

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 19, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I no longer call you slaves. . . . I have called you friends. (John 15:15)

Do you remember how your relationship with your best friend developed? You probably spent a lot of time with that person, confiding in him and sharing some of your deepest thoughts, fears, and desires. You built a relationship on trust, honesty, and loyalty. Your best friend may be the only one who knows how you got that scar next to your right ear. And he may be the only one who knows just why that confession you made last March was so important.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus calls his disciples his closest friends. But we are mistaken if we think that his love is limited to just these few believers. He wants to tell you the same thing! Remember, he gave up his life so that you and he could be joined together. He gave everything so that you could find rest and comfort, encouragement and inspiration, in his presence, just as you find with your best friend on earth. That's right! Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the Lord of the universe, calls you his friend! Isn't that wonderful?

A slave has very few rights, little dignity, and no freedom. He works tirelessly just to please his master. But a friend serves out of love. He gives generously because he holds his friend in high esteem. That's how Jesus looks at you. He invites you into a sharing of respect, love, and intimacy with him. He never tries to bully you or scare you into following him. Rather, he helps you see how fulfilling your life can be as you let his plan unfold. In a word, he loves you for who you are.

Take a few minutes today and think about who Jesus is to you. Then think about who you are to Jesus. Imagine and listen, as Jesus calls you his friend. Speak to him as you would speak to a close friend. Let him look you in the eye, and don't be afraid to look right back at him. You belong together!

"Jesus, I love you. I give my life to you, not as a slave dedicates himself to his master, but as someone who opens his heart to a friend. Help me to see myself through your eyes."

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Today's Announcements:

- Tonight, we will join together to recognize and celebrate the St. Patrick Class of 2017 in graduation. The graduation mass begins at 5:00 - we invite everyone to attend.
- Students who are working Fatima Spring fest - they are in desperate need at the cake booth all three days. A poster with contact information is hanging right outside the cafeteria. Please call to set up a work time as soon as possible.

- Nativity BVM is looking for volunteers for the Peace, Love, and Saints 5k run this Saturday. This is a race put on by Nativity BVM. Sign up with Ms. Dapremont if you are available and interested in volunteering.
- Boys and girls golf teams - please return your cleaned golf bags to Coach Hewes today.
- Students may begin returning their textbooks to the Library as you are finished with them. Textbooks are not due until after the exam so if you need them to study for your exam keep them until after the exam. Important: Please check the textbooks in with Ms. Ladner at the computer before putting them on the tables.
- Track Members who have not turned in their uniforms need to do so today.
- Anyone who is interested in swimming next year please come see Mrs. McMackin in room 200 today.
- Campus Ministry interview schedule will be available after second period today. Those who have applied will need to sign up for an interview. Interviews will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after school. It will be posted on the outside door of room 106.
- Any student interested in running for an office for the 2017-2018 National Science Honor Society must see Mrs. Worrel to sign up by Monday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m. in room 202.