

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, August 18, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

How is it that you came in here without a wedding garment? (Matthew 22:12)

Imagine you are set to attend a friend's wedding in a few hours, but you're really preoccupied. You're thinking about everything but the wedding—family, work, school, car troubles, you name it. You throw on your best suit and stop in the kitchen for a quick snack. But in your haste, you accidentally spill your food right down the front of your jacket and pants! There's no time to do anything about it. So you put on an old jacket, a wrinkled tie, and your best pair of jeans and head out the door.

In a more relaxed social climate, you might actually get away with going "casual" to a wedding like this. But for the unfortunate guest in Jesus' parable, that didn't quite work. That's because at imperial weddings, the guests were provided with lavish garments by the royal host; so it would have been seen as an insult not to wear it.

This is not how we want to appear dressed for the wedding feast that is going on in heaven! We've told Jesus we're coming, and we want to be sure we're wearing the garment he has provided for us. It's the garment of purity we received at baptism. It's the same white garment that the saints in heaven are wearing, the "righteous deeds of the holy ones" (Revelation 19:8). We need to protect it, keep it spotless, and make sure it's shining brightly when we meet the Lord. But how can we do this?

There are two answers. The first, of course, is prayer—both personal prayer and prayer in the liturgy. When we come before the Lord, we trade in our old dirty cloak for his brand-new raiment. The second is through our "righteous deeds." Every act of kindness cleans us up a bit more. Every decision to forgive removes our own stains. Every gift given to the needy lifts us up.

When you stop to think about it, it's not all that hard to wear the right garment. Jesus has given us countless opportunities to do just that—because he wants you to be with him forever!

"Lord, wrap me in the mantle of your grace. May all that I receive from you lead me to care for my brothers and sisters."

Today's Announcements:

- Thank you to everyone who came to meet the teacher night last night – we had a great time.
- We will begin school pictures shortly after announcements this morning starting with the seventh grade. We will call students by last name and grade to the auditorium. Please bring your picture packet with you.
- Juniors, the Herff Jones representative will be on campus during lunch and after school today in the cafeteria to take orders for class rings.

- Students, we are all aware of the floods affecting Louisiana. We have someone going to bring supplies next week. If you are interested in donating any of the the following items, you can bring them to your religion teacher: toiletries, paper towels, cleaning products, plastic gloves, and bottled water.
- There will be an Arts and Crafts Club meeting next Wednesday, August 24, at 3:05 p.m. Juniors and seniors need to see Ms. Cody if you are interested in running for an office.
- The first Drama Guild meeting of the year is today after school at 3:05 in the auditorium. All students grades 7-12 are welcome. Are you interested in acting, singing, dancing, working backstage? Do you want to learn to work lights or sound, or do you want to build and paint sets? Come to the meeting to find out what's happening in drama this year and let us know you are interested!
- Coach Bloomfield is looking for someone to help as the team statistician and manager for the varsity football team. If you are interested, please see Coach Bloomfield during lunch.
- Interested in playing chess? Join the chess club in room 102 after school today.
- Attention seventh graders: class officer applications are now available in the front office. Applications are due Monday by 3:00. A campaign rules meeting will be on Monday after school in room 200.
- NJHS members - dues should be turned into Mrs. Gollott as soon as possible. Don't forget to vote for officers in room 102 before the end of the day on Friday.