



AHS PARENT CONNECTION

KEEPING YOU INFORMED April 24, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, May 22 will be the last day of the school year for actual classes. This is the Friday before Memorial Day.

The following week:

Tuesday, May 26—Friday May 29 -

- Remediation/catch up
- Drop off (chrome books, laptops, chargers, library books, textbooks)
- Clean up of your lockers including gym lockers. Take everything home.
- Return any sport uniforms.



*Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Klein
on the new addition to your family.*

**WELCOME
EMMIE FAYE
APRIL 9, 2020**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE
PARTICIPATING IN THE
WEEKLY CHALLENGES.**

**NEXT WEEK: SHOW ME YOUR
FOOD! Take a picture of
yourself with your favorite
snack while e learning.**

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: Am I Ready to Change

Recently I had the opportunity to spend some time with my family. Even though my parents no longer milk cows, they still live on the farm and my dad farms the land. It's fun to listen to my dad and the other area farmers as they start getting restless to get into the fields and plant their crops. Everyone is watching everyone else to see if the fields are dry enough to cross with a tractor. "It looks like Joe made a few passes with the chisel plow, but our ground sits lower and well I just don't think we can make it quite yet. Maybe I'll try the digger in a couple days."

As it stands, farmers are all waiting to change the utility of their fields from lifeless to productive. Winter is over, hopefully, and it's time to plant. Farmers are itching for a chance to change; to mobilize the parked plows and diggers, to run the tractors wide open, and to transform dormant useless ground into fertile beds of hope. However, despite their desire to get into the fields, farmers are forced to wait for the ground to dry up and warm up before they can scatter the seed. Regardless of the farmers' desire to change, they are forced to wait until the weather and the soil cooperate.

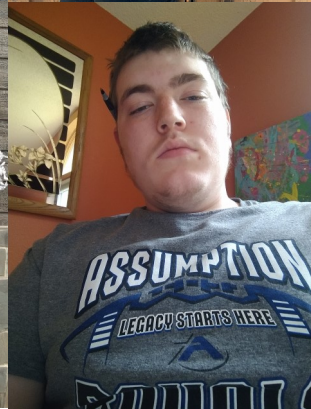
Of course each one of us are anxious to make a change to our own situation. I mean who would've thought we'd ever get tired of doing nothing. haha This desire of ours must wait though until government officials allow it. Yet, there is a change all of us desire deep down which can begin immediately. This is because this change is not dependent on anything or anyone other than ourselves and God. I hear it all the time in conversations, "Father, I just want to be a better person." Voiced or unvoiced, our desire to grow closer to God and to become holier exists.

Even though we have this desire to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and we know we can act on this desire right away, we many times don't. We, myself included, sometimes feel like we need to wait for some event or permission to draw closer to God. The decision is up to us though. If we want to fall more in love with Jesus, then we have to allow Him into our lives. It's kind of a misnomer to say it's up to us to change, because really it is God Who changes us. We can't become better or holier on our own. However we must give God permission to change our hearts in our conscious decision to spend more time with Him in prayer.

While the farmers wait on the weather to plant their crops and while the state of Wisconsin awaits permission to resume activity, we don't have to wait for anything. Our desire to change can be effected now. We can become holier now by allowing Jesus into our hearts and

homes. He will make us better and holier, if we allow Him to. Weather does not dictate the growth of our relationship with God as it dictates the growth of seed in the fields. Nor is our drawing close to Jesus prohibited by social distancing edicts. The only person who can prevent or hold back the flourishing of our relationship with Jesus is us. So the question for each of us is, am I ready to change?

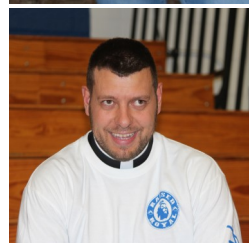
Week Four - WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO ,WE'VE GOT SPIRIT! HOW ABOUT YOU?



**BIRTHDAY LION VISITS
APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



**Congratulations Kendall,
Mighty hunter 23lb turkey.**



**Thank you Father
for Mass times.**

