

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed. (Romans 8:18)

Who doesn't like a happy ending? Everyone cheers when the prince rescues the princess or when the bad guy is defeated.

In today's first reading, we see another happy ending. Though he has suffered many hardships as a missionary, Paul writes about joy: the joy of being redeemed, the joy of receiving the Holy Spirit, the joy of knowing God's love, and so much more. But the greatest joy Paul talks about is the fact that on the other side of whatever trials he has faced or what he will face in the future, heaven awaits him. His current circumstances—both the good and the bad—are “nothing compared to the glory to be revealed” (Romans 8:18).

God has eternal life on the other side of our trials as well. While we will experience challenges in this life, they all work together to produce for us “an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

While we experience sorrow now, our every tear will be wiped away in heaven, and we will never grieve again.

While we endure aches and pains now, we will one day dwell with God forever in whole, glorified bodies.

While we struggle to forgive and overcome division in our relationships now, the day is coming when nothing will keep us from perfect unity, both with God and with one another. All our divisions will be healed! But as we wait for that glorious day, we can continue pray and work for unity and reconciliation.

Today marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Christians of all different backgrounds will come together today to pray for unity and reconciliation between the churches. They will proclaim their trust that the suffering caused by our divisions will ultimately give way to glory when all God's people are finally gathered around one altar celebrating our redemption together.

What a happy ending! Not just for us, but for all our brothers and sisters in Christ. So let the glory of the Lord, which will one day be yours in full, give you hope for your life as well as the life of the whole Church. God has glorious things planned for us!

“Thank you, Lord, for the promise of future glory! Help me keep my eyes on you.”

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Blake Gollott and Mrs. Worrel today!
- It's time to vote for Class Favorites! Ballots have been sent to your St. Patrick email address. Please vote ASAP. Those who are chosen to be Class Favorites should be someone who represents not only their class, but also St. Patrick in everything they do. They should be kind to classmates, respectful to teachers, and overall uplifting to the spirit of St. Patrick. When voting you should also remember that an SPC Class Favorite should uphold and represent the school's mission statement.

- The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are looking for students to assist with Peter Anderson Festival this weekend as well as serving/feeding senior citizens on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Service hours are available for these events - please sign up at the front desk as soon as possible.
- “Pray for Hope” bracelets are being sold in the front office or from Mary Katherine Filipich. They are \$5.00 each, and all proceeds will go to Hope Broadus.
- Media day for our winter sports will be next Wednesday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. We will also be taking pictures for senior banners on this day. The cost for senior banners is \$75.
- The library will be closed after school tomorrow and before school on Thursday.
- There will be a mandatory National Science Honor Society meeting in Ms. Lawson's room immediately after school today.
- Tomorrow, we will celebrate All Saints’ Day - a holy day of obligation. We will have mass at 9:40 tomorrow morning. Students are reminded to wear blazers and ties.
- There will be a brief sophomore class meeting in the auditorium next Tuesday, November 7 at 3:00. All sophomores are asked to attend.
- The Science Honor Society meeting will take place after school today in Ms Lawson's room
- Tomorrow the following clubs will take yearbook photos after mass: robotics, campus ministry, sailing, science honor society.