

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

One of you will betray me. (John 13:21)

Imagine how deeply Jesus must have grieved that a friend would turn on him: "Even my trusted friend, who ate my bread, has raised his heel against me" (Psalm 41:10). Earlier, in the synagogue in Capernaum, when Jesus declared that he was the bread of life, many of his followers turned away from him (John 6:53, 66). John tells us that Jesus knew even then that Judas would betray him (6:70-71). Later, at the Last Supper, when he washed the disciples' feet, Jesus still had hope that Judas might turn back and abandon his plans. It also appears that Judas was present when Jesus offered the bread and wine, his own Body and Blood, to his disciples (Luke 22:19-21). So it's likely that Judas received the first Eucharist. Still, he refused these overtures from the Lord and held fast to what he intended to do.

The story of Judas is a powerful illustration of how critical it is that we have the right disposition toward Jesus. This is especially true when we receive the Eucharist. Can you imagine how Jesus felt as he looked at Judas at the Last Supper? Or how he felt every time he caught Judas grumbling against him or quietly siphoning off money from the disciples' common purse? He must have been brokenhearted. One of his own was going to betray him. One of his own had rejected his teaching and his will, preferring his own ideas and his own will instead. You can even imagine Jesus weeping over Judas' lack of faith. What was Judas thinking? How could he make such a poor decision?

Just as he looked at Judas, Jesus looks at us. He asks us, "What is your disposition toward me? Am I the Living Bread that brings you life? Or am I just one option among many that makes you happy?" Let's not make a poor decision here. May we all repent for the ways we have preferred our own will to God's. May we always come to Communion with an open and willing heart. Let's all echo Peter's bold proclamation of faith: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe . . . that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69).

"Lord, soften my heart so that I can become the Eucharist I eat."

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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.

- Quiz Bowl will practice before and after school tomorrow. All team members see Ms. Ladner about the time you will be attending.
- FCA members need Easter baskets in by tomorrow.
- 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 representative.
- Last week, Shea Sigworth attended the State Science and Engineering Fair where she placed sixth in the Class 3 category of seventh and eighth graders throughout the state. Congratulations, Shea.
- Today the Varsity Track Team will be competing in the 3A Divisional Track meet at Tylertown. Team should board the bus after announcements. Good Luck.
- Congratulations to cast and crew of Disco Inferno for outstanding performances the last few days. Please remember to come to the theater to clean this afternoon.