausau
  - May 8: Golf @ Stevens Point 3:30
  - May 10: Soccer @ Adams 4:30  
Baseball vs Marathon 4:45  
Softball vs Marathon 4:45
  - May 11: Soccer vs Wautoma 4:30  
Baseball @ Prentice 4:45  
Softball @ Prentice 4:45  
Golf @ Ridges 3:3-
  - May 12: Softball—Royal Rumble
- For all of the latest and greatest up to minute information - please go to: [www.marawoodconference.org](http://www.marawoodconference.org) and click on Assumption.*



**Congratulations to the AHS Math League and Mr. Klein!**  
**\*\*FIRST PLACE IN DIVISION 4\*\***  
 in the Central Wisconsin Math League  
 Special congratulations to 6 of our 19 team members who placed

within the top 10 of all competitors within their overall division in the subjects of Geometry, Algebra and Advanced Math - Garrett Dolan (5<sup>th</sup> place Algebra), Sean Dolan (Top 3 Advanced Math), Daniel Esser (4<sup>th</sup> Place Geometry), Iris Hou (Top 3 Algebra), Nianyi Li (6<sup>th</sup> Place Advanced Math) and Dario Mazacurrati (Top 3 Algebra).  
 We are very proud of all of the Math Team members.

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER—WHEN GOD SAYS NOTHING AT ALL

*It's amazing how you can speak right to my heart  
 Without saying a word you can light up the dark  
 Try as I may I could never explain what I hear when you don't say a thing.*

These opening lines of Keith Whitley's hit single "When You Say Nothing At All" are quite striking. Redone by Alison Krause in the 1995, this country song became one of the genre's classic love songs. Those who have heard the song recall that the song describes a love that goes beyond words. This relationship flourishes with a simple warm smile amidst total silence.

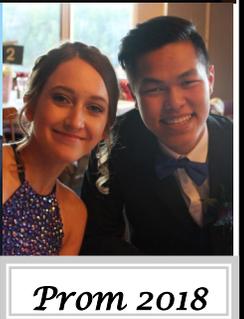
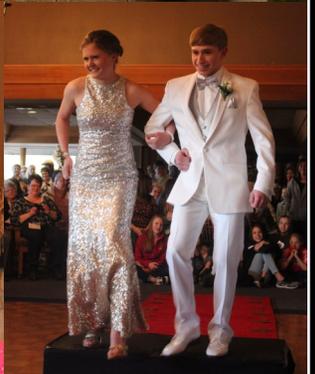
"Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed" (Mk. 1:35). This action of Jesus comes immediately after He heals numerous people in Capernaum including Peter's mother-in-law. A short perusal of Scripture reveals that this is not the only time Jesus withdraws from the crowds to pray. Interestingly every time Christ is said to "go off and pray", He either has just done some incredible miracle or is about to do one. In this simple yet profound action Jesus teaches us that the miracles He performs are not self-contained events, but revelatory of God's power and His love. The miracles He works are not mere "nice things", but invitations to an intimate relationship with the almighty God, a relationship that is developed in the silence of prayer.

Cultivating a habit of daily prayer is not easy especially in our fast-paced society. However it is only in this silence that our relationship with God matures. Certainly we can make our work a prayer, but a period of silence helps the heart to rest and direct its attention to our blessed Lord. One thing we will immediately recognize in prayer is the seeming absence of God's audible response to our petitions. He does not communicate to us like one friend to another, but like a lover to His beloved. This is because our relationship with Him cannot be contained in words. Our relationship goes beyond words since it is made possible by God's only *Word*.

In Eucharistic adoration we behold God's greatest miracle, greater than curing diseases and driving out demons. Present in the monstrance is His very Body and Blood which suffered the crucifixion and rose again for our salvation. Under the appearance of bread, our blessed Lord *speaks right to our hearts*. We do not perceive an audible voice from the Blessed Sacrament, but *without saying a word God can light up the dark*.

In the silence of prayer, especially in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord, we are renewed and strengthened to endure the joys and sorrows of life. As a car needs gas, so a Christian needs prayer. Silent prayer is essential in cultivating our relationship with our heavenly Father as it was for Jesus. Despite our best efforts, *try as we may we can never explain what we hear when God doesn't say a thing*.

**STUDENT LIFE AT AHS**



*Prom 2018*



*On Tuesday, May 1st, we were treated to a fantastic choir concert that showcased the music talents of our students. Picture above is Mrs. Baker and the five seniors who were in Choir. Thank you Mrs. Baker, and all the choir students in the High school and middle school. Keep on Singing!*



**High School Writers Recognized**

High school students competed in a writing contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America. Students were given an opportunity to write an essay and a poem to prompts provided by the CDA.

Students chose to address one of two given prompts "The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us, We are Filled With Joy" or "Finding Joy In My Life."

- Receiving recognition for their work were:
- Essay Division III - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Abigail Berard 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Marie Hartley; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Anna Tagarelli.
- Poetry Division III - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Samantha Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kendal Schmidt; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Maria Hartley.
- Poetry Division II - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Hannah Lamp.

A special note: Abigail Berard also won at the state level and is currently entered in the national CDA contest. Nicely done, Abigail!



Congratulations to all those receiving awards!!