

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.'" Mark 7:6-8*

Once again, Jesus spoke the hard truth that the Pharisees needed to hear. He told them directly that they were hypocrites and that they were the ones of whom Isaiah spoke in the quoted passage. It most certainly was a tense scene.

Setting aside the drama of the encounter, let's look more clearly at the actual quote from Isaiah. It says four things:

1. This people honors me with their lips.
2. Their hearts are far from me.
3. They worship in vain.
4. They present their own human laws as if they were God's.

So what is the key message we should take from this for our own lives? We should take from it two simple facts. First, the will of God must take hold of our lives and become the basis and foundation of everything. His will, His law, His precepts are our rock foundation. God has established His truth as the basis of human life and we must strive to humbly embrace His law.

His law includes all publicly revealed teachings of our faith, found in Scripture and in the Church, and it includes all that we hear God speaking to us in our own lives. The Pharisees, in their lack of humility, could not see these truths. Instead, they held onto their own ideas and convictions alone. God chastised them harshly for this out of love.

Secondly, we should realize that when we embrace the divine law, and His particular will for our lives, we will be pure of heart and will be freed to love Him with outward expressions. We will worship Him from our hearts and this will flow through our words and actions. But this will never happen if we do not start with His divine law.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not you are willing to humbly embrace all of the truths that God has revealed and whether you are willing to make them the foundation of your life. If you do this, all else will flow forth in love and worship.

*Lord, help me to love Your holy and divine law. Help me to embrace it with my whole heart. I do believe in You and in all that You have spoken through the ages. I believe in what You speak to my heart regarding my own life. Give me the grace to embrace Your holy will and, in that embrace, to be transformed both internally and externally. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### Today's Announcements:

★ Happy Birthday to Adesyn Hall and James Summersell!

- ★ The representative from Balfour will be on campus during lunch tomorrow to fit students for their letterman jackets and sweaters. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who have met the requirements will be able to be fitted on this day. Please refer to your handbook to view eligibility requirements.
- ★ Our spring media day will be held tomorrow afternoon beginning at 1 pm. Head coaches will be passing out picture packets today. We will also be taking senior banner pictures on Wednesday. The cost is \$75. Please see Coach Burger if you have any questions.
- ★ Those who signed up for Track both jr high & varsity MUST get their track uniform from Coach Dellenger by Wednesday Media Day he will have them in his classroom and down at the stadium after school
- ★ The latest edition of Aisling is now live, featuring artwork, photography and literary talents of St. Patrick students. This month's theme is New Beginnings, and we are accepting submissions for next month's magazine, Love. Check out the current edition and submit work for the February publication at [stpatrickhighschool.net/studentlife/aisling](http://stpatrickhighschool.net/studentlife/aisling).
- ★ Pick up your Diamond Girl applications at the front office, fill out and return to Mrs. Collier or Mary Kathertine Filipich by Friday, February 9
- ★ Congratulations to the sailing team for placing 2nd in the Super Bowl Regatta. The skippers were Teal Salloum and Mallory Edwards with crew Mary Ellen Edwards. They won the last race and had several close to first finishes.
- ★ Tonight the St. Patrick Fighting Irish will host Lumberton in Varsity Basketball action. The girls game will begin at 6pm followed by the boys at 7:30. We will honor an amazing group of Senior athletes that have been highly successful representing the Basketball program at St. Patrick. Come out and support the Irish!