

AHS PARENT CONNECTION KEEPING YOU INFORMED / April 12, 2019



<u>Mission:</u> To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition
<u>Vision:</u> A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.

Dates to remember:

April 17: Shadow Stations @ St. Philip
April 18: Shadow Stations @ AHS 1:30
April 19: Good Friday—No School

April 21: Happy Easter
April 22: No School

Athletic Events:

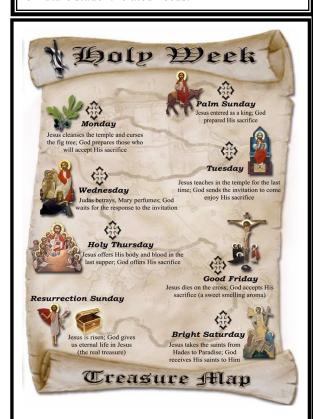
April 13: Softball @ Laconia 3:00
April 15: Baseball vs Auburndale 4:45
Softball vs Auburndale 4:45
Soccer vs St. Mary's 5:00

April 16: Softball @ Auburndale 4:45
Baseball @ Auburndale 4:45
Track @ Athens 4:30
Golf @ Stevens Point 3:30
Soccer @ GB New Lutheran

The chocolate and cotton candy have arrived!!!! If you placed an order you can pick it up.

Monday, April 15, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the AHS Cafeteria.

On behalf of the Royal Parents Association, a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported this fundraiser. You raised over \$2,000 to be used for future student related needs.



From the desk of Father Aaron Becker: So it begins

Great news, Lent is officially over, come 4pm Saturday evening!!! Even greater news, we enter into Holy Week come 4pm Saturday evening!!! Though Lent ends, we do not relax as Holy Week is the time the world and our hearts begin to change forever. We journey with Jesus to the wood of His wondrous cross.

As Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, we welcome Jesus into the holy city Jerusalem. Along with the Jews along His path we proclaim Jesus king and Lord. We acknowledge the uneasy feeling of this momentous event—joy at the arrival of the king, fear of a pending disaster.

On Holy Thursday we join Jesus around the table of His Last Supper. Here He institutes the Eucharist and the priesthood. Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, leaving us an example of love for us to imitate. He celebrates the first Mass with His Apostles changing bread into His flesh and wine into His blood—His flesh and His blood to be immolated on the tree.

Good Friday sees Jesus paraded through the streets of Jerusalem in a sadistic procession. The reasons for His agony in the garden of Olives is brutally realized fastened naked to a pillar and crowned with thorns. All His fears then culminated while breathing His last on the cross.

Our sorrow turns to exultant joy as the Easter bells ring out their melodious victory anthem at the Easter Vigil. Christ risen from the dead. The devil's power vanquished. Freedom and life bestowed. The tomb is empty!

Lent is over yes, but a whole new intensity is upon us. Travel with Jesus in prayer this week. If you have never experienced attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil celebrations, I HIGHLY encourage you to give it a try. Attend all three of these celebrations and enter into the mystery of our redemption. Come 4pm Saturday evening Holy Week gets underway, know and feel the fears as well as the joys of our salvation. *So it begins...*