

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 13, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Lord is . . . (Psalm 27:1)

There are so many ways to pray. We can intercede, recite the Rosary, adore the Eucharist, or ponder Scripture. But we can also spend our prayer time praising the Lord. Praising God can lift up your heart. It can make the truths of his gospel come alive for you. It can deepen your faith as you recall all of his goodness and mercy.

Praising God is not difficult! At its heart, it is simply recalling and proclaiming the truths about who God is.

Let's take today's psalm and see how we can use it to praise God today:

The Lord is my light: You can thank the Lord that he is not just the light, he is your light. Think of all the ways his word dispels darkness for you. By his own example, he shows you how to live as a child of God. His light helps you make decisions during the day: you begin to understand how to handle a sticky situation. If you are confused and don't know what to do, the light of his word in Scripture can cut through the darkness and give you insight. His light

can lead you in righteousness because he himself is righteous.

The Lord is my salvation: You can praise the Lord for having saved you from sin. When it was impossible for you to do it on your own, Jesus reconciled you to your Father in heaven. He gladly took on, not just "the sins of the world," but your own sins and failings. Jesus has redeemed and saved you. He has opened up heaven for you to enter. How can you not praise him for such a generous gift?

The Lord is my refuge: You can give glory to God because he is your protector, your refuge. He is strong and dependable and trustworthy. You can cling to him when life throws one of its curve balls at you. He can shield you when you are buffeted by temptation. Jesus has promised to be with you always, and he is faithful to all of his promises. So you can always trust him to be there for you.

Practice praising the Lord today. Recall his goodness, and praise him for his love.

"Lord, teach me how to praise you today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Sydney Biggs and Hannah Gautier! Also, Thomas Bailey, Olivia Grammar, Megan Marie, and Ms. Alexander will be celebrating their birthdays this weekend!
- ★ Interact Club Juniors, your RYLA scholarship forms are due to Ms. Lawson by Thursday, April 19.
- ★ St. Patrick art students recently participated in the Mississippi State Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition. For their first year of participation in the program, St. Patrick was very well represented with two of the three first places coming from our school! There were over 200 entries from 16 schools across the state. Judges for our state

competition are selected from local biologists, waterfowl experts and artists. The following students received awards and/or commendations for their artwork this year:

1st Place:

Nikki Guild - St. Patrick

Carly Loftis -St. Patrick

2nd Place:

Elizabeth Simmons

Jessica Reed

3rd Place:

Caroline Rutland

Anna Broadus

Honorable Mentions:

Kristin Walters

Sydney Thornton

Kaitlyn Cox

Anna Fore

John McKee

Alaina Olsen

Abby Yates

Macayla Walls

Nikki and Carly's artwork is being judged by a representative from Ducks Unlimited in a mini-contest. Ducks Unlimited will be choosing one painting to use as a limited edition print

- ★ Seniors, if you need to see Ms. Wilkinson about scholarships, college, and other things, please see her during lunch today.
- ★ Senior members of National Honor Society who want to order a stole for graduation, please pay Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible. Your parents received an email
- ★ The final digital edition of our school's arts and literary magazine, *Aisling*, is now available to view online. The staff would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the students, faculty and administration who helped us create this magazine, and Mr. Hewes would like to recognize and thank all of the dedicated staff members who worked so hard in making this happen each month.

We are hoping to create one, final, hard copy edition that will be a "best of" to make available for everyone. We will seek submissions for this issue. There is no theme... please write, paint, draw or photograph whatever interests you. The deadline will be Monday, April 30.

- ★ In yesterday's divisional 2A track meet, both St. Patrick girls and boys teams took first place honors and won the 2A Division. Individual event finishings will be announced this Monday.

Coach Dellenger is asking for the Track Team could meet after school at the stadium to help with any cleaning up for next week's Regionals... it should not take long.