

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, April 10, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:50)

Saints like Ignatius Loyola have taught that using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in our faith. So let's take their advice today as we read the passion of our Lord.

First, picture yourself with Jesus as he is arrested and brought before the chief priests. Listen as they level false charges against him. See him mourn over the way these men are bound in anger and hatred toward him.

Next, picture Jesus being humiliated by the soldiers. Watch as they spit upon him, mock him, and beat him. The challenge to hold his peace is overwhelming, but Jesus remains resolute and focused on his mission.

Now picture him at Calvary. He is exhausted. His body is wracked with pain and weariness. Nails have pierced his hands and feet. The pain sears through his body as the soldiers raise the cross. The suffering is enormous as the crowd continues to jeer and hurl accusations against him. Nonetheless, Jesus looks at us with compassion, understanding, and mercy. He will not accuse! He will not condemn! All he wants is our salvation.

Watching Jesus as he nears the end, you hear him speak to one of the thieves crucified with him. You think to yourself, "Even now he is still leading people to his Father!" Finally, you hear him cry out in a loud voice as he hands over his spirit—for you.

These are only a few of the events that encompass Jesus' passion. Try to read and reflect on these scenes, or choose some other scenes from the Gospel: the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, or Peter's denial. Contemplate the passion story today. Let it move you to treasure Jesus above all others. This is the greatest story ever told.

"Jesus, I am overwhelmed by the love you poured out for me in your passion and death. Thank you, Lord."

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Today's Announcements:

- The Shrimp Queen application deadline has been extended to April 14. Applications may be picked up at Ms. Dapremont's desk.
- Students going into ninth through twelfth grades and need a physical, please pick up forms today. Forms need to be turned in by this Thursday before we leave for Easter Break. See Mrs. Whiteside, Ms. Dapremont, or Nurse Cathy to pick one up. Girls physicals will be on Monday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. (Monday we come back from break),

and boys will be April 25 at 3:00 p.m. Your parent's signature and completed basic information has to be on turned in form in order to participate.

- The girls varsity basketball team had their banquet last night. We would like to congratulate the following girls on their awards. All regional team - Anna Clare Colson, Lillie Guida, Baylee Hodge and Morgan McCrea; All time leading Scorer - Morgan McCrea; Most Improved Player - Mary Beth Tubb; Hustle Award - Laurie Piscotta, Offensive Player of the Year - Morgan McCrea; Defensive Player of the year - Lillie Guida and Baylee Hodge; Most Valuable Player - Morgan McCrea. Congratulations Girls!
- FCA members need Easter baskets in by this Wednesday.
- Class officer applications will be available the Monday we return from Spring Break. You must be registered in order to run for class officer or student council rep.
- The Varsity Track Team are reminded to have their Track Uniform tomorrow or you can wear it to school the vus will be leaving at 8:15 after announcements.