



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:

- Feb. 25: Hex 5 begins
- Feb. 26: UWSP visit @ Royal Time
- Mar. 6: Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 11: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm
- Mar. 22: Spring Break Begins
- April 1: Back from Spring Break
- April 4: Musical Dinner show
- April 5-6: Musical Performances

Athletic Events:

- Feb. 22: GBB Regional Semi Final Vs Athens 7:00
- Feb.26: BBB Regional @ Wild Rose 7:00



STATE BOUND!
 We wish Craig Elsen and Aden Elsen the Best of luck as they compete at the State Wrestling Tournament in Madison this weekend.



The Michigan Technological University section of The Society of Women Engineers have awarded Certificates of Merit to Allison Lovernash and Allison Taylor. This award is given to a Junior and Senior female student who has demonstrated excellence in science and mathematics. These two were nominated by Assumption High School because of their high academic promise and commitment to excellence in these fields.

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 : The Gospel is for You.

Who is the Gospel for Becker?
 "What?" I replied.
 "Becker, who is the Gospel for?"

This was the beginning of a pretty intense, life changing conversation I had with my spiritual director back in school, and its one I go back to now and again. It's a puzzling question on many different levels, not least of which is its motivation. At this point I was almost finished with my studies and just a few months from my ordination to the priesthood. I didn't understand what my spiritual director was thinking and so I just stared back at him like a deer caught in headlights. I had no idea how to answer his question. He prodded some more, and finally I gave some generic textbook answer. Again he pushed, "No, really Becker, who is the Gospel for." I just stared at him. Finally we stopped walking. He turned to face me head on and said, "Becker, the Gospel is for you,"

In response to him, I am sure I had some sort of snarky comment. However my attempt to lighten the mood didn't faze him. Truth is...I was uncomfortable. It's much easier to keep God at arm's length rather than letting Him draw near. It's completely okay and exciting to proclaim God's mercy and love for others, since I can remain a spectator. However to accept that God offers the same to me can be frightening and uncomfortable. It's fine for God to forgive others because I know He does, but to acknowledge that He forgives me—even though I am not worthy of that forgiveness—is poignantly personal.

"How can God forgive or love me? I know He loves others and I don't even hesitate in reminding them of that. Still, how can He love me?"

Regardless of the reason for such doubts, the core of the question issues from a place of fear, a fear of being discovered by God. The truth is, I think all of us—priests, religious, and laity alike—experience these spiritually debilitating thoughts every once in a while. In fact, even St. Peter experienced these fears which can be seen in this weekend's Gospel. "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Lk. 5:8b). So I guess we are all in good company. St. Peter was overwhelmed at the catch of fish and God's close proximity to him, a sinful man.

Is not St. Peter's response to Jesus's personal presence similar to our own? Who is the Gospel for? Is it really only for everyone, but ourselves? Surely the answer is "no", but do we really *believe* that in the depths of our heart? It took St. Peter a whole three years to become comfortable with Jesus's personal care for him and well, he started out just like us, experiencing the same fears in the face of God's love. It stands to reason then that it will take time for us as well. Be patient with yourself. God wants to dispel your fear. God loves you for who you are. Even if God finds out who you really are, He will still love you.

"Becker, the Gospel is for you!"
 Allow God to draw near and say the same thing to you.