

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, January 12, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5)

This is such a spectacular miracle and such an encouraging story about Jesus' power to forgive that we might miss one small but important detail. Jesus forgave this man and healed his paralysis because he saw the faith of his friends. It wasn't the paralyzed man's faith that moved him; it was his friends' faith. These four men stood with their friend and were convinced that if they could just get him to Jesus, he could be healed. Even if it meant tearing up the roof, they loved their friend enough—and they believed in Jesus enough—to do it.

What a moving illustration of true brotherhood! While the paralyzed man doubtless had faith himself, it was his four friends who actually got him to Jesus. Who knows? Maybe the man was too hesitant or afraid on his own. Maybe their faith in Jesus bolstered his faith as well. If it weren't for them, he would never have been able to walk. He would never have known Jesus' forgiveness.

Jesus never intended the Christian life to be a solitary

journey. On the contrary, we are stronger when we are surrounded and supported by brothers and sisters in the faith. Whereas the world tells us to be independent and self-reliant, Jesus tells us to lean on each other—and to let others lean on us. That's probably why he sent his disciples to preach two by two. He knew they needed to balance each other out, with one helping the other in moments of weakness or tiredness. He knew they needed each other so that they would not fall to temptations of pride or give up in the face of opposition or hardship.

What about you? Do you have brothers and sisters to help bring you to Jesus? Never doubt that God wants to give you companions along the way. Alternatively, are there people who rely on you for encouragement in their own spiritual walk? Never doubt that you can be such a companion to someone else. Your faith can make all the difference in another person's life.

May we all be open to the generous gift of one another.

"Lord, you promised that you would be with us always. Thank you for fulfilling that promise through faithful friends!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Ryan Hymel, Spencer Wingfield, Dylan Middleton, Trystan Chevalier, Caty Otero and Emily Otero will all celebrate their birthdays this weekend. Happy Birthday!
- ★ The second annual Diocese of Biloxi Walk for Life is scheduled for this Sunday, January 14, at the Cathedral. The event will begin with a rosary rally at 1:00 followed by mass at 1:30 celebrated by Bishop Kihneman. The Walk for Life will take place after mass from the Cathedral to the Biloxi Lighthouse.

- ★ Tennis team will be having makeup up tryouts on Wednesday, January 17, from 3:45 to 5:00 at Bayou Bluff Tennis Courts.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against Bay Middle School. We won 25-16. Players of the game were Abby Badurak, Caroline Dellenger, Emma Holter, Gia Alley and Taylor Stawarski. Congratulations Girls!.
- ★ Coach Tim McDaniel is asking for interested Track and Field middle and long distance runners to attend an evaluation practice this coming Monday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. Please have on appropriate running attire and shoes in order to complete the fitness evaluation. Ultimately, this test will establish the foundation for future workouts and help athletes set goals for this coming season. Practice will last approximately one hour in duration.
- ★ Junior high baseball tryouts will be held today after school from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students should have a pair of cleats, tennis shoes, and glove. If you would like more information, see Coach Burger.
- ★ Students who plan to play football next year who are not currently in a weight lifting class must start attending after school weight training. Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. See Coach Bloomfield for more information.
- ★ St. Patrick will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday.