



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED January 30, 2020



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:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2020/2021 Course Registration

- Feb. 3: Current 9th / 10th grade
5:15-6:15 (Library)
Current 1th grade
Will schedule individually with Miss Ahens
- Feb.4: Girls Basketball vs Neillsville
Boys Basketball @ Newman
- Feb. 6: Girls Basketball vs Athens
- Feb. 7: Boys Basketball vs Athens
- Feb. 10: Royals Parent Meeting 6 pm
Registration 2020/2021
Current 8th graders 5:00-6:00

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: An Unseen Friend



Seven years ago I was working at St. Bronislava in Plover for a summer, and the pastor at the time, Msgr. Burrill, and I got to be real good friends. We had a ton of fun working with the youth of the parish as well as ministering to parish as a whole. Not gonna lie, we made a pretty good team. Haha

During the summer this ugly ceramic cat was passed back and forth between us. I'd hide it in his office or car, and then he'd find it at some point and hide it in my office (no car for me haha). It became quite the game and now the passing of the ugly car has gotten really involved. That fall I had to head back to school in Rome Italy and soon he was assigned a job with the United States Council of Catholic Bishops in Washington DC.

Despite the vast distance the cat passing continued. The one rule was we couldn't mail it, but the cat could be passed through other people. This dumb cat made countless trips back and forth to Rome and D.C., and now from Wisconsin Rapids to Washington D.C. Last year I was able to pass the cat to him during the March for Life, and well this year somehow he was able to sneak that dumb ugly cat onto our bus. It has become quite a fun and exciting game.

Reflecting on this little game my friend and I have, I began to think about the relationship that each one of us has with Jesus. Msgr. Burrill and I rarely see each other, but our friendship has remained strong in part because of the ceramic cat we pass back and forth. Jesus is not only our savior, but He is also our friend. He Himself says, "No longer do I call your servants, but friends" (Jn. 15:15). Jesus too is unseen. We can't even travel to another city to see Him, and yet, He still calls us His friends. In addition to talking with Him in prayer and receiving His grace through the sacraments, our friendship with Jesus grows through the Eucharist. Unlike my friendship with Msgr. Burrill which is bolstered by the passing on of an ugly ceramic cat, the friendship each of us has with Jesus grows through the eating and drinking of His body and blood—from heaven to earth, from the altar to you.

Working together with a great friend in Msgr. Burrill was a great experience. Hopefully one day that will happen again, but in the meantime there is always the passing of the ugly cat game to keep our friendship strong. Thankfully it's more than a game with Jesus, He gives us Himself to bolster our friendship with Him, not a ceramic cat, but His body and His blood. This weekend at Mass when you receive the Eucharist hear Jesus say to you, "I no longer call you a servant, but my friend." Jesus is our unseen friend.



The ceramic students are participating in the Empty Bowl Event taking place Saturday February 29, 2020 at the First English Lutheran Church for 11-2. These are some of the 24 bowls donated to fight hunger.



The Metals and Beyond students created props for the Greenway Camper sales event last weekend. The theme was Camping Fever. The projects were made larger than real life, which involved a lot of problem solving.

STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



The March for Life Pilgrimage was incredible. It was a awesome opportunity to stand and march for what is right. The march itself was so cool! So many people standing as one. All the events were incredible! An experience I will NEVER forget. I went on the march for because I wanted to give my assent to Christ. He was calling me to do this. I could feel it in my heart. It is important because nothings is going to change unless we do something. We can, everyday, spread the love that children bring to people .

I would like to thank all who made this trip possible for me. This experience has forever changed me. All the unborn give you thanks to. Without your donation I couldn't have gone. Thank you so much. God is very pleased with all of us for doing what is right. Thank you (Gracie Johnson— Freshman)

I thought the march was very moving and doing it with the group made it way more fun. It was so fun to see everyone else in DC rallying together. It was beautiful to see all the love. It was super fun to be able to experience DC with my friend and get to know so many more people. The march is important because it is important to protect everyone because each life has value and it's a gift from God. I can spread my faith to my friends and other people. Thank you to everyone who helped support this group and make it possible to stand up for the voiceless. Your support was not just financial, but you were also excited and proud for me. It has allowed me to grow in my faith, meet more people like me and realize how much value every life has. (Morgan Reichl—Freshman)

I love the march because there are thousands of people all together to support the same idea. I loved the Mass and rally before the March, to be able to pray and worship God in thanksgiving for our life before we go and march for the unborn. It was great to be a representative for the unborn and standing up to show the value of life. I think Protecting life doesn't have to be in only DC, Chicago, etc. it can be right here in Wisconsin Rapids. We have Planned parenthood here where we can gather and pray together. Thank you to all who supported our trip. (Olivia Fredock—Senior)

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DRESS LIKE STAFF DAY



You are invited to attend the Semi Annual ACS Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Assumption High School/Middle School Library. Items that will be discussed include the application/re-application process as well as Assessment dates and any other school updates.

Please contact Kerry Meinel to RSVP 715.422.090
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Loving God,

We give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us through our families: through our parents, our primary educators in the faith; through our siblings, who walk with us on our earthly journey; and through all who guard and guide us in your light and in your truth.

We pray that you will continue to inspire our families, so that our devotion to you and our care for one another may be a visible sign of your unconditional love.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

