

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, November 17, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He saw the city and wept over it. (Luke 19:41)

"Jesus, you are overflowing with compassion! You saw that 'what makes for peace' was hidden from the eyes of your people, and you wept over them (Luke 19:42). It made you suffer, but you did not turn away. You did not condemn. You wept!

"Thank you, Lord, that you are not aloof from us. When we separate ourselves from you, it stirs your compassion and sorrow, not your judgment. You did not come to condemn us, but to save us. And when we miss out on that, when our eyes are blinded, you suffer with us. When we cut ourselves off from your grace, you weep. You enter into the misery we're bringing on ourselves.

"Even when we suffer physically, when we die, you weep over us. Just as you wept over your friend Lazarus, your heart is stirred whenever we hurt. You are our brother, and you long for the best for us.

"Thank you, Lord, that your love for us produces so much more than sympathy! You took on our humanity, and you share all our human emotions. You weep with us, but you also rejoice with us. In our victories, no matter how small, you rejoice. When the disciples returned from their missionary trip, you rejoiced to see how the Father worked through them. When the couple was married in Cana, you celebrated with them. When you see us reach out to someone in need, you smile.

"Jesus, help me to see your tears when I am the one who has separated myself from you. Move my heart to repentance by the compassion and love in your eyes. Draw me to you, and make me whole again. Let me rejoice in your lavish tenderness.

"Give me your heart, Lord! Just as you are close to each of us, help me not to hold myself aloof from my brothers and sisters. Even if they seem to be cutting themselves off from you, stir my compassion. Help me see over everything else that they are my brothers and sisters, that we are all children of the same Father in heaven. Help me to suffer with them and rejoice with them, to welcome them and accompany them, just as you do.

"Jesus, give me a heart like yours—a heart of compassion and solidarity."

Today's Announcements:

- We are on liturgy schedule today and will join together for Mass at 9:40 this morning. We are very excited to welcome Monsignor Fullam to St. Patrick today.
- Seniors, Friday, November 18, will be your college t-shirt day. Seniors may wear jeans and a college t-shirt next Friday, and we will take a picture for the yearbook!

- The Scholastic Book Fair is taking place in the library all this week. It will be open from 7:45 until 3:30 each day.
- Key Club officers will pick up shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child tomorrow morning.
- Congratulations to Taylor Smith who was chosen as the Key Club district secretary and treasurer.
- We would like to congratulate the eighth grade girls basketball team on their exciting victory last night against Pass Christian! We won 32 to 30 in overtime. Players of the game were Emily Nolte, Ali Ware, Jasmine Stawarski, Chandler Wheeler, and Lexi Lee. Congratulations, girls!
- Coach Hewes wants to make sure that the junior high boys basketball teams know that he appreciates the hard work and hustle that you are putting in and believes that the continued effort will pay off. Keep in mind that the Pass Christian team that you played last night is a 5A school and they did well. While the loss may not be easy, you all played great games. On that note, Coach Hewes also wants to congratulate Coach Gaunce and the eighth grade girls team for an amazing win. We are very proud of you.
- High school varsity basketball teams will play tonight - come out and support the Irish! Varsity girls play against OLA at 5:30 p.m. and varsity boys play Friendship Christian at 7:00 p.m.
- The varsity football banquet will be Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- First period classes, the student council is sponsoring this year's Christmas door decorating contest. Your teacher was sent information about the contest to their email. First place will win donuts and orange juice after the Thanksgiving Break.
- There will be a Students for Life meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in Ms. Cloud's room for all members. If you are going to March for Life and cannot make the meeting, please see Ms. Cloud today.
- After mass today, the following yearbook club pictures will be taken in the courtyard: Key Club officers, SAVE club, and Student Council.
- FCA members may still turn in their cans for the FCA Thanksgiving project tomorrow to Coach Dellenger.