

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, September 8, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said.
(Matthew 1:22)*

When you watch a movie for the second time, you tend to pick up on details you missed at first. But you also risk losing the sense of anticipation about where the plot is leading; you already know how it ends. Something similar might happen when you read today's Gospel. As we celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary, we hear a very familiar story. We see Joseph grappling with Mary's unexpected pregnancy, and we see how their courage and faith helped them deal with the Incarnation.

Take a few minutes right now to imagine how Mary and Joseph must have been feeling at the time everything was unfolding. Their actions hardly resound with confidence. Mary was "greatly troubled" and quizzed the archangel about whether this was possible (Luke 1:29). Joseph, meanwhile, was ready to divorce her when he heard that Mary was pregnant. At that point, they wouldn't have had the chance to discuss their angelic encounters. All they could see were the scandalous risks involved with choosing to go forward. Joseph risked his reputation if he married a woman who carried somebody else's child. Mary jeopardized not only her chance of a

good marriage, but her life as well.

Yet both said yes, and both did it alone, without even knowing the other side of the story. How confused and scared they must have been!

If Joseph and Mary had been able to see how their choices would affect the world, if they had been able to see how we would revere them, would it have been easier for them to say yes to God? Probably. But that makes it all the more remarkable; they made their choices in the dark, without knowing how everything would turn out.

That's how we make our choices too. Think about all the times you have said yes to the Lord in your life. You have followed him sometimes eagerly, sometimes in the "darkness" of suffering or loneliness. Like Mary and Joseph, your understanding of what God can do with your yes is limited. You do not know where God is leading you. But he knows what he will do.

Listen to his voice—what yes is he calling you to next?

"Lord, help me respond to you with the same trust that Mary and Joseph showed."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Kayla Coniglio, Dixie Graham, and Jarrett Herron! Also, Ryan Adderholdt, Sarah Alexander, Erin Hanson, Emily Overstreet, and Lucy Plott will be celebrating their birthdays this weekend.
- Teachers, please collect money for Sacred Heart during first period this morning. We will come around and collect envelopes very soon. Thanks to everyone who donated.

- Congratulations to the Lady Irish volleyball team on their victory last night against Sacred Heart! Mary Tubb had 12 aces and 9 kills, Raven Gonsoulin had 11 aces and 1 kill, Sydney Biggs with 3 aces and 5 kills, Makenzie Stenum with 5 aces and 3 kills, Carly Loftis with 12 aces, Hallie Ladner with 3 kills, and Leila Ransonet with 1 kill. Additional contributions were made by Adesyn Hall, Hope Williams, and Elizabeth Simmons. Come out and support your Lady Irish Tuesday night at home against district rival - the Resurrection Eagles.
- All first period teachers please fill out the pep rally form that Mrs. Mullen gave you. St. Patrick t-shirts should not be counted this time... only themed clothing.
- Fighting Irish junior high football team advanced to 3 and 0 after defeating the Sand Hill Bucks 38 to 8 last night. Kaleb Chatman led The Irish to victory by throwing two touchdown passes and adding a rushing touchdown as well. Chatman connected with SrDrick Taylor and Charlie Olson for the scores. Taylor added a rushing touchdown as well as Blake Bratton scoring a touchdown on the interception adding to the Irish total in the home opener of the season. Go Irish!
- Our annual Irish Idol will be held during Homecoming Week. Sign ups will be posted outside Mrs. Buckley's door room 200 as well as outside room 214. If you want to perform during Irish Idol, please sign up and be prepared to audition on Wednesday, September 12, after school. All students are welcome to show off their talents!!
- Homecoming shirt order forms are available starting today in first period. Shirts are \$15 and money and forms are due by Wednesday morning to the front office.
- High school students who plan to attend the Homecoming Dance and would like to request permission to bring an outside date must submit the form by Friday, September 15. Forms may be picked up at the front desk from Mrs. Collier or downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the school website. Approval will not be granted for forms not submitted by Friday.
- All students should now have an official St. Patrick email address. Students, you will use the email address to communicate with your teachers and for school business. Each email account also comes with unlimited storage on Google Drive including docs, spreadsheets, etc. Be sure to check your email at least once per day.
- Students for life is continuing to accept nominations for officers. If you would like to run for an office, please see the sign-up sheet on Ms. Cloud's door at room 110. Dues of \$5 must be paid in order to run for office.
- High school students involved in varsity sports, cheer, dance, and band may now sign up for the St. Patrick chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. You may vote for officers by paying \$5 dues before, during, or after school until September 20. See Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- Juniors, if you're purchasing a Powder Puff tank top or tshirt, remember to see Payton Dedeaux in Mrs Tavel's room after today.
- The St. Patrick Sailing Team will be hosting a Meet and Greet Party on Thursday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Yacht Club. We would like to encourage all students and parents to attend - we will be discussing all aspects of the team and how it works. There will be free pizza and soft drinks! Sailing is open to all students in grades 7-12.
- The English Department is happy to announce that we will soon be creating a student run Arts & Literary magazine named *Aisling*. Aisling is an old Irish word that means Dream. *Aisling* will featuring the work of St. Patrick Catholic High School students. The theme of the first edition is "water;" anything having to do with water is fair game. We are asking students for contributions of your work - poems, short stories, original artwork

and photography. Please see Mr. Hewes in room 105 with any questions, and be listening for upcoming announcements with additional information.