

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Mark, my son. (1 Peter 5:13)

When we see “Saint” in front of someone’s name, we might think they got that way on their own. But St. Mark tells a different story. He might have faded into history if someone else hadn’t believed in him.

Mark was the son of Mary, a widow in whose house the early Christians gathered (Acts 12:12). Although not one of the twelve apostles, Mark may well have been one of Jesus’ followers. He also accompanied his cousin Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey, but for some reason, he left them prematurely (13:13). When it was time for the next trip, Paul didn’t want to take Mark along. In his eyes, Mark had deserted the cause and couldn’t be trusted (15:38).

Fortunately, Barnabas didn’t give up on him. While Paul went on to Syria with Silas, Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus (Acts 15:39-41). And that second chance was all he needed. Tradition tells us that Mark went on to Rome, became Peter’s interpreter, and later wrote the first Gospel. Even Paul forgave Mark eventually. Later in life he commended Mark for his service and called his companionship a

“comfort” (Colossians 4:11).

Now, what if Barnabas had rejected Mark as well? The young man might never have become Peter’s “son” in the faith (1 Peter 5:13). What’s worse, he might never have written his Gospel—which means that Matthew and Luke might not have written their Gospels either! If Barnabas hadn’t shown Mark a little compassion, who knows what kind of Bible we would be reading today?

The story of Mark’s life urges us not to give up on each other. God’s love can cover not only “a multitude of sins,” but desertions, weaknesses, failures, and individual quirks as well (1 Peter 4:8). Barnabas saw something in Mark that Paul couldn’t see. Looking with the eyes of mercy and patience, he saw Mark’s potential and stuck with him.

Everyone has the potential to become a saint. All they need is someone to show them patience and encouragement.

Is there a “St. Mark” in your life?

“Father, help me to emphasize the gifts in people instead of their shortcomings. Show me how to love, encourage, and inspire them.”

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Spring football will begin next Monday April 30. Any new player must have a current physical before you can participate. Players who are planning to play next year needs to play in the spring.
- ★ The tickets for the spring production of *Curtains, the Musical* are available from any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan. Tickets for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shows are \$15.

- ★ Junior high and varsity track members who did not qualify for South State should return uniform to Coach Dellenger.

- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish Boys Golf Team for winning the District Championships yesterday. Keegan Cuevas, Carson Bishop, Jacob Futch and Robby Waltz were named to the All District Team. Keegan, Carson and Robby all broke personal records yesterday, and Robby Waltz earned the Overall Low Medalist Award with a blistering 1 under par, 71. We want to wish the team the best of luck as they will move on to represent St. Patrick at the State Championships.

- ★ Today's Interact Club meeting has been cancelled.

- ★ Varsity boys basketball tryouts will be held Wednesday, May 2, from 3:15 until 5:00 p.m. for current grades 8-11. If you plan on trying out or have any questions contact Coach Robinson.

- ★ We will have mass tomorrow morning at 9:40. We will also be hosting the sixth grade retreat on campus, so we will have all sixth graders join us for mass. Students will need to wear blazers and ties tomorrow.

