

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They went forth and preached everywhere. (Mark 16:20)

When we see "Saint" in front of someone's name, we may think they got that way all by themselves. But St. Mark, whose feast day we celebrate today, tells a different story. He might never have become the saint we revere today if someone else hadn't believed in him.

Mark was the son of Mary, a widow who hosted early Christian gatherings in her home (Acts 12:12). Although he was not one of the twelve apostles, it's likely that he was one of Jesus' followers. Mark accompanied his cousin Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey, but for some reason, he left them prematurely (13:13). When it came time for Paul's next trip, he didn't want to take Mark along. In Paul's eyes, Mark had deserted the cause of the gospel (15:38).

Fortunately, Barnabas didn't give up on him. While Paul went on to Syria with Silas, Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus (Acts 15:39-41). Tradition tells us that Mark went on to Rome, became Peter's interpreter, and later wrote his Gospel based on Peter's preaching. A second chance was all he needed. Paul eventually forgave Mark, commending him for his service and calling his companionship "helpful" (2 Timothy 4:11). Tradition also holds that Mark founded the church in Alexandria and was martyred there.

What if Barnabas had rejected Mark because of his earlier failure? Mark might never have become Peter's "son" in the faith (1 Peter 5:13). What's worse, he might never have written his Gospel—which means that Matthew and Luke might not have written theirs! If Barnabas hadn't shown Mark a little compassion, who knows what kind of Bible we would have?

Like Barnabas, we need to give people a second chance. No one is perfect. Everyone needs the gift of a new beginning. God's grace and love can cover "a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). And not only our sins, but also our desertions, weaknesses, failures, and quirks. Our willingness to mend relationships can make a difference not only in our lives, but even in eternity!

"Father, help me to see the gifts in others, not their shortcomings. Show me how to love and encourage them."

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Today's Announcements:

- Boys physicals are today after school at 3pm.
- Varsity and Jr. High Track Uniforms, those who are not going to South State need to be turned into Coach Dell room 108.

- The Tennis Team beat Magee 7-0 last night. The next match will be against St. Andrews Thursday in Hattiesburg at 4.
- Congratulations to the Fighting Irish Boys Golf Team for clinching the District Championship at Grand Bear. The team of Jacob Futch, Robby Waltz, Carson Bishop, Keegan Cuevas and Kane Palazzo earned the right to represent St. Patrick at the State Championships.

Special recognition goes to Jacob Futch who was the overall low medalist in the tournament and Robby Waltz finished with second low medalist, followed by Carson Bishop in third.

Jacob and Robby turned in their best scores ever as members of the Irish Golf Team.

ALL members of the Boys Golf Team need to stop by Mr. Hewes' room after school for a very brief meeting.

- 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.
- There will be quiz bowl practice tomorrow.
- The girls Golf Team came in second place at district and will go to the State Championship. Paige Gibson was third place All Tournament Team.