

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The harvest is abundant. (Luke 10:2)

When Jesus spoke about a “harvest,” was he just talking about crops? Of course not! He was speaking about all the people who were waiting to hear the good news. The “harvest” consisted in the vast number of souls ready to believe in him, longing to enter into the kingdom of God—whether they knew it or not. As we pray today, let’s reflect on this harvest:

The harvest is abundant. “Father, you are master of the harvest, the One who sows the seed and sustains its growth. Everything is under your watchful eye. You plant seeds of faith in each person’s heart. You nourish these seeds and make them sprout and grow. It may be through a word spoken, the offer of a helping hand, or an unexpected stirring in the heart. It can be any number of other ways, but no matter how it happens, it is your doing as you seek to draw people back to yourself.”

The harvest is abundant. “Father, it is you who water the seed. You provide the nourishment that everyone needs to bring to life the seeds of faith you planted in them. You give the beauty of the created world and you give

faithful friends. All these gifts help the roots dig deep into the soil. You know each specific situation, and you know how to make that seed come to full growth. Sometimes we can’t see growth in people and situations we worry about. But no matter what, we trust you.”

The harvest is abundant. “Father, you send us as laborers into your harvest. You ask us to gather the fruit of all you have done in people’s lives. You also promise us your grace to help us do the work. You place us in situations where we can reflect your love. You send us people whom we can accompany along the path of discovering you. Thank you for this grace!”

The harvest is abundant. “Lord, even in my family and among my friends, there are people who have a hard time believing you or who have drifted away from your Church. They too are part of your harvest. Lord, I trust that you will show me how to help them come closer to you.”

“Here I am, Father. I want to be a laborer in your harvest. Use me to draw your people into your kingdom!”

Today's Announcements:

- We are very excited to welcome Bishop Kihneman to St. Patrick today. He will celebrate mass at 9:40 this morning, will visit classes, and will join us for lunch today.
- Happy Birthday to Mary Catherine Kalil, Ali Ware, and Mr. Odenwald today!
- At our final regular season swim meet yesterday, St. Patrick swimmers posting some big drops in time were:
 - Chase Vivian, 200 Freestyle
 - Joseph Agler, 100 Fly

- Daniel Tull, 100 Freestyle
- Will McMackin, 500 Freestyle
- Vincent Pisciotta, 500 Freestyle
- Matthew Bisner, 100 Backstroke
- Lauren Skinner, 500 Freestyle
- Sarah Alexander, 200 IM
- Anais Jarecke, 100 Breaststroke

We are now busy preparing for the South State swim meet in Laurel, MS on October 14th. Go Irish!

- Come out and support your Lady Irish volleyball team tonight for senior night as they take on Bay High! Come out and cheer extra loud for your seniors last home game! Go Irish!
- NJHS and Science Honor Society/Science Club will take club pictures immediately after mass in the courtyard today.
- The Fellowship of Christian Athletics will have its October chapter meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:50 in the auditorium; attendance will be recorded.
- The theme for the pep rally tomorrow is Nightmare - so, come dressed in pajamas. Pants have to be worn and T-shirts. No shorts, tank tops or spaghetti-strap shirts may be worn. Be appropriate! Night, Night Rebels!
- Mr. Hewes and the entire Aisling staff would like thank all the students who submitted your work for our first issue. We are truly amazed at the amount of creative talent walking the halls of St. Patrick. We'd also like to thank all teachers who encouraged their students and helped make this happen. Please look forward to an upcoming announcement when we launch, and please keep submitting! Next month's theme is "Fire."