



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED / November 8, 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:

- Nov. 9: Auction Royale
- Nov. 11: Royal Parent Meeting
- Nov. 15: Hex 2 ends
- Nov. 21: GBB @ Auburndale
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am
- Nov. 26:f GBB vs Edgar 5:45/7:15
- Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29-30: Cranberry Classic
- Dec. 2: AHS/AMS Choral Christmas Concert 7 p.m. @ AHS
- Dec. 3: BBB @ Auburndale 5:45/ 7:15
- Dec. 6: GBB vs Philips 5:45 / 7:15
- Dec. 9: Band Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
- Dec. 10: GBB vs Newman 5:45 / 7:15
- Dec. 11: Advent Reconciliation @ AHS
- Dec. 13: BBB vs Edgar 5:45 / 7:15
- Dec> 17: BBB vs Newman 5:45 / 7:15
- Dec. 18—20: Semester Exams
- Dec. 20: Golden Mass
- Dec. 23 –Jan 1: Christmas Break

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: *Collecting Garbage. Creating Glory.*

*“But piece by piece, he collected me up  
Off the ground, where you abandoned things  
Piece by piece he filled the holes that you burned in me  
Six years old and you know”*

When I first heard this song, “Piece by Piece” by Kelly Clarkson, I was moved to tears. I hate crying, but in this song Kelly expresses the heartache and pain of her six-year-old self. At the age of six Kelly’s father decided to walk out on her family which broke her to pieces. The song continues with her rediscovery of love and faith in relationships. Kelly sings about her husband who picks up the pieces of her life and loves her for *who* she is rather than the *what* (riches and fame) she now possesses. Ultimately this song is not about heartbreak, but a love that picked up the pieces and put a life back together.

Regardless of who is struggling; if it’s the heartache of a six-year-old, if it’s the anguish of a senior citizen, or if it’s the pain of someone in between, suffering is evil. It is not good. How often though, even if we know intellectually that suffering possess a redemptive meaning, do we run from it. We know Jesus asks us to embrace sufferings and the cross as He did, but it is so difficult. I’ll never forget what a priest told me one of the many times I was complaining about the awful things I was dealing with. He looked at me and said, “What kind of cross did you expect Jesus to ask you to carry? Did you think it was going to be smooth and comfortable? Did you think it was going to be light? His cross wasn’t.” I realized then that I wanted to choose the crosses I would embrace. The crosses I had to carry seemed much heavier than those of others around me. Why did I have to suffer this particular cross while someone got one that, in my estimation, was lighter and more comfortable than mine?

As questions like these rolled around in my head I was reminded of the words of St. Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9). Jesus chooses the crosses we carry because they are the crosses that will reveal His power. Yes, suffering can break us to pieces and make us feel like our lives is garbage. However every time we run to Him, that “garbage” and those scattered pieces are collected and constructed anew by Jesus. More than that the cross that breaks us into pieces gives God the chance to *recreate*. He doesn’t just put us back together like Humpy Dumpty, God *recreates* us so that we are better off than we were before—“...for when I am weak, it is then that I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10b).

Fortunately, we do not get to choose our crosses. They are given to us, though sometimes it feels like they are thrust upon us. I say “fortunately” because God knows the crosses that will bring us closer to Him. He knows the ones that will break us to pieces with out completely destroying us. God also knows His plan to recreate us, to collect the pieces of our life. When it feels like everyone else thinks our life is just a bunch of broken pieces, Jesus sees a glimmer of hope, someone He loves. Jesus collects our garbage not to reassemble it. He collects pieces of garbage to create glory.

*“He’ll never walk away, He’ll never break her heart  
He’ll take care of things, he’ll love her  
Piece by piece, he restored my faith  
That a man can be kind and the father should be great”*

### REMINDER.....

**Butter Braid Pickup will be on:  
Wednesday, November 13th  
Time: 2:30-6:00 p.m.**

**If you ordered Butter Braids, please mark this date on your calendar.  
If you know you cannot make it on this day, please make arrangements for someone else to pickup for you.**

### HELP UP HELP OTHERS AHS FOOD DRIVE NOV. 18—22 NON PERISHABLE ITEMS

- 11/18 Cereal Day (any type of box cereal)
- 11/19 Meat/Fish Day (canned tune, chicken, Ham, salmon etc...)
- 11/20 Fruit / Veggie Day (canned fruit or Vegetable)
- 11/21 Nuts Day (jar of peanut butter/ or Cans/bag of almonds or other high Protein nuts)
- 11/22 Baby Day (baby food, diapers, Formula or other baby needs)

## STUDENT LIFE AT ASSUMPTION



On Tuesday, November 5, eight band and choir students consisting of: Daniel Bledsoe, tenor, Ryan Hustedt, tenor, Madison Pecher, trombone, Patience Pecher, trumpet, Danielle Smits, tenor saxophone, Hannah Lamp, flute, Calli Statz, alto and Natalie Weisenbeck, soprano, traveled to Spencer High School for the Marawood All-Conference Honor's Music Festival. The band rehearsed all day with Andres Moran, and the choir with Susan McAllister, to perform 4 to 5 songs for their concert at 6:30 p.m. Schools that were represented were: Abbotsford, Assumption, Athens, Auburndale, Chequamegon, Columbus, Edgar, Marathon, Newman, Phillips, Prentice, Rib Lake, Spencer and Stratford. There were 67 concert band students and 76 concert choir students. Their day consisted of a two-hour rehearsal in the morning, a half hour lunch break, a three-hour rehearsal in the afternoon, a 45-minute dinner, 15 minutes to get ready and then perform at 6:30 p.m. Miss Thomas and Mrs. Baker would like to thank the teachers, staff and administration for allowing these students an outstanding opportunity and the amazing parents who encourage and support their kids to be involved in music; a universal language.



**The Assumption Service Club is hard at work! Recent events have included our twice-monthly visits to Renaissance Assisted Living to play games with the residents, helping facilitate activities and an open gym at St. Vincent's for elementary students, and helping to serve this fall's Deanery Dinner at St. Vincent's. Many thanks to Layne Gebert and Delaney Weiler for helping to put together such wonderful events for our students to participate in!**

The happiest people I know are those who lose themselves in the service of others

Caring people help others not because they expect a reward but because it is natural to show kindness.

**WE CAN'T HELP EVERYONE, BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP SOMEONE.**