

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, September 15, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You once were alienated. (Colossians 1:21)

Have you ever watched penguins trying to stay warm? They huddle close together and begin a gradual rotation so that no penguin is left exposed on the outside for too long. Eventually, everyone gets a turn at being in the warm center before they brave the cold again so that other penguins can warm up.

Now, St. Paul obviously isn't talking about penguins in this passage, but the image can help us understand what he means when he talks about how we were once "alienated" from God and now are "reconciled" with him through Christ (Colossians 1:21, 22). He reminds us that we were once outsiders, distant from God, but that Jesus changed that. He became an outsider so that he could draw us in to be warmed by God's presence. Or as Paul said elsewhere, Jesus "became poor . . . so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Throughout his years of public ministry, Jesus went to the margins to tell outsiders that they had a place in his Father's heart. He purposely sought out those who had been left out in the cold, whether it was because they

were poor or because they were Gentiles or because they were branded public sinners. In fact, he himself became like these outcasts. He grew up in a poor family. He ate and drank with sinners. He welcomed Gentiles and unbelievers alike. They were all part of his "chosen" people, and they felt a closeness to him that precious few of Israel's leaders ever knew.

So whenever you feel like an outsider, remember Jesus, the ultimate outcast. He is with you. He is embracing you, guiding you to the warmth of your heavenly Father's love.

Remember the penguins too! Jesus placed himself on the outside to bring you in from the cold. Now he is sending you to the margins to welcome other people in. And those other people will then go out and find more to bring into the center. And so on and so on, until the warmth of God's love reaches every person in the world. It's a good thing that there is plenty of room in God's heart for everyone. May no one ever feel alienated again!

"Lord, thank you for becoming an outsider so that I can belong. Help me bring more people into your heart."

Today's Announcements:

- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale in the front office and on the website for \$20 each. See Mrs. Collier. 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 today. Forms may be picked up at the front desk from Mrs. Collier or downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the school website.
- High school students (grades 9-12) will vote for Homecoming Queen and King this week. Ballots have been sent to your St. Patrick email address, so be sure to vote. We have about 80% of the votes in so far.

- Congratulations to the Lady Irish volleyball team on their victory last night against Moss Point. The Lady Irish swept Moss Point in both the JV and Varsity games. Mary Tubb had 22 aces, Raven Gonsoulin had 21 aces, Sydney Biggs had 28 aces, Hallie Ladner had 4 aces, Adesyn Hall had 1 kill, Hope Williams had 2 kills, and Elizabeth Simmons had 1 kill. Great job ladies! Come out and support your Lady Irish as they take on Our Lady Academy next Thursday night at home!
- The Fighting Irish junior high football team advanced to 4 and 0 last night after defeating the McClain Rams 27 to 0. The Irish defense led by Hunter Lorenzo and SrDrick Taylor held the Rams to under 40 yards rushing. Nick Krass threw for three touchdown passes connecting with Kaleb Chatman, SrDrick Taylor, and Charlie Olsen. Chatman added a score late in the game when he connected with Nick Krass for a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Ty Little and Jameson Thriffiley added some nice extra point field goals adding to the lead. The Irish take on Resurrection Catholic at home next Thursday night!
- National Honor Society Members, please pay your dues during lunch. Ms. Wilkinson will be in the cafeteria during second lunch, and Sarah Belk will be in the cafeteria during third lunch. Also, please bring your items for the homeless as soon as possible.
- Students, you may pay your cafeteria balances to Mrs. Collier at the front desk. All account balances should be kept below \$25. Starting next Monday, students with account balances greater than \$25 will not be able to continue charging.
- Want to have fun for a good cause this weekend? This Sunday, September 17, come out to Banana's Mini Golf and Arcade for an all-day fundraiser for Hope Broadus. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds will go to help the Broadus family pay for medical and travel expenses. If you have any questions, or if you would like a flyer with more information, please see Elizabeth Van Horn.
- Juniors, Mr. Maxwell from Herff Jones will be back on campus Monday during lunch to take ring orders. Bring your deposit of \$60 with your order form on Monday.