

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, March 22, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought. (Psalm 105:5)*

Whether it's forgotten birthdays, straying pens, or faces we can't place, it's annoying to lose track of the little things. Forgetfulness becomes downright tragic, though, if we lose sight of the big picture—what life is all about. This is why today's psalm urges us to remember and praise God for his wondrous deeds.

This is perfect encouragement as we prepare to celebrate the most wonderful deeds ever this Holy Week. So how can we fight forgetfulness and take on the kind of remembering that leads to gratitude, joy, and transformation? By taking God's wondrous deeds personally.

Handing down their stories from one generation to the next, the people of Israel have been recounting how God made them a people for thousands of years. Especially in recounting the pivotal story of their deliverance from slavery, the retelling took the form of a "You Are There" Passover meal. Observing biblical and traditional customs, they recall their liberation in a way that makes it personal and present: "This is because of what the Lord did for me

when I came out of Egypt" (Exodus 13:8).

In Christ, we can say the same. Israel's wondrous deeds have become part of our history as well, and they are fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection. As Catholics, we believe that every Eucharist recalls these saving acts and makes them present to us. We are there in the upper room with Jesus!

This Holy Week and Easter, take the story personally. Place yourself at the Last Supper. In your imagination, observe the Passover meal; Jesus provided a way for you to remember and receive him. He did this for me. Watch with Jesus in the garden, where he suffers so intensely as he awaits his betrayer. He did this for me. See him dragged before the high priest, Herod, Pilate, the jeering crowd. He did this for me. Walk to Calvary, stand at the cross, mourn with Mary.

Recall and relive these wondrous deeds that God has wrought. Let this one truth sink into your heart: he did this for me. This is how much he loves me.

*"Jesus, I am in awe at your love for me and your commitment to me!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Today, we will be on the liturgy bell schedule. We will have Stations of the Cross this morning at 9:40.
- ★ This week is the final week for Pennies for Patients, so please be generous and donate to this wonderful cause! Student Council will collect teachers' boxes on Friday afternoon for final counting. Remember, the class with the most money will receive a pasta party from Olive Garden during their lunch. All teachers whose classes raise over \$300 will receive a deep-clean of their classrooms. Last year we raised over \$3000; let's try to beat it!

- ★ NJHS will have their last service project of the year this Saturday at the Biloxi VA. Officers should meet at 9:30 and members should meet at 9:45. The event will be over around 11 and students should be picked up by 11:15. Members, please bring your boiled eggs Saturday morning to the VA. Please see Mrs. Williams if you have any questions.
- ★ There will be no chess club today.
- ★ Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the form is due to Mr. Buckley by Tuesday, April 10. You may download the outside guest form from the "Student Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.
- ★ NHS members, please bring your items as soon as possible. If you have any questions see Ms. Wilkinson or Mrs. Sutherlin.
- ★ Sophomores and juniors, we have not received the ACT scores. As soon as we do, we will distribute them.
- ★ Seniors, if anyone has the St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship completed, give it to Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible.
- ★ The varsity track team will be participating in the Long Beach Invitational this afternoon. Dismissal for the varsity track team is for 2:30 today.
- ★ FCA Members are reminded to turn in their Easter basket by next Tuesday, March 27.
- ★ Please remember that the deadline for *Aisling* is tomorrow. We are looking for artwork and photography.