

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, April 24, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' (John 3:7)

But Nicodemus was amazed! Jesus told him that to see the kingdom of God, he had to be “born from above” (John 3:3). Of course, Jesus wasn't talking about physical birth; he was talking about a spiritual birth.

This concept of being “born from above” may sound just as unfamiliar to us as it did to Nicodemus. We live in a world that relies on the physical senses—what we can see and touch and hear. But Jesus came to enliven our spiritual senses so that we could “see” him and “touch” him in a deeper way. He came to teach us how to walk by faith and not just by sight.

So what does it mean to be “born of the Spirit”? A lot of things! Here are just a few.

First, being born of the Spirit makes us vessels of the Spirit. It means that the Holy Spirit lives in us, always ready to encourage us, convict us of sin, fill us with peace, and stir us to do his will. It means that we can be led by the Spirit instead of the desires and drives of our fallen nature.

Second, being born of the Spirit means that we can begin to think as Jesus thinks, to have the “mind of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 2:16). We may want to react with bitterness, anger, or vengeance when we are wronged, but the Spirit can teach us to look on our offender as someone created by God and equally loved by him. He can teach us to forgive quickly, to discern good from evil more clearly, and to be more ready to serve instead of expecting to be served.

Finally, being born of the Spirit means becoming different—at least from the world's perspective! Nicodemus saw something truly unique in Jesus. Was it the miracles? Was it his sense of peace? Or was it the way Jesus' words resonated in his heart? Whatever it was, we can be sure that people will notice something out of the ordinary in us as we stay close to the Lord—and they will be intrigued. They will see us living by a different set of standards, and that will make them more receptive to the good news of Christ.

“Lord, open my spiritual eyes. Holy Spirit, I need more of you today.”

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Today's Announcements:

- We hope that you and your family had a nice Easter and spring break. We are excited to welcome students back to campus today.

- Girls physicals are today after school and boys will be tomorrow after school at 3:00 p.m. Your parent's signature and completed basic information has to be on turned in form in order to participate. Boys can still pick up a form today and turn it in tomorrow.
- Class officer applications will be available today. Pick these up from Ms. Dapremont's desk. You must be registered in order to run for class officer or student council representative.
- There is a National Honor Society Meeting at 7:45 this Wednesday, April 26. Everyone needs to attend.
- Seniors, if you are a member of the NHS, please remember that you must pay Ms. Wilkinson or Mrs. Sutherlin for your honor stole by tomorrow.
- The boys and girls golf team should report to Mr. Gruich's office after these announcements.
- Juniors, if anyone is attending Boys' or Girls' State this summer, see Ms. Wilkinson today.
- Good luck to the Boys Golf Team as they compete today for the District Championship at the Grand Bear.
- In Last Friday's Regional Track Meet the following Irish track members have qualified for South State:
 - Kendall Pitre-1st Pole Vault (PRat 9')
 - Olivia Leatherman-3rd Pole Vault
 - Taylor Ibele-3rd Discus
 - Ryan Hymel- 2nd Discus
 - Team of Isabel Leatherman, Quinlan Piscotta, Gabbi Patino, Anne Clare Colson- 2nd 4X800m relay
 - Isabel Leatherman-1st 1600m run
 - Amelie Million -2nd 1600m run
 - Jordan Pete- 3rd 1600m run
 - Cade Myers- 3rd 1600m and 2nd in 3200 m run
 - Dominic Paton -4th in 3200m run
 - Isabel Leatherman- 1st in both 800 and 3200m run
 - Gabbi Patino -3rd in 800m run
 - Jordan Pete-2nd in 3200m run
 - Amelie Million- 3rd 3200 m run
 - Team of Quin Piscotta, Gabbie Patino, Olivia Leatherman, Anne Clare Colson- 4th in 400m relay.
- Quiz bowl practice today and Wednesday. All Team members see Ms. Ladner today.