

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, August 8, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He was surrounded with splendor. (Ezekiel 1:27)*

Have you ever had an experience so awe inspiring that you couldn't describe it afterwards? Maybe you were sitting on the beach and saw a magnificent sunset. Or perhaps you were camping in the mountains and looked up to see the sky blazing with millions of stars. It was as if you had encountered something divine.

In Ezekiel's case, the encounter really was divine. He saw a huge cloud "flashing fire," with four "living creatures" whose voices sounded like roaring waterfalls (Ezekiel 1:4, 5). He saw someone resembling a man seated on what looked like a throne, who was glowing like gold, burning like fire, and "surrounded with splendor" like a rainbow (1:27). Everything looked "like" something else because he couldn't find the right words. He could use only earthly terms to depict realities that have no earthly equivalent. In other words, he saw the glory of God, which can be comprehended only by those who have experienced it.

It's likely that none of us have ever had an experience like Ezekiel's. But it's important to remind ourselves that we

can encounter the divine in a way that Ezekiel never could. Every Sunday—every day if we can make it—we can receive the Eucharist. In this sacrament, heaven comes down to earth, and earth is lifted up to heaven. Although he is veiled behind the very ordinary appearance of bread and wine, the Lord truly comes to us there.

Sometimes when you're attending Mass, you may not feel very spiritual. You may have just rushed to get there through heavy traffic or any number of other things could be distracting you. But just take a moment to dwell on the reality of what's about to happen. You're about to meet the Lord Jesus. He's going to let you taste his glory, his majesty, and his mercy. Israel's prophets and holy men longed to have such a communion, and here it is, ready for you every day (Matthew 13:17). So give thanks for this awesome gift, and open your heart to be touched—and transformed—by God's presence.

*Lord, let me be astounded by the fact that you come to us in the Eucharist. Deepen my appreciation for this Sacrament. May I never take it for granted.*

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### Today's Announcements:

- From Mrs. Lawson: Interact Club sign ups and voting (grades 9-12) will take place Wednesday immediately after school in the auditorium. There is a \$5 fee for dues in order to sign up.
- All student drivers should have a parking permit by the end of the week in order to park on campus. Registration forms and parking decals maybe picked up from Ms. Dapremont in the front office. There is no charge for a parking decal.
- From Coach Gaunce: If any girl PE student from last year still has a lock on a locker in the girl's PE locker room, it needs to be removed today. Any lock not removed will be cut off Tuesday morning in order to issue new locks and lockers.
- Bible Study will begin this Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

- From Ms. Cody: Anyone who is interested in joining the art club (grades 7-12), please stop by room 101 to sign up with Ms. Cody.