

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone. (Luke 21:6)

People often keep postcards or photographs of vacations or dream destinations on their kitchen walls or smartphones. Why? We're trying, even if only for a moment, to experience something breathtaking, something amazing. Seeing beautiful locations takes us out of our normal lives and gives us a sense of wonder.

The Temple in Jerusalem was one such place of wonder in the ancient world. People spent their lives yearning to visit it. This was the place where God offered healing and forgiveness. Many traveled over long distances just to be there, and when they arrived, they were amazed by its beauty and grandeur. Some were even converted when they saw the greatness of God that the Temple represented, when they saw how much he wanted to dwell with his people. Although the Temple was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70, pilgrims still travel thousands of miles just to see its ruins—perhaps longing for just a glimpse of God's glory.

Where can you see the wonder of God's presence today? In yourself! You don't have to travel to Rome or Jerusalem to find God. You have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and that makes you a temple of the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:19)! Yes, you, with your doubts, fears, and sins. Nothing can stop God's desire to be present with you; not original sin, not the destruction of the Temple, not all the evil done by humankind, not even your own personal weaknesses. Just as God chose to be present in the ancient Temple, he chooses to be present in you.

Here's something even more wonderful: you carry God with you in the midst of your family, your friends, and even among strangers on the street. You might not always notice it happening, but you are the hands God uses to reach out to them in love. You are a marvel, made with more love and attention to detail than the Temple with all its costly stones. The Holy Spirit, living in you, has the power to amaze, to convert, to heal. You are much more than just a postcard. You are a temple of the living God.

"Thank you, Lord, that you are alive and active within me."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Nicole Escobar today!
- The tennis team will be having tryouts tomorrow from 4-5:30. Be sure to sign up at the front desk before tryouts. Any student needing transportation to Bayou Bluff may ride the afternoon bus.
- The 2017 varsity football banquet will be tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Players' meals will be provided; parents and guests may pay at the door. The price of the meal will be \$13.00 per person.

- All those attending March for Life, please see Ms. Cloud this week for your permission form and medical release. These forms and your final payment are due by next Friday.
- There will be a mandatory NJHS meeting tomorrow morning in the auditorium at 7:45.
- Quiz Bowl practice will be held before and after school tomorrow in the library.
- The St. Patrick junior high girls soccer team beat Hancock Middle 3 to 2 on penalty kicks last night, and the junior high boys soccer team also won against Hancock Middle 1 to 0.
- Biloxi Main Street's Christmas in the City is this weekend. They will have a booth set up where Gallery 782 (an artist non-profit) has an ornament-making booth. They are looking for some students who would like to get community service hours. The event is from 10 to 4 - you may work two hours or all day, and you will be working alongside a local artist. See Mrs. Buckley for sign-up details.
- The Fighting Irish will host Lamar Christian tonight in basketball action. The JV boys will play at 5:00 p.m., followed by the varsity girls at 6:00 and the varsity boys at 7:30. Come out and support the Irish basketball teams tonight.
- Tickets are now available for our Fall Production, "Murder's in the Heir." This is a dinner theater, so you need to purchase tickets in advance. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan in room 204.
- All robotics members need to be aware of their group text and that we will all be setting up for the LEGO tournament on Friday right after school in the gym and cafeteria. All members of robotics will be at the tournament on Saturday. Wear safety green shirt, jeans, and closed-toe shoes on Saturday. We need every member's help and parents are encouraged to attend.
- There is a mandatory Science Honor Society meeting today after school in Ms Lawson's room 201.
- In junior high basketball news, both of the Fighting Irish boys basketball teams played extremely tough last night. The seventh grade team fell short to a very athletic Stone County, while the eighth grade boys managed to tame the Tomcats and get a victory. Please come support your teams as we play our next home games this Thursday versus West Wortham.
- Also, we would like to congratulate the seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against Stone County. We won 28 to 7. Players of the game were Emma Holter, Abby Badurak, and Madison Normand. Congratulations, girls.
- It's time to spread a little more Christmas joy all over our school and decorate! Our annual door decorating contest will begin now, and judging will happen on Friday, December 8. Make sure to come up with a festive theme to win a donut breakfast during midterm review week!
- Sign ups for the Interact Club Children's Shelter Christmas Visit begin this Friday, December 1. The sign up sheets are in Mrs. Lawson's and Ms. Moon's rooms.
- Fastpitch softball tryouts will be held next week on December 5, 6 and 7th from 4 to 6 p.m. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Mullen.

