



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / September 14, 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:

- Sept. 15: DRIVE 4 UR School 9-2
Recycling Event 9-2
- Sept. 19: All ACS Homecoming Mass
Letter Jacket Sign Up & Fitting @ 2:45
- Sept. 21: Oktoberfest 4:30-6:30
Pep Rally 6:30
- Sept. 25: Ripon College Lunch Visit
- Sept. 26: Casa Hogar Information Mtg 6:00
In the Library.

Athletic Events:

- Sept. 14: FB @ Abbotsford 7:00
- Sept. 15: CC @ Ripon Invite 9:30 am
GT @ Lincoln HS 9:00 am
- Sept. 17: GT @ Columbus HS 4:30
- Sept. 18: VB @ Edgar 5:30/7:00
GT @ Philips 4:30
- Sept. 20: CC @ Westfield 4:00
GT vs Black River Falls
- Sept. 22: FB vs Gilman 11:00 am

ACS Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Assumption Catholic Schools Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Assumption High School Library to discuss the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). The meeting is open to all. Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerry Meinel in the ACS Advancement Office at 715-422-0901 or kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org.

ROYAL CARDS.

All money and unsold Royal Cards are due on Monday, September 17th.

SKATE UNITED

Thursday, September 27, 2018
5:30—7:00 pm
South Wood County Recreation Center
Admission: \$4.00 per person
Skate Rental \$6.00 per person
Fun family night of skating, Rocky Rococo
Pizza and breadsticks will be for sale. All proceeds go to United Way.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER

EXTRA ORDINARY

“What was going through your head when you came out after halftime and saw the score 20-0?” When asked this prying question in his postgame press conference, Aaron Rodgers calmly and confidently replied, “seven times three is twenty-one.” His response revealed a certain wit, and an incredibly clear vision of the task ahead of him. In the face of insurmountable odds (not to mention his injury) Rodgers simply played the game. The second half of the Packer game Sunday night, as we all remember was spectacular. Rodgers was darn near perfect, yet his plan of attack was uninspiringly simple. He accomplished the ordinary extraordinarily.

Undoubtedly the reporter who asked Rodgers this question was hoping to get a headline. How could he not? Rodgers just had one of the greatest comebacks of his career and the reporter, like the rest of us, expected to hear an elaborate and heroic game plan from Rodgers. Thrust into a near impossible situation surely the architect of the high powered offensive machine drew up an ostentatious blueprint. Yet that was not the case. With his limited mobility Rodgers simply stood in the pocket and picked apart the Bears’ defense. There were no fireworks, just Rodgers doing what he usually does.

Despite simply racking up yards as he marched the team up and down the field, Rodgers accomplished an ordinary game plan in an extraordinary way. His touchdown pass to Geronimo Alison (39 yards) was a thing of beauty. It was only a touchdown, but he placed the ball perfectly in the back corner of the end zone. Both of his passes to Devante Adams (51 yards) and Randel Cob (75 yards) were just regular passes, but upon closer observance it was clear they were spectacular. As usual he threw his receivers open, but Rodgers placed just the right amount of touch on the football to give his receiver the best chance to gain yards after the catch.

Really our Catholic faith is no different. To win the game, metaphorically speaking, we need to get to heaven which is an insurmountable task. It is actually impossible on our own power. We need master architect to draw up a blue print. Our architect is Jesus and He has given us the blue print in the Catholic Church. The plan Jesus has laid out for us is quite simple and ordinary, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Lk. 10:27). These words of Christ of course find their fullest expression in attending Sunday Mass, the source and summit of our faith” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1324). It is a very simple and ordinary thing to attend Sunday Mass every week; however, as I think many of us have discovered reserving this one hour a week can be difficult. Unfortunately, sports, extra circulars, and the business of life contribute to our weekly attendance. The blue print Christ has drawn up is very ordinary and simple, yet requires an extraordinary effort on our part.

“Seven times three is twenty-one” (AR#12). Without scoring touchdowns in the second half of the football game the Packers would have had no chance of winning last Sunday. So too, we will surely not reach heaven if we neglect attending Sunday Mass weekly. Among other things our attendance at Sunday Mass implicitly says, “I love you God and I desire to be with you.” Not attending says the opposite. In heaven we will be with God for all eternity. God will not force eternity with Him on us if we don’t even want to spend one hour with Him a week. Jesus has given us a simple and ordinary blueprint which is founded on weekly attendance at Sunday Mass. This takes extraordinary effort on our part. Yet that is what Christ asks of us—as did Aaron Rodgers and the Packers did last Sunday night—to do the ordinary things extraordinarily, to be *extraordinarily ordinary*.