

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 5, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Now I know that there is no God . . . except in Israel. (2 Kings 5:15)

Naaman came to Israel wanting only to be healed, but he left believing in God. His approach was purely pragmatic and intellectual: "I have a problem, and there is a prophet in Israel who can help me with it." What happened along the way that made the difference? The answer is at once both simple and profound: Naaman met God.

Naaman's story shows us that the process of conversion is ultimately the result of God's grace, not just our own logic and seeking. Naaman was looking for a dramatic healing from the prophet Elisha. Elisha told him to bathe in the Jordan River. Reason told Naaman that the waters of the Jordan were no different than the rivers in Damascus. Add to this that Elisha would not even come out to speak with him. What sort of wonder-worker was this fellow?

When Naaman stepped out of the river, however, something more than scales and sores fell off of him. Years of

accumulated sin were washed away as well. Naaman came out a new man. He realized that there was only one true God and that this God was a force to be reckoned with.

Elisha's faith and wisdom in this story teach us another important lesson. Unlike the terrified king of Israel, Elisha wasn't worried about what he would say to Naaman or how Naaman would receive his words. He was more interested in getting Naaman into a position where he could be open to God's miraculous work.

This should give us hope as we try to share our faith with our friends and family members. We don't need to have a specific script or a perfect game plan that will win someone over to the Lord. We just need to love them, speak the truth to them as lovingly as we can, and pray for them. We just need to set the stage so that they can be open to God coming to meet them.

Just be faithful to doing your part, and let God do the rest.

"Lord, help me to guide people to you so that you can touch them with your love."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Kylie Herron and Ms. Joanie Swetman today!
- ★ Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents may register students online.
- ★ Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival Queen Applications are available in the front office.
- ★ Tryout packets for the Irish Emeralds Dance Team are now available at the front desk. Clinics will take place on Monday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 10, and tryouts will be Thursday, April 12. Please reach out to Coach Burger if you have any questions!

★ Check out the top results from this past Saturday's track meet:

- Junior High Division:
 - Jameson Triffiley and Olivia Leatherman placed second in pole vault.
 - Abby Badurak placed first in long jump.
 - Brendon Turner placed fifth in long jump.
 - Relays team of Briana Bennett, Juliana Sabagh, Olivia Williams and Abby Badurak placed first in the 400m relay and 800m relay.
 - The girls junior high track team finished third in team honors.
- Varsity Division:
 - Taylor Ibele - second place in discus (PR at 90')
 - Leila Ransonet - fifth place triple jump
 - Bricen Rivers - second place long jump
 - Relay team of Isabell Leatherman, Quinlan Pisciotta, Gabbi Patino, and Jordan Pete placed second in district medley relay
 - Relay team of Dylan Middleton, Bricen Rivers, Dominic Patino, and Cade Meyers placed first in the district medley relay.

The next track meet will be held Thursday, March 8, at Long Beach High School.

- ★ The Boys Golf team competed in the Gulf Coast Majors season opening tournament on Saturday, playing in the Bank of Wiggins Invitational. Jacob Futch led all Fighting Irish golfers with an 81, followed by Robby Waltz, Keegan Cuevas, Kane Palazzo and Carson Bishop. The boys will compete Tuesday in the Diamondhead Invitational, where we look to continue to improve.
- ★ Want to do some good during Lent this season? Pennies for Patients begins today! This service fundraiser helps to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, who uses all of our donations to help fund research and to help families who are suffering from blood cancers. We will be collecting money in your fourth period classes this year because the class with the largest donation will win a pasta lunch courtesy of Olive Garden. The service project will continue for the next three weeks, and student council will update you on the top three classrooms every week until we announce the winner. We raised over \$3000 last year, so our goal is to beat last year's donations!
- ★ We would like to congratulate the following girls for awards received during their basketball banquet.
 - Hustle Award - Quinlan Pisciotta
 - Most Improved Player Award - Chandler Wheeler
 - Leadership Award - Lillie Guida
 - Defensive Players of the Year - Gabby Patino and Makenzie Stenum
 - Offensive Player of the Year - Emilee Nolte
 - Most Valuable Player - Mary Beth Tubb