



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED / April 26, 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:

April 27: Prom / Grand March @ 7:30
 May 4: State Solo & Ensemble
 May 7: Band Concert 6:30 pm @ AHS
 May 12: Happy Mother's Day
 May 13: Royal Parent Meeting 6 pm
 May 14: Choir Concert 7:00 pm @ AHS
 May 20-22: Senior Exams
 May 25: Graduation
 May 27: Memorial Day—No School
 May 29-31: Final Exams

Athletic Events

April 26: Softball @ Auburndale 4:45
 April 29: Softball & Baseball @ Newman 4:45
 Track @ Stratford 4:30
 Soccer vs Wautoma 5:00
 Golf @ Pine Valley 10 am
 April 30: Soccer @ Green Bay N Lutheran
 May 2: Softball vs Newman 4:45
 Baseball vs Newman 4:45
 Track @ Stratford 4:30
 Soccer @ Mauston 6:00
 May 3: Softball @ Rib Lake 4:45
 Baseball @ Rib Lake 4:45
 Soccer @ Newman 4:30
 May 4: Softball @ Poynette 9:00 am
 May 6: Softball vs Marathon 4:45
 Baseball vs Marathon 4:45
 Track @ Edgar 4:30
 Soccer vs Oshkosh 7:00
 Golf @ Wausau 10 am

Prayer for Young People

O God, we pray and beseech you to guide and protect young people from the dangers that are ever present in our world today.

Be with them, as they experience sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure.

Gracious God, give to them the courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may they come to know and experience your loving care.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

From the desk of Father Aaron Becker : Who Dat?!

Who dat! Who dat! Who dat say dey gonna beat dem Saints!"

I'm not opposed to the New Orleans Saints, but I definitely don't consider myself a fan. However, their "Who Dat" chant has fascinated me. It's a chant of confidence, a chant of defiance, and a chant of the rising underdog all combined into one. In 2009-10 the Saints came out of nowhere to win Super Bowl XLIV, earning the right to hoist the Lombardi trophy. Already possessing a history with the New Orleans Saints, the "Who Dat" chant resurfaced during the 2009 season. Who dat? The Saints were a nobody. Who dat! The Saints despised their disrespected status. Who dat! The New Saints were confident they could beat anyone. Oh...and they did.

Though the New Orleans Saints have claimed the "Who Dat" chant as their own mantra, I think it can be applied to Christianity. In the eyes of His contemporaries, Jesus of Nazareth was a nobody. When told about Jesus, Nathanael voiced this same sentiment, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (Jn. 1:46). Jesus burst onto the scene seemingly out of nowhere. From a podunk town called Nazareth Jesus starts a movement which changes the course of history. Who is this Jesus of Nazareth? Jesus is a nobody who becomes a somebody, leaving people asking, "Who dat?"

Soon, as we know, this nobody is noticed by the leaders and rulers of the Jews and Romans alike. Jesus performs miracles. He confidently teaches religious truth with authority. He even claims to be God. Slowly this nobody becomes a "problem", somebody the religious and political leaders despise. Jesus gains attracts more followers and His fame reaches all the way to Jerusalem. Jesus is now a grave concern for the authorities so much so that they condemn Him to death, hanging Him on a cross. This nobody, Jesus, is crucified near the city of Jerusalem, leaving many Israelites baffled at this somebody, "Who dat?"

After three days the perplexity of His contemporaries heightens to a feverish pitch. Reports of Jesus's resurrection begin to circulate and the political and religious leaders are faced with an even bigger "problem". They are still left wondering, "Who dat?" However, this same question becomes a victory cry for the Disciples of Jesus, "Who dat!" They finally realize that Jesus is God. *Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God" (Jn. 20:28).* God has sent His long awaited Messiah! The battle is over! The victory is won! Who Dat!

Generation after generation has taken up the "Who Dat?!" chant of the New Orleans Saints. It is a chant of confident pride and undying loyalty. So too for Christians. We hoist the cross, the trophy of our victory over death. Jesus of Nazareth, thought to be a nobody is a Somebody. He is God Who has conquered sin and death! To Him we voice our undying loyalty as we now elevate the cross confidently thunder our victory chant, "Who Dat! Who Dat! Who Dat!!!"