

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. (John 6:32)

No matter how much we think we know, there's always more to learn. Consider the world around us. Early cultures divided matter into earth, air, fire, and water. But over the centuries, scientists realized that matter was made up of atoms. Further discoveries identified smaller components, such as electrons, protons, and neutrons. Now experts have found even smaller particles like quarks, gluons, and bosons. There's always more to discover!

You could say that Jesus was saying something similar in today's Gospel. After having multiplied the loaves and fishes for them, he asked the people to go beyond what they already understood about being fed. They didn't need to be told what bread was—it was a big part of their diet. He wanted to offer them the "true bread from heaven" (John 6:32). This bread would not feed just their bodies; it would sustain their souls.

Jesus has a similar lesson for us. We know that the Eucharist is no ordinary bread, but when we go to the same church and sit in the same pew week after week, receiving Communion can become routine. Familiarity might make us pay attention only to the physical Host we are receiving rather than the sacramental presence of Christ.

If you feel as if Mass has become a little too familiar, try looking at Jesus more closely during the week. Every morning, choose one Scripture passage about him and try to remember it during the day. It might be a passage about the Eucharist: "This is my body, which will be given for you" (Luke 22:19). Or it might be a passage from the daily Gospel reading. Take just one verse, and ponder it. Ask the Spirit to help you understand Jesus more deeply.

As you read that Scripture passage, take the time to let Jesus show you something new about himself, something that builds on what you already know of him. You'll find that the deeper you go, the more you'll recognize the Eucharist as Jesus himself: the "true bread from heaven."

"Lord, take me deeper! Help me discover you more fully in the Sacrament of the Eucharist."

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Today's Announcements:

- Student council applications are available at the front desk. The deadline for submitting these is Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
- Applications for yearbook staff will be available very soon. We will announce as soon as they are ready.

- Congratulations to the Lady Irish softball team for their 7-6 win over Philadelphia last night. Down 4-6 in bottom of 7th, Marissa Hanley blasted a full count pitch over the right field fence for a walk off 3 run homer, she drove in herself, Raven Blackwell, and Anna Grace Castanedo to get the 3 runs needed. We would like to thank all the exceptional students and teachers who showed up to support the team last night. The Lady Irish Play again in Philadelphia today for game 2 and potentially game 3 of the series. We wish them luck!
- How would you like to play games at Margaritaville with your classmates on Friday, May 12th? Tell your parents to buy or sell a ticket to our Shamrockin' School Fundraiser being held this weekend, and you will receive a field trip to Margaritaville. In addition, if your family donates a silent auction item, you will receive a free dress day on Friday, May 12. Ticket money or auction items may be turned into the front office.
- Ms. Wilkinson needs to see the NHS officers immediately after 1st period today. This will only take five minutes.
- Juniors, if you were invited to apply to the NHS, you must see Ms. Wilkinson during 2nd lunch today.
- Attention all eighth through eleventh grade girls, varsity basketball tryouts will be one week from today at 3:15 in the gym. If you can not tryout that day because of another spring sport that is still in season, you should see Coach Gaunce.
- The Diocesan elementary track meet will be held today at 5:00 p.m. Coach Dell will be giving service hours for those Jr High or Varsity Track Members who will help. See Coach Dell at lunch today.
- French Honor Society induction will be held at 11:30 today. Students should go to the auditorium for induction when called for.