

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*God formed man to be imperishable;
the image of his own nature he made them.
But by the envy of the Devil, death entered the world,
and they who are in his possession experience it.
But the souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace. (Wisdom 2:23)*

Did you know that our first reading today is one that you're most likely to hear at a Catholic funeral? And for good reason! At times of loss, we all need a comforting reminder of God's care for us, and the reading does just that. It acknowledges that there is suffering in the world, but it reminds us of a greater truth. We are "the image of God's own nature," and we are made for immortality (Wisdom 2:23). That's an expansive reality to hold onto that is not just for funerals!

There is no denying that death has entered the world. But we also believe that death is not the end of the story. God made us to be imperishable. He wants us to be with him forever in heaven—so much so that even though the devil's envy brought sin into the world, it could not overthrow God's intention for us. Not even our own

personal sin can change his desire to share eternity with us.

Just think: God has put eternity in your heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11). The fact that you long for happiness is proof that he made you with immortality in mind. Your appreciation of beauty and goodness reveals the divine beauty and goodness he has placed in you. Even pain or disappointment shows that you haven't quite reached the fullness of that "something more" that you are longing for. St. Augustine said that our hearts remain restless until we finally find our rest in him. Your heavenly calling can't be denied. It is part of your DNA.

Remember, God has placed his own life in your heart. Even now, he is preparing a place just for you—and preparing you for your true home. He wants to point your eyes heavenward, to give you "hope full of immortality" (Wisdom 3:4). So every time you feel a little tug to pray, recognize it as God's imperishable life stirring in you. When you are amazed by a beautiful sunset, see in it a reflection of your eternal dwelling place. When you want to see justice done and the needy cared for, see in that longing God's own life in you, pulling you heavenward.

"Father, thank you for making me for heaven!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Raylen Blackwell, Raven Blackwell, and John Michael Moran today!
- This Thursday, our cafeteria staff will be preparing our traditional Thanksgiving meal for lunch to include turkey and dressing. Mr. Buckley is buying for everyone, so we hope you enjoy this year's Thanksgiving lunch.

- The varsity boys soccer team played hard last night and tied Hancock 3-3. Chad Hudson scored 2 goals and Ricardo Quintana scored 1 goal. Keep up the good work boys! The varsity girls soccer team also played hard last night but lost 3-2 to Hancock with goals scored by Svannah Croal and Sydney Biggs.
- Congratulations to the eighth grade boys basketball team who brought home a decisive 42- 25 victory last night while visiting Resurrection. Coach Hewes is proud of you and wants you to keep up the good work tomorrow at North Woolmarket. We would like to also congratulate our eighth grade girls basketball team on their first victory of the season last night against Resurrection. We won 22-2. Players of the game were Ijia Henderson, Grace Belk, Molly Bowen, Caty Otero, Annie Broussard, Brianna Bennett, Olivia Owens, Emily Otero, Erin Hanson, and Megan Marie. Congratulations, girls!
- If anyone would like to help serve senior citizens this Sunday, November 19, at the St. Alphonsus KC hall in Ocean Springs, we could use you. We usually serve about 300 senior citizens a turkey dinner for free. Please call the church Wednesday or Friday 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 228-875-5419. Make sure you have your form for volunteering if you go. We had six St. Patrick students assist with the fair last weekend - thanks to everyone for helping.
- FCA Chapter Members are reminded to turn in your Thanksgiving Basket items to room 108 no later than this Wednesday.
- Quiz Bowl practice will be held before and after school tomorrow in the library. All members need to attend one of the practices.
- Reminder to juniors, you may not sit in your vehicle in the parking lot before school.
- Congratulations to Robert Starks for being selected for the 2017 St. Patrick High School Clem Dellenger Award. The award is selected by the Gulfport Gridiron Club to the player that is considered as the team's Most Valuable Player for 2017.