

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, September 8, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus. (Matthew 1:21)

Do you think that Mary had a "bucket list"?

A bucket list is a popular trend in which people make a list of goals that they want to accomplish before they die: things like writing their life story, visiting a foreign city, or going skydiving.

It's hard to imagine what Mary's bucket list may have contained. It's likely that she had some goals in life, even if they were just dreams of how her life would progress once she and Joseph were wedded. Yet as we celebrate Mary's birthday today, we can see that her greatest accomplishments happened when she put aside her own goals and said yes to whatever was on God's bucket list for her.

We know that it wasn't always easy. Mary probably never anticipated an early pregnancy or having to flee to Egypt or watching her only child die a criminal's brutal death. But then again, she probably never expected that she would have a front-row seat to hundreds of miracles, to her son's resurrection, or to the world-changing descent of the Holy Spirit.

Mary shows us that saying yes to God's plan for our lives can be far more rewarding—and surprising—than any list we could ever come up with. Of course, there are challenges that we might never have imagined, but they are far outweighed by the adventure, the excitement, and even the fun that come from having a living relationship with almighty God. You never know exactly where he's going to lead you. You never know exactly what he might ask you to do. But you can be sure that following him will bring you untold blessings, just as it did for Mary.

Today, take some time to honor Mary as the woman who shows us how to say yes to God's plan. Thank her for her openness to God and her willingness to trade in her bucket list for his. And above all, trust that God has nothing but good planned for you.

"Father, come and strengthen me to be more like Mary: to ponder your word in my heart, to be open to your plan for my life, to love your Son, and to sing your praises every day."

Today's Announcements:

- Today, we are on liturgy schedule. We will have Irish Idol this morning in the cafeteria. The admission price is \$2. Student council members will be selling tickets during first period this morning.
- Teachers, Homecoming t-shirts should have been sent to you this morning. Please pass these out during first period according to the students' purchase sheets. Students, if you do not receive your shirt and you have a sibling, your

sibling most likely has yours! Please call Mrs. Buckley (extension 3214) as soon as possible if there is an issue with the shirt order (wrong sizes, etc.).

- Our new photographers will be at the Homecoming dance to take professional pictures. Make sure to bring a check or money if you want to have your picture taken.
- 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.
- Senior baby pictures and quotes for the yearbook are due by Friday, September 16, to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.
- 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!
- LEGO League forms are due to Ms. Moon (room 215) by Friday, September 9.