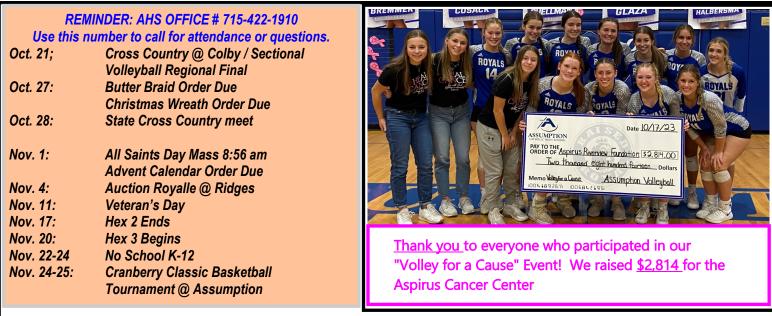
AHS PARENT CONNECTION - KEEPING YOU INFORMED October 20, 2023

<u>Mission:</u> To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition





(With his permission) FROM FR. BECKER'S DESK RETURNING AGAIN AND AGAIN

Who is the better deer hunter? Is it the hunter who gets his deer after an hour of sitting, or is it the hunter who doesn't get his deer until the end of the season after sitting sun up to sun down everyday of deer season. Obviously these two hunters do not have to be mutually exclusive. However, judging between the two, which is a better hunter? I'd venture to guess the better hunter is the one who gets his deer after days of religiously returning to the trees.

Why? What makes this second hunter "better" than the first? It's pretty clear that the first hunter was much more efficient. He got what he wanted right away. We could argue that this first hunter correctly interpreted the footage from his trail cam and/or knew the hot spots. It's also entirely possible that this hunter just got lucky; right place, right time. Whatever the case his time spend hunting was minimal. In contrast, the second hunter spent a lot of time actively hunting. It could be argued though that this second hunter didn't "Try" all that hard to get a deer. He didn't correctly interpret his trail cam images or use one at all. Heck, maybe he dozed off at times and missed countless deer crossing right in front of him. Regardless of the reasons in or out of the second hunter's control, he kept hunting and returning to where the deer were.

As the "better" hunter returns to the woods day after day so must the Christian return time and time again to prayer. Sure, there may be times when we immediately get the answer to our prayers, but more often than not the answers come after much time. Though answers don't always readily appear in prayer, the fact remains that prayer is the place to find answers. Just as the place to hunt for deer is in the woods, so to pray is the place to get answers to the longings of our heart. It is in prayer that we encounter the very Creator of our heart. Without a doubt the One who created the heart has the answers to its aching. Prayer is a returning again and again to Him.

Notice, in prayer we return to a Person, Prayer is a relationship with Almighty God. Our time spent in prayer is time spent with Someone who loves us so deeply that He wants to sit there with us in our joys and struggles. We may not get what we want right away. Often, He doesn't take away the sufferings we voice (sometimes He will), but He always enters into our turbulent and crushing situations. We do not have to worry about interpreting signs just right or "doing it right", prayer, because prayer is time spend with our Heavenly Father. As a loving parent, He reminds us of His presence by our side. In prayer we spend time not with a vending machine, but in the arms of our loving God.

Who is the better hunter? Can be a valid question, however, "Who is the better prayer?" is a silly one. In prayer we spend time growing in our relationship with God. Just because God does not answer us right away doesn't mean that He is ignoring us, but rather drawing us closer to Him. By returning again and again to God, we provide Him the opportunity to reassure us "I am right here, You are not alone, and I love you."



Teen leadership is an opportunity for sophomores in high school to learn about the community, explore careers, and develop their leadership skills. Each month, students from 5 area schools get together to explore a different career area. Throughout the school year, the teens work on community learning project that is executed at the end. This month, our career focus was Law, Public Safety, & Security. Our first stop was a tour of the fire station where students got to intubate a manikin & go up in the fire truck bucket. Our second stop was at the police station where we learned about the K9 dog and some of the special force teams. In the afternoon, we learned about Wood County Dispatch, got to meet with Judge Potter, and got to see the jail. Students attending this year are: Ari Cavanaugh, Ryleigh Johnson and Bella Thomas.



SCHOOL: Assumption High School
TALENT: Vocal- "I Have A Dream

Gianna has been working hard on her Community Service Initiative "Feeding Our Future: Fighting Childhood Hunger" and is putting her best foot forward to represent the community and Assumption Schools through this experience.

The Miss Wisconsin Rapids organization is focused on community service, higher education scholarships, empowering young women to develop communication skills and many other positive things.

Pageant Dress Rehearsal: Friday, October 27 at 6 pm at the PAC. Tickets available at the door. Pageant Date: Saturday, October 28 at 6 pm at the PAC. Tickets available online at <u>https://www.misswisconsinrapids.org/</u>

People's Choice Scholarship:

https://www.misswisconsinrapids.org/people-s-choice to vote for Gianna! \$1 = 1 vote. The proceeds benefit the scholarship fund, and the winner of the People's Choice vote will receive an additional scholarship!

Prayers and support to Gianna from the Assumption Family.