

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, August 26, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

What's the most absurd thing you've ever heard?

Perhaps it's a joke told by a five-year-old who laughs so hard he can't even deliver the punch line—yet gets everyone laughing with him. Perhaps it's a YouTube video of an animal acting like a human being or vice versa. Perhaps it's something in the natural world: fish with brilliant colors that are invisible in deep water or a hard-to-classify animal like the platypus. Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor?

When the philosophers of Athens heard St. Paul's story about Jesus, they just couldn't make any sense of it either.

Think about this for a moment. If you had never heard the story before, could you imagine it? Think about the good Creator of the universe. How does he react when his creatures turn away from him and decide they can improve on the way he has made them? Instead of giving up, destroying them, and starting over, he intervenes again and again on their behalf. When all else fails, he takes an enormous risk. The immaterial, invisible God is born as a human child. The omnipotent Creator becomes helpless and dependent. Misunderstood and rejected by those he has come to rescue, he accepts a shameful death. And then, three days later, he returns, vibrantly, indisputably alive.

Could anything be more ridiculous from a human, "practical" point of view? Nothing can explain it except God's unconditional love for us and his willingness to go to any extreme to win us back to himself. Nothing, that is, but the logic of divine love.

For Pope Francis, as well as for all of us who believe, the gospel story makes perfect sense. That's because it follows what the Holy Father has called "the logic of the cross, which is not primarily that of suffering and death, but rather that of love and of the gift of self which brings life."

If we "get" this divine joke, the only appropriate response is gratitude and celebration.

"Father, I revel in your love for me. Thank you, Jesus, for coming to share every aspect of my life. Holy Spirit, your wisdom is beyond my imagining. Blessed Trinity, I rejoice in the 'surprise ending' of the resurrection!"

Today's Announcements:

- We are on pep rally schedule today. Today's pep rally will begin at 2:30 this afternoon.
- Congratulations to our junior high football team for their win last night against Resurrection.

- Everyone come out tonight and support the varsity football team as we take on Columbia Academy. Game time is 7:00 p.m.
- The last day to join Interact Club for students in grades 9-12 is today. See Ms. Lawson to sign up.
- Seniors, this is a reminder to begin turning in your yearbook quotes and baby pictures to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.
- Drama guild applications and dues are due today. Officer elections will be on Tuesday. You must pay dues before running for office or voting.
- All volleyball players are to be in the gym at 3:05 p.m. today.
- Key Club and Interact Club members, remember that our Walking on Water Bridge Walk is tomorrow morning at 7:00. Sign in with Mrs. Sutherlin on the Ocean Spring side of the bridge and bring two canned goods or \$2.
- Students (grades 9-12) who are attending the Homecoming Dance and want to request an out-of-school date must have the out-of-school guest form submitted to Mr. Buckley for approval by Friday, September 2. Forms may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont or downloaded from the "Student Life" section of the school website.
- If you are attending the Red Stick Rumble with robotics team tomorrow, please see Mrs. Worrel today.
- Science Honor Society applications are now available. Please pick one up from Mrs. Worrel or Mrs. Lawson today, and they will be due on Monday.
- Seventh graders: student council representative applications are now available in the front office. They are due to room 200 by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, and a campaign rules meeting will be at 3:05 p.m. on Monday in room 200. There are six representative positions available.