

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Have you ever seen a mustard seed? If so, you know that it really is very small.*

Yet, when it's planted, it has the potential to grow into a very full tree. That's the way the kingdom of God manifests itself in our lives. Like a seed at our baptism, our faith can eventually grow large enough to provide "shade" and life to others. And, like a tree, our faith will go through growth stages until it's fruitful.

It's only after a seed is buried—planted into the ground—that it begins to become something that we'd consider substantial. Because we tend to look at preliminary, outer manifestations, we might not see the promising results possible from a mustard seed. In the same way, we may not realize the promising results possible from the tiny seed of faith that we received when we were baptized.

God looks deeper than we tend to look. He is concerned with inner transformation. Nothing escapes his attention. Because it was God who formed you and who carries you in the palm of his hand, it is God who can bring his work to completion in you. This may be a time of waiting, or it may be a time of deeper prayer and fellowship with Jesus. Perhaps God is calling you to read his word a bit more every day or to experiment with sharing your faith with a neighbor. Whatever the case, God is watching over you, giving you opportunities for your faith to blossom and bear marvelous fruit.

Are you ready to grow? Do you want to see more of God in your life? Look inward! Don't just try to do all the right things (which you must), but look to the work of the Spirit in your heart as well. Is he trying to put some sin to death in you? Is he trying to help you get over a wound that someone has left you with? Give the Spirit the chance to take the seed of your faith and grow it into something magnificent.

*Father, I say yes to you today in everything you ask of me. Take hold of my life more deeply and reveal your will for my life. Build a firm foundation within me that I might also help others to know you.*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We want to wish our seniors all the best on their senior retreat today.
- Tomorrow, we will have mass and will be on liturgy schedule. Don't forget blazers and ties tomorrow.
- Tomorrow morning, we will have a pancake/sausage breakfast in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 a.m. breakfast is free for all students - so be sure to stop by Thursday morning.
- In a contest for the cover of the reception guide for the Ordination of Rev. Msgr. Louis Kihneman, III, Fourth Bishop of Biloxi, Nikki Guild, a sophomore here at St. Patrick placed second. Her artwork will be framed and displayed at the reception following the ordination.

- Congratulations to the boys varsity soccer team for their win last night over Sacred Heart 3 to 1. The boys will compete in the state championship this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in Clinton.
- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory last night against Seminary. We won 61 to 26. Players of the game were Mogan McCrea, Lillie Guida, Cassie Swetman, and Anna Clare Colson. Congratulations, girls!