



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / March 21, 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.*

Dates to remember:

- Mar. 22: Spring Break Begins
- April 1: Back from Spring Break
- April 4: Musical Dinner show
- April 5-6: Musical Performances
- April 10: Shadow Stations @ OLQH 6:00
- April 17: Shadow Stations @ St. Philip
- April 18: Shadow Stations @ AHS 1:30

Lord, watch over our students as they take a break from their studies. Keep them safe from harm, and guide them in all that they do.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Assumption Catholic Schools is seeking a host family for the 2019-2020 school year. Iris, who has attended Assumption High School for the past two years will be returning for her senior year. Iris is an excellent student, is involved in school activities, participates in outings with friends and her host family, and spends time volunteering.

A host family provides the student with their own bed but they may share a room with a student of the same gender and around the same age. The host family provides three meals a day, however, the student pays her own hot lunch. You share the American culture with the student while the student shares their culture with you.

The student has her own spending money and medical insurance. The student is required to do chores and abide by the host family rules. The coordinator makes monthly contacts with the student and the host family.

If you are willing to host, please contact Jean Stelzer at 715.886.4155. Hosting is a lot of fun and a great experience.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to host an international student.

"Opening your home to the World"

From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Huh...

"We're on a mission from God." This line from *The Blues Brothers* was all I could think of when a Franciscan friar jokingly told me he was a "secret agent". This comment was in reference to his missionary activity in a foreign country perpetuating religious persecution. This friars' community serves the poor and evangelizes the area. However, their ministry extends to the rest of the world as some of the friars have spent time serving the persecuted Catholics in foreign countries. The country where this friar works makes life extremely difficult for the Catholic Church. Much of the Church has gone underground and Mass is held in secret. Consequently, the friar I spoke with is forced to work undercover to avoid arrest and prison.

During our conversation over lunch I was struck by something else the friar had said. He relayed a story of a bishop from the foreign country who was asked if he'd rather be a bishop in his country of religious persecution or in the United States. The Bishop emphatically responded, "my country". His reason surprised me. The Bishop said, "Materialism is a bigger threat to Christianity than Communism. The enemies of the Faith are very visible within Communism. However, the enemies of the Faith within materialism lie beneath the surface, slowly eroding it."

This observation made by this bishop elucidates Jesus's teaching on wealth in His sermon on the Plain (cf. Lk. 6:20-26). Jesus singles out wealth as an obstacle to faith and trust in God, "Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation" (Lk. 6:24). Jesus adds to His warning twelve chapters later, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God" (Lk. 18: 26). In no way is Jesus condemning the wealthy, but rather He raises the alert. Material security can serve as a hindrance to our faith. It can lead us to falsely think we don't need God or we can go it alone. Of course these thoughts are not our immediate intention, but the danger lies in the fact that these sentiments can soon creep in unperceived.

It is one thing to fight against a known enemy such as a hostile and oppressive government. It is another thing entirely to fight against one that is unrecognized. Unfortunately, the later enemy is more dangerous and insidious precisely because it is unrecognized. A diagnosed illness can be treated and cured, but an undiagnosed illness can be fatal. The words of Jesus and the living observation of this bishop serve as warnings to all of us in the western world. Though our material wealth improves our lives in many respects, we must be careful that it does not become detrimental to our Faith and our eternal salvation.

Not unlike this friar ministering under religious persecution, we are all on a "mission from God" to get ourselves and others to heaven. We are not fighting Communism, but we are fighting a battle within our own hearts. May we make it our prayer that the "secret agent", Jesus Christ will soon dispel our enemies born of materialism.

Student Life at AHS



What a fun idea, Royal Parents Hosted a non perishable food \ Drive for SWEPS this week. Students could bring 3 items to Dress down each day. Today They were given 15 minutes to Build a structure. Pictures are just 3 of the 8, Homerooms . Great team bonding. **THANK YOU ROYAL PARENTS!**

Lent is an incredible opportunity to start or re start practices that take you deeper in your relationships with God and with the people around you. At Assumption High School, we are sharing with our students some suggestions on "Keeping a Holy Lent". Each week we post the suggestions on their lockers.



Week 1:

Fasting: Post something positive on Social Media this week.

Prayer: "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37.

Serving: Help your parents with a household chore this week.

Week 2:

Fasting: Think about what you say before you say it avoid sarcasm of any kind.

Prayer: Be consistent in your thoughts: steadfast be your words. Be swift to hear, but slow to answer. If you have the knowledge, answer your neighbor if not put your hand over your mouth. Honor and dishonor through talking! A man's tongue can be his downfall." Sirach 5:11-15

Serving: Write a thank you note to a teacher or staff member

Week 3:

Fasting: Add more prayer time and give up Facebook and Snap Chat

Prayer: Begin each day with "The Our Father"

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you In Christ." Eph 4:32

Serving: Expand your forgiveness to include anyone whom you must forgive or from whom you you must ask forgiveness: former friends, people who have hurt you, enemies, or people whom you have hurt.

