



AHS PARENT CONNECTION KEEPING YOU INFORMED January 22, 2021



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.*

CALENDAR UPDATES

Jan. 31—February 5: Catholic Schools Week

**Jan. 26:- Back to In Person Learning
Boys Basketball vs Edgar**

**Jan. 29: Dress Down Day \$1.00 Donation
Report Cards going out**

ACS Enrollment/Re-Enrollment begins February 1st
Enrollment/Re-enrollment information will be available soon.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

If you are a current/continuing WPCP family, you will need to reapply as well as provide proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 15,2021)

If you are applying for the first time to WPCP, you will also be instructed to provide additional paperwork as well as proof of residency to ACS Central Office. (Application period runs from Feb. 1-Apr. 15,2021) Please see our website for qualifications. www.assumptioncatholicschools.org.

Application and re-application can be completed using the following link beginning Feb. 1st: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice>

ACS Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Assumption Catholic Schools Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 at 4:00pm in the Assumption High School Library to discuss the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program(WPCP). This is also an opportunity to meet and communicate with board members. The meeting is open to all. Please reserve your seat by contacting Kerry Meinel in the ACS Advancement Office at 715-422-0901 or kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org.

From the desk of Father Levi Schmitt

There's a distinctive rumble in our Scripture readings this Sunday. Jonah marches through the city of Nineveh, and, before even making it a third of the way, news has spread so fast that the citizens immediately put on sackcloth and begin fasting. St. Paul, meanwhile, in the letter to the First Corinthians, has an urgency in his voice: "I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." Jesus, similarly, tells us in the Gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Urgent repentance is the theme.

The message of these readings might come as a bit of a shock to us. We have already finished Advent, and Lent is still several weeks away. We are in Ordinary Time, right? Why are we getting this message now? Well, traditionally, this particular Sunday was referred to as *Septuagesima Sunday*. It is exactly seventy days out from Easter. We are invited to begin preparations for the Lenten fast, today.

When it comes to Lent, often times our focus never rises above "what to give up," as if our Lenten practice, whatever it is, is the only key. Practices are important; what we do is important. But *where* these "doings" come from is more important. Jesus uses the word "repent" in our Gospel. In the original Greek this word, *metanoëō*, literally means to "change one's thinking." If there is anything that we need to be concerned with "doing," it is this. It is an inner transformation that Jesus is looking for, not a place in our schedules (if our Lenten plan is to read more Scripture, volunteer or pray more) or a place in our diet plan (if we plan on taking on fasting or giving up a favorite food) or a place in our bank accounts (if we plan on almsgiving). To prepare for Lent, we must identify, with the Holy Spirit, where in our lives, where in our thinking we need to be changed. Once we know that, the "doings" of Lent will become clear.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week February 1 - February 5

Our goal:

To provide our students with a safe supportive environment in a "Christ-centered zone",our teachers and staff are committed to encourage and help each student progress onward.

To provide a strong sense of Morality by helping them learn right from wrong and develop a good head on their shoulders. Help our students gain a desire to help others and their community with the service hours they contribute.

Our activities for the week:

Dress Down all week for everyone

Monday: Celebrate the Nation (Shoe Drive)

Tuesday: Celebrate the Staff

Wednesday: Celebrate the Community (Thank you gift baskets to Health Care Workers)

Thursday: Celebrate Vocations (Mass Day)

Friday: Celebrate Our Students (Special Schedule including; Adoration, Benediction, special lunch and activities outside & inside)



In Mrs. Baker's Healthy Living class they performed an experiment to compare hidden fats in: potato chips, carrot, whole milk, apple juice and ground beef for the food and nutrition chapter. They cut out a 3 inch in diameter brown paper bag square and wrote the name of each food item on the square. They rubbed each food item on the square with its corresponding name. They let the squares dry and then held each square up to a light to discover whether or not they contained fat. Much discussion was had in making better choices in food items moving forward.