

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He opens my ear that I may hear. (Isaiah 50:4)*

“And from that moment on he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.”

Two thousand years after the fact, the betrayal of Jesus Christ is still shocking. How could Judas—one of Christ's handpicked followers—have betrayed the Lord for a sack of coins?

Readers of the Gospel are not privy to Judas' private life, but the spiritual decay that facilitated his betrayal probably began long before that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. It may have started with spiritual laziness or a festering resentment. Perhaps a simple curiosity slithered into his mind. I wonder how much they would give me....

It's also possible that he acted out of anger. The previous passage in the Gospel of Matthew tells of the woman with the alabaster jar who pours expensive ointment over Jesus' head. The disciples were furious and chided her for wasting money that could have been given to the poor (MT 26:6-9). Perhaps it was misunderstandings like this that enraged Judas.

After betraying Jesus, Scripture tells us that Judas “repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, ‘I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.’” (MT 27:3-4)

But it was too late. Jesus was already standing before Pilate.

While reflecting on this Gospel passage, it's a good time to attentively examine our consciences so as not to let little sins grow unwieldy. How often do I let uncharitable thoughts take root in my mind? Do I indulge evil curiosities? Do I blame my temper for my misdeeds? Do I let my mind wander aimlessly or do I try to keep my thoughts on God throughout the day?

Sin is never original. The devil's tricks—and human nature—are surprisingly predictable.

Recall that Judas was not the only disciple to betray Jesus that night. Peter denied him three times, but he did not despair.

Our sins do not set us hurtling on a path to hell. At any moment, even in the darkest hour, we can muster the courage to change course. Jesus is always ready to talk to us, to take us back, to heal us, to forgive.

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Avery King today!
- ★ Tomorrow we will have a Lenten presentation from our Campus Ministry Team. We will be on liturgy schedule tomorrow, and tomorrow will be a regular uniform dress day - students will not need to wear blazers and ties.

- ★ Juniors and Seniors the last day to buy prom tickets is tomorrow!! See Mrs. Tavel if you would like to purchase them. \$45 per ticket.

This is a reminder that prom is open to juniors and seniors. Juniors and seniors may invite sophomores to attend. Prom is not open to seventh, eighth, or ninth grade students.

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 Officers, see Ms. Wilkinson today.

- ★ Seniors, If you live in the D'Iberville/St. Martin area, there is a scholarship for \$1,000. You need to see Ms. Wilkinson today.

- ★ In yesterday's St. Patrick Jr High Track Meet top finishers were:

Field Events:

- Jameson Thriffiley 1st in Pole Vault
- Noah Collier 4th in Shot Put & 2nd in Discus
- Brendon Turner 1st in Long Jump
- Abby Badurak 2nd in Long Jump
- Briana Bennet 4th in Long Jump

Running Events:

- Abby Badurak 1st in 100m hurdles, 2nd in both the 100m & 200m dash
- Vincent DeStazio 3rd in hurdles
- Team of Abby Badurak, Briana Bennett, Juliana Sabagh & Olivia Williams 1st in the 4 by 200m relay & 2nd in the 100m relay
- James Thriffiley 2nd in the 1600m
- Bryon Shepard 2nd in the 400m run
- Team of Vincent DeStazio, Brendon Turner, Bryon Shepard & James Thriffiley place 3rd in the 4 by 200m relay
- Clay Hilton 3rd in the 200m
- Brendon Turner 2nd in the 200m dash

Job Well Done Irish Tracksters !!

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