



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / February 15, 2019



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.*

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

With our “planned for” snow days all used up, we now enter into the realm of having to make up hours of instruction. We will do this by adding 7 minutes to each school day for the remainder of the year.

Starting Monday, February 18th. School will now begin at: 7:28 a.m. and the school day ends at: 2:50 p.m.

This coincides with what WRPS is also doing. To avoid any other changes in the school calendar..... THINK SPRING!

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 15: Solo & Ensemble @ Auburndale
- Feb. 16: Snoball @ AHS 7pm-11pm
- Feb. 19: Moving Up Day @ AHS
- Feb. 20: ACS Mass 1:00 pm @AHS

Athletic Events:

- Feb. 15: BBB vs Newman Senior Night for all boys In Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling)
- Feb. 16: Wrestling Sectionals
- Feb 19: GBB Regional @ AHS
- Feb 21: BBB @ Marathon

ACS Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Assumption Catholic Schools Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Assumption High School Library to discuss the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program(WPCP). This is also an opportunity to meet and communicate with board members. 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.

If you are a current/continuing WPCP family you will need to reapply as well as provide proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 20, 2019) If you are applying for the first time to WPCP, you will also be instructed to provide additional paperwork as well as proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 20, 2019)

Application and re-application can be completed using the following link: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice>

From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Mysterious Rose

Love. It has eluded human understanding for centuries. Countless painters, poets, and musicians have tried to put their finger on it and though they may have come close, they have yet to grasp its complexities. Even some of the world’s greatest philosophers like Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas admit to only hitting the tip of the iceberg. St. Thomas defines love as; doing good to another, for the other’s sake. In the end, he concludes love is beyond us. Love is divine mystery.

Looking at your own firsthand experience or observations gleaned from afar, immediately detectable is the reality of the bond of love, and its obscurity. Ask newlyweds why they love their spouse. They’ll list off various qualities they like or admire about their spouse as well as the way their spouse makes them feel. However it’s obvious that the couple’s love is something much deeper than a collection of qualities and feelings, yet its clarity also escapes our vocabulary and understanding. Love is most certainly recognizable, and yet it isn’t fully explainable.

*“Some say love, it is a river, that drowns the tender reed
Some say love, it is a razor, that leaves your soul to bleed
Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need
I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed”*

Made popular by Bette Midler in 1979, “The Rose” tries its hand in love’s exploration. After discarding possible descriptions, the song concludes that love is a rose whose seed is the lover planted within the garden of the heart. This pop song is a love song about two human lovers, however this song may just be unknowingly a loves song between the human soul and the divine Lover.

Time and time again Jesus has revealed to us through the Gospel that God is love (1 Jn. 4:8b). Consequently, the Bible is not a collection of archaic, prudish books. Rather the Bible is the greatest love story ever written. Starting with creation itself, the mysterious God—a Trinity of three divine Persons in one supreme Godhead—records His ineffable love for us through the words of human authors. Slowly He draws ever nearer as two lovers approach marriage. Eventually God makes His proposal on the cross, sewing the seed of Love within each of our hearts (cf. 1 Jn. 4:9).

Love indeed is a mystery eluding even the world’s brightest minds because Love is the infinite God. It only makes sense then that love is a mystery. Love definitely is a rose, tethered to a bush. It blooms surrounded by thorns, planted firmly in the ground. Jesus Christ, Love Himself, is nailed to a cross. His inestimable love shines supreme encircled by a crown of thorns, planted delicately within the hearts of all the baptized. St. Catherine of Siena observes, “The human heart is drawn by love” (Dialogue 26). Let Love, the almighty God, draw your heart this weekend to His altar to receive His seed of Love in the Eucharist so that your love may truly be like His, a mysterious rose.

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