

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 10, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment . . . (Matthew 5:22)

These are tough words. But their severity only highlights how deeply God wants to see his children live together in love and respect. For Jesus, unity is one of the highest of virtues and one of the most important principles we should live by.

Do you remember a time when your mother or father was angry? What happened to the rest of the household? It probably brought the whole family down as everyone else became anxious or impatient or angry. If this were the pervasive climate in the home, it's only natural to expect alienation and isolation to flourish. But when a family tries to live in love and forgiveness, they give unity a bigger chance to prevail.

Being a disciple of Jesus is about being like Jesus, who always looked past other people's shortcomings. He looked into their hearts, and that's where he met them. And because he saw their hearts—their desires, needs, hurts, dreams, and hopes—he was able to connect with many of them and bring them to God. His opponents, on the other hand, tended to look at people's faults, and this only created barriers between them and God.

God wants to bring unity to our hearts and to our homes, and it starts as each of us asks him to soften our heart with his love. Then we will be more willing to forgive and let go of our anger. We don't have to pretend that we weren't hurt. We don't have to dig down to find out who was in the wrong. We just have to take our hurt to God and try our best to forgive. He can change the situations that we can't.

St. John of the Cross once said that at the evening of our lives, we will be judged on love. Think how incredible that is! We will not be judged on how much money we gave away, how many Masses we attended, or how hard we worked tending to our parish's landscaping—only by how much we have loved. And that's something we can all do with God's help!

"Father, change my heart. Help me to love the way that you love me."

Today's Announcements:

- Today marks the end of the third quarter. Our fourth quarter will begin on Tuesday - Monday is a spring holiday.
- Sophomores will attend their spiritual retreat today. We wish our sophomores all the best and ask that you keep them in your prayers.
- The Lady Irish softball team won 5 to 0 last night against the Lady Warriors of Oak Grove. Anna Grace Castanedo paced the Irish at the plate with two hits and an RBI, Raven Blackwell hit her second homerun of the season. Anna D'Aquila picked up the win on the circle allowing just five hits and striking out seven to improve her record to 5-1.

The Lady Irish open district play on Tuesday against West Marion at home. Game times are 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- Below are the top finishers from yesterday's St. Patrick Junior High Track Meet:
 - Quinlan Pisciotta, second in 800m run
 - Jonathan Galle, third in high jump
 - Jordan Walker, fifth in discus
 - Sarah Alexander, second in discus and fourth in shot put
 - Olivia Leatherman, first in pole vault
 - Camille Pitre, first in long jump
 - SrDrick Taylor, third in 200m dash
 - Dominic Patino, second in 800m dash

The boys 200m relay team placed second; team runners are Jonathan Galle, Dalton Blackwood, Jack Dent, and SrDerick Taylor.

- The varsity track team has a meet at Gulfport tomorrow. Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. Field events athletes should arrive by 9:30 a.m. and runners by 11:00 a.m.
- The Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival will take place June 2 - 4. Applications for Shrimp Queen are at the front desk - the deadline is April 1.
- All upperclassman attending the youth legislature conference, please see Mr. DeSalvo by the end of fourth period today.
- Any girl who was unable to attend the volleyball meeting this morning and is interested in trying out for next year's team, should see Mrs. Trahan.
- The high school dance is tomorrow March 11 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- We would like to wish Mrs. Barrientos a Happy Birthday today.