

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, February 13, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

If you do well, you can hold up your head. (Genesis 4:7)

We don't know exactly why Abel and his offering were accepted, while Cain and his offering were not. Did Cain displease God in some way? Was God testing him? Or was Abel just an extraordinarily holy man? We may never know.

But one thing we do know. God loved Cain. Just listen to how he speaks to Cain: "Why are you so resentful and crestfallen? . . . Sin is lurking at the door . . . yet you can be his master" (Genesis 4:6, 7).

These are not the words of an indifferent God looking down on Cain with contempt. They are the words of a God who is personally involved in Cain's life and who wants to see him succeed. They are the words of a devoted parent who is not put off by his child's gloominess, but sees the way ahead and gives him a reality check that urges him toward goodness and maturity.

Cain may have felt alienated, but God told him that he could choose what to do with those feelings. God wanted him to "do well," to put aside his dejection and master his envy and frustration. Even after Cain had killed his brother, God didn't condemn him. No, he protected him and kept an open door for Cain to make a fresh start.

God looks at you the same way. It may sound surprising, but he doesn't stop reaching out when you are caught in resentment, envy, or any other sin, even mortal sin. He points out where you could be, how you can grow if you take hold of his grace to overcome sin. Just as God gave Cain a second chance, he gives each of us countless opportunities to try again.

We all know the feeling of sin "lurking at the door." But how comforting it is to know that Christ lives in us. He is there to give you strength to resist sin. He is there to remind you that you can master any temptation.

So today thank the Lord for cheering you on and giving you another chance. By his grace, you can do the right thing. You can reject sin. And you can hold your head high.

"Father, thank you for your patience! Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to me!"

Today's Announcements:

- Congratulations to the varsity boys basketball team for their 80-57 victory over Lumberton Friday night. The Irish will travel to West Marion Tuesday for 5:30 game with Perry Central in the Division Tournament.
- We would like to congratulate the girls varsity basketball team on their victory Friday night against Lumberton. We won 76-54. Players of the game were Baylee Hodge, Cassie Swetman, Gabbie Patino, and Anna Clare Colson. Congratulations girls!

- Students, be sure to give the registration packets you received to your parents. These may be returned to Ms. Dapremont at the front desk anytime. Ms. Wilkinson, Mr. Gruich, and Mr. Buckley will meet with students in March to review course selection requests for next year.
- Key Clubbers who wish to help deliver flowers at the Pillars (former Kare Center) on Atkinson Rd. tomorrow need to be there by 3:30pm. We should be finished between 4:00 and 4:15. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Sutherlin.
- Attention all boys golf team - practice will be held today at Grand Bear from 3:30 to 5:00pm. If it is raining, still plan on practice, only it will be in Mr. Hewes' classroom.
- Pennies for Patients is going well so far! The total for the school will be posted in the cafeteria weekly. Our school goal is \$1000. The first period class with the most donations will win a catered lunch by Olive Garden. Remember: the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society not only helps to fund research to find a cure for blood cancers but also supports patients and survivors! The top three classrooms are: Williams: \$158.24, Hedman: \$145.55, Cloud: \$94.49
- The Big Buddy/Little Buddy breakfast will be tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m.