

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 23, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands. (Hebrews 9:24)

What is your image of heaven? Through the ages, people have had many visions of what heaven is like. But the truth is, none of us really know for sure. Will we be with our family and friends? Or will we be so caught up in worshipping Jesus that we won't be concerned about anything else? Will we be surprised at who is there—and who is not? We know that we will have a glorified body, but what will that body look like? How will it feel?

Each of these questions reflects some kind of fear or concern, both about our lives here on earth and about the afterlife. But for all of our lack of understanding, we can say with confidence that heaven is the fulfillment of our greatest desire: to behold the Lord face-to-face and to live with him forever.

If Jesus is perfect love, there could be nothing better than to be in his presence. No matter what happens here and now, that is what we are guaranteed if we follow him. If we already experience a foretaste of Jesus' promises every time we receive Communion or turn to him in prayer, how could we ever doubt that the fulfillment of this experience is nothing other than sheer perfection?

St. Paul stretches our imagination when he writes, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). What awaits us is so amazing that words will never be able to describe it! But just knowing that God will wipe every tear from our eyes and that there will be no more death, sorrow, or pain can go a long way in encouraging and strengthening us.

So keep your eyes on the prize of your heavenly calling. Then, even the greatest challenges you endure here will seem light. Every day, lift up your head, and rejoice, for your redemption is at hand!

"Lord, you have loved me with a love beyond understanding. I worship and adore you, Jesus, for your incomparable gift of salvation!"

Today's Announcements:

- 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 tomorrow.
- Callbacks for the fall musical are this afternoon and will begin at 3:15. An email was sent with the list of those who needed to be here and the songs they needed to sing. Please confirm with Mrs. Trahan that you will be there.

- Any French Honor Society members interested in applying for the national writing contest or travel scholarship should see Ms. Alexander for applications. Applications are due to Ms. Alexander Friday, January 27. The top three writing submissions and the top two travel applications from St. Patrick will be chosen to enter the national contests.
- Those who signed up for varsity track last week, Coach Dellenger will have a team track packet for you to pick up at lunch or in his classroom.
- As of now, two of our winter sports teams have advanced to postseason play. Our varsity basketball teams will finish their regular season very soon. Congratulations to the Fighting Irish soccer and eighth grade basketball teams for advancing to the playoffs! Just a reminder that as per MHSAA regulations, admission to all playoff games is \$7, and athletic passes, students IDs, and "Gold Club" passes are not valid for playoff games.
- If you are attending the March for Life with your parish and not with the St. Patrick group, make sure you see Mrs. Whiteside by the end of the day today.
- There will be an FCA chapter meeting Thursday.
- Students who attended the Biloxi March for Life Rally yesterday, be sure to stop by and see Mr. Creel today so he may sign your service hour sheet.