

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 27, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. (John 14:1)

More and more families are living paycheck to paycheck. The middle class is eroding. Inner-city problems are on the rise. The divorce rate remains at about 40 percent.

That sure sounds like a mountain of trouble, doesn't it? Yet today's Gospel tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1).

When Jesus said these words, his own mind was consumed with trouble. He knew that in the next twenty-four hours, he was going to face humiliation, pain, and death on a cross. It must have been an awful moment for Jesus.

Isn't it amazing, then, that Jesus could even think to tell his apostles, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1)?

So what can we conclude? First, everyone faces some sort of trouble in their lives, not just us. Things won't always go right, and we will feel grief, sadness, and pain. In short, our hearts will be troubled.

But there is good news. Jesus knows our troubles because he faced similar temptations and similar troubles in his own life. That's why he is able to sympathize with us. That's why he is able to help us (Hebrews 4:15).

Second, in the midst of our troubles, Jesus wants to tell us that he is always with us. The psalmist tells us that there will be times when we will have to walk through some dark valleys, but that whenever we do, God will be with us, comforting us and giving us the courage to make it through.

Today's Gospel is perhaps the most comforting word in all of Scripture. It can become a stronghold of safety and reassurance for each of us. So keep repeating Jesus' words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me" (John 14:1-2). Let these words convince you of who you are and what you believe. Let it fill you with God's peace. You never have to face anything alone!

"Lord, help me stay close to you when I face trials and difficulties. Give me the grace to walk through every dark valley filled with faith and trust in you."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Triston Krause and Devin Murphy. Also Daniel Gibbons will celebrate his birthday this weekend.
- ★ The tickets for the spring production of *Curtains, the Musical* are available from any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan. Tickets for tonight, tomorrow, and Sunday shows are \$15.
- ★ Tomorrow, the Fighting Irish Track and Field team will be participating in the South State Meet held at Northwest Rankin; those track members scheduled to ride the bus should be in the front of the school by 6:30 a.m. Track members are reminded to have their uniforms on to enter the athlete gate.

- ★ The Lady Irish Fastpitch Softball team advances to the second round of playoffs after Tuesday and Wednesday's 3-2 victory over Bogue Chitto. Anna D'Aquila took the win for the St. Patrick Lady Irish, striking out 7 and setting a new St. Patrick Lady Irish strikeout record at 524 K's! Way to Go Anna! The lady Irish had 8 hits in the game. Sara D'Aquila and Caroline Dellenger each managed multiple hits for the Lady Irish.

The coaches and players would like to thank all the students, teachers, and administration for coming out last night to support them!

The next round against Taylorsville will start Monday at Taylorsville and Tuesday at home. Come out and support your Lady Irish next Tuesday! Go Irish!

- ★ Class officer elections will take place in your computer or English classes today. There will be no campaigning during the voting process. Candidates, please remember to remove all posters from the cafeteria by this afternoon.