

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

. . . an anchor of the soul, sure and firm. (Hebrews 6:19)

The Letter to the Hebrews was addressed to Christians wavering in their faith. Persecution, including imprisonment and loss of property, was tempting some to give up their faith in Jesus and embrace the more customary, and therefore safer, traditions of Judaism. And so the author reminds them that they are anchored, surely and firmly, to the hope and promises found in Christ. He now is their "high priest" before God, the One who intercedes for them every day (Hebrews 6:20). Hold on to Jesus, the author urges. He is steadfast, and he will keep you safe in any storm.

Think about what an anchor does. It stops a boat's progress. The boat may still move a bit with the current, but the weighty anchor, dug into the bottom of the sea, will hold it fast. This is who Jesus is for you! He is your anchor who holds you fast to the mercy and presence of God. He is your source of stability, because his promises are sure, and his faithfulness is absolute. He can also help you remain faithful, as he reminds you of everything that he has said.

When a boat drifts far enough, the anchor is there to tug it back. Some days, you might feel that you have drifted away. Be assured, the anchor can hold you! You may feel its tug in a twinge of conscience, a hesitation to say or do something, a conviction that certain thoughts in your head are not godly, or even an inability to continue in the direction you were headed. This tug assures you that Jesus has not abandoned you. It assures you that you are still rooted and grounded in Christ.

Hebrews tells us that this anchor "reaches into the interior," right into the presence of God (Hebrews 6:19). That is where you are anchored—in heaven! So go ahead, and approach your heavenly Father today. Ask him for help, direction, and comfort, and be assured that he will hear you. Day after day, challenge after challenge, Jesus is with you, interceding for you and making your faith and hope and trust in him more firm.

"Thank you, Father, for the hope and confidence that your promises give me. Thank you for anchoring me to you!"

Today's Announcements:

- A few additional FCA Disciple Crosses have been delivered (this is from the order before Christmas). See Coach Dellenger in room 108 to pick up your order.
- Students for Life will continue to sell t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Farragut family. Orders are due by next Friday. Money and orders forms should be turned into Ms. Dapremont.
- Applications for the National English Honor Society are now available in Mrs. Buckley's room. Membership is open for any sophomores to seniors who currently have a 3.0 GPA overall and in English. The list of current members is posted on Mrs. Buckley's door. Applications are due on Tuesday, January 24.

- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory Friday night against West Marion. We won 55 to 29. Players of the game were Olivia Allen, Mary Beth Tubb, Makenzie Stenum, and Cassie Swetman. Congratulations, girls!
- There will be a March for Life meeting for parents and participants this Thursday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. It is very important that all who are attending March for Life attend this meeting.
- There will be a ninth grade class meeting today after school at 3:05, in the auditorium. Ninth grade class dues of \$10 will be due at this meeting.
- French Honor Society dues are due tomorrow to Ms. Alexander, room 206.
- Quiz Bowl will practice before and after school tomorrow in the library.
- Congratulations to the following students for making the 2017 Boys Golf Team: Cole Reeves, Kane Palazzo, Keegan Cuevas, Sawyer Stone, Grant Williams, Ryan Crosby, Carson Bishop, Robby Waltz, Jacob Salminen, and Jacob Futch.
- Congratulations to the boys varsity soccer team for being the district champions once again, and the boys are now headed to the playoffs! Thanks to the student body for coming out and supporting the team and showing your school spirit.
- Congratulations to all of the girls that tried out for the St. Patrick Girls Golf Team. They gave maximum effort during tryouts and we are looking forward to a great season. The tryout results are as follows:

Playing Squad: Isabel Alexander, Paige Gibson, Gracie Hawkins, Andrea Huguenin.

Practice Squad: Marina Cole, Raven Gonsoulin, Maia Dooley