

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Why are you doing what is unlawful? (Luke 6:2)

Don't you love how Jesus comes to his disciples' defense? Even though he himself is not accused, he speaks up on their behalf. He doesn't want their accusers to misunderstand his well-meaning disciples or his gospel message. So he tells them that more than anything else, acts of mercy and kindness done on the Sabbath bring honor to God.

This is one of the greatest promises of the gospel: Jesus will always come to your defense. He knows how easy it can be to get caught up in guilt or self-condemnation, so he is always ready to step in as our advocate to silence these accusing voices.

- He defends us from recurring feelings of guilt, shame, and sadness for sins that he has already forgiven.
- He defends us from the devil, who exploits our fears by whispering lies and half-truths to us.
- He lifts us up when feelings of guilt beat us down.
- He reminds us that we belong to him and not to sin or the world.
- He helps us to stand firm when fear buckles our knees.
- He tells us that we are not alone when anxiety threatens to overwhelm us.
- He strengthens us even when repeated struggles sap our energy.

If you want to know what it's like to have Jesus defending you, then do what his disciples did in the grain field: let him speak up for you. In prayer, let him tell you, "Neither do I condemn you" (John 8:11). At night, gaze up at the starry sky, and remember his promise of faithfulness. In Confession, let him draw you into his warm embrace and assure you of his love.

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is your Advocate! May we all learn to silence the accusing voices in our hearts so that we can be convinced of his loving protection.

Today's Announcements:

- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale for \$20 each. You can purchase these either online or at the front office. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25.

- Anyone who knows how to sail or is interested in learning how to sail, the first sailing team meeting is Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gulfport Yacht Club. For any questions, see Mallory Edwards.
- Any student who paid for a picture packet and did not receive it yet, please let Ms. Dapremont know.
- The lady Irish Cross Country Team came in first place at this past weekend's meet in Gulfport with Isabel Leatherman finishing second place overall in the race. She was followed by Jordan Pete, third place; Anna Clare Colson, fourth place; Gabriela Patino, fifth place; and Amelie Million, eleventh place. Julia Hancock and Beyla Bleichner rounded out the finishers.

The varsity boys were led by Austin Dossett's strong individual finish. Dylan Middleton, Jack McKee, and Spencer Wingfield rounded out the Irish finishers.

Quinlan Prisciotta placed fourth overall in the junior high girls race. Junior high boys did not have a complete team to score, but showed great prowess in their race. Dominic Patino claimed the overall first place position and he was followed by Jack Dent in fourth place and Jamison Thriffiley in fifth place.

- St. Mary's Church in Woolmarket will be having a mud volleyball tournament this Sunday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. There will be free food, Music, and prizes. Also, the first twenty-five registrants will receive a free t-shirt! All are welcome to join us for this night of fun and fellowship!
- The first SAVE/SADD club will meet after school today in room 104. All students who are interested are invited to attend.
- To be an FCA chapter member, you just have to do three things: (1) turn in \$5 dues to room 108, (2) sign up with Coach Dellenger, and (3) vote for officers.
- Key Club applications and dues of \$15 are due today. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Sutherlin (room 210)
- National Honor Society members, please start bringing your items for the homeless drive. For a list of items, please see your club officers: Laue Pisciotta, president; Taylor Smith, vice president; secretary/treasurer, Cassidy Fountain and Luke Seichsnydre.