

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 21, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He went away sad, for he had many possessions. (Matthew 19:22)

What was this rich young man thinking? Jesus, the Son of God, was standing right in front of him, inviting him to become a disciple. And the young man walked away. How tragic! After all, he really was a good fellow. He kept all the commandments; he tried hard to please God. He only asked what else he needed to do. But Jesus' call was just too much. He couldn't see that following Jesus was worth infinitely more than all he had.

If only he had decided to follow Jesus, this young man might have begun to see things differently. His heart could have changed, and when he struggled, he could have said, "Jesus, help me! I want to follow you, but it seems so difficult." Then Jesus would have worked patiently with him, just as he worked with the other disciples, who were far from perfect. He would have become a very different man from the one he was before. He would have gained so much more than he would have lost!

Jesus doesn't want any of us to walk away sad. He wants us to know that we are not alone on the path of conversion. Not only do we have each other, but we have his Holy Spirit as our guide. The Spirit has so much to teach us and so much grace to pour out on us. But it takes time and willingness to stay close to Jesus. It takes patience and determination to trust in his power to move us forward. It takes confidence, knowing that if God starts something good in us, he will bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6).

None of us have completed the journey yet. Like the rich young man, we all have further to go. And like this young man, we can all hear Jesus calling out to us, "Follow me." Imagine that he's saying that to you right now. Look into his eyes—there's no harshness there, only love. He knows you are a work in progress, and he is encouraging you to keep going. He wants to lead you to peace, joy, and freedom. So follow him; don't walk away.

"Jesus, I don't want to walk away from you. You are my treasure, Lord!"

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Maria Puig Garcia!
- During sixth period today, we will be allowing time for students, faculty, and staff to view the Great American Solar Eclipse during the school day. This event is being called "The Great American Solar Eclipse" because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. We

have purchased certified eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students, faculty, and staff. During the end of fifth period today, teachers will review the safety instructions and pass out the certified eclipse-safe viewing glasses. If you do not have a permission slip, please report to the library immediately after fifth period.

- Attention seventh graders - Class officer election applications are now available in the front office. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Applications are due Wednesday by 3:30 to Mrs. Buckley in room 200 and a meeting for all those running will be immediately after school on Wednesday in room 200. Student Council is looking forward to welcoming seventh grade leaders into our organization!
- Interact Club sign ups and voting for officers for students in grades 9-12 will take place Wednesday, August 23, after school in the auditorium. Please bring \$5.00 for the fee to sign up. Sign up for students in seventh and eighth grades will take place Wednesday, August 23, in room 215; there are no fees for junior high students.
- Today we will begin running two lines in the cafeteria. You will notice the signage when you enter. As a reminder, students who have purchased the yearly meal plan are awarded \$5 credit per day. If you spend more than \$5, you will be responsible for paying for the rest.
- NHS applications will be given to eligible juniors and seniors today. Please see Ms. Wilkinson if there are any questions. NHS officers, there will be a meeting immediately after school today. The first NHS meeting is this Wednesday at 7:45 in the auditorium.
- There will be a Key Club meeting this afternoon at 3:05 in room 210. All high school students (grades 9-12) are invited.
- The first drama guild meeting will be tomorrow, August 22 from 3:05 until 3:30 in the auditorium. Drama Guild is open to all students grades 7-12. No experience is necessary! Come to the meeting and find out how you may be involved.