



AHS PARENT CONNECTION KEEPING YOU INFORMED January 8, 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 11: Semester Exams

Jan 12: Semester Exams

Hex 3 ends

Jan 13: Hex 4 begins

Jan. 18: No School K—12 - Professional Day

[Please check the Assumption Catholic School website for all the information on the games times, and live streaming information.](#)

[Please check the website for Marawood Conference for the updates on Basketball games and times. Schedules change on a daily basis.](#)

www.marawoodconference.com

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One of our many blessings here at AHS. After our weekly Mass on Thursday, Father Levi prayed the Epiphany Blessing and the Blessing of the chalk. He then proceeded to each door in the building, chalking the Epiphany symbols on them, following with blessing each room. This is an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Thank you Father Levi!



Front the desk of Father Levi Schmitt

The Baptism of the Lord is a strange feast when you think about it. If Jesus is born without sin, then why would He need to be baptized? St. Ambrose, writing from some 1600 years ago, has this to say:

Our Lord was baptized because He wished, not to be cleansed, but to cleanse the waters, that, being purified by the flesh of Christ that knew no sin, they might have the virtue of baptism.

The event that we commemorate this Sunday made it possible for us to experience freedom from the sin that we inherited from our first parents, Adam and Eve. Identity flows from relationship. Under the instigation of the evil one, our first parents chose to break from God. They exchanged a life of relationship for the death of traitors.

Baptism is an undoing of that exchange of the Fall. At a child's baptism, the priest or deacon asks the parents and godparents, "do you renounce Satan?" right before asking, "do you believe in God the Father?" That is the choice; a choice between the father of lies and the Father Almighty. The first father does not offer a relationship, only isolation. Likewise, he does not offer an identity, but only namelessness. Do you believe in God the Father? Do you find Him trustworthy? He offers relationship. The identity that He offers is awe-striking.

Jesus Christ steps into the water of the Jordan, and water comes alive with the power to melt away rebellion. He is the Word Made Flesh, God and humble Man. As He steps out of the river, the hidden, infinitely incomprehensible mystery of His eternal relationship with the Father is opened for us to hear: "You are my Beloved Son." Just being able to hear these words—to catch even this small glimpse into the inner life of the Trinity is more than we deserve. God goes one step further, though. Whereas the devil is reckless in tearing apart, God is reckless in communion. The relationship He gives us is not simply a relationship between Creator and creatures. Our identity from Him is not just "creature" or even "good creature." Instead, He invites us to enter into the life of the Trinity, to enter into the inner relationship of the Father and the Son. When we say "daughter of God" or "son of God," these are not identities that flow from our own private relationship with God, as if we had our own daughterhood or sonship. No, these identities flow out of that one relationship of Jesus Christ with His Father that has no beginning and will never have an end. At baptism, we entered into eternal life because we entered into a preexisting eternal relationship.

*O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh,
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

STUDENT LIFE AT AHS



On December 22nd, we changed things up a little for the Assumption High School students. We started our day with everyone enjoying breakfast in their homerooms, students all brought in items to share, they cooked, ate and cleaned up after. They then had rotation of the homerooms and did various activities (Christmas caroling thru the halls, trivia , charades, antler ring toss, balloon animals, Christmas cards for shuts in to name a few). After lunch they were able to relax and watch a movie (choice of 7 different movies). We then ended the day with the Celebration Of Mass. A stress free way to end 2020 at AHS.



People young and old from all over Wisconsin gathered Saturday morning outside the Capitol building in Madison for the Wisconsin March for Life. A few members of the Assumption High Royals for Life club attended as well to pray for an end to abortion. It is inspiring to see our students stand as witness to the value of human life and make their voices heard in a respectful and prayerful way. Royals for Life echoes Pro Life Wisconsin's reflection on the March: "With ever more determined hearts and minds, we commit to ending abortion once and for all. We pray that abortion will be made illegal and unthinkable, so we don't have to march again next year!"

