

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 11, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You will grieve, but your grief will become joy. (John 16:20)

When we watch a movie or read a book, it's usually pretty easy to follow the plot. We understand the story because we see one event following from another, and we begin to get a feel for where the story is heading. Wouldn't it be nice if life worked the same way? The problem is that when you're "inside" a story, it can be easy to lose the thread of the plot and to wonder where it is heading.

As Jesus approached his crucifixion, he tried to help his disciples with this sort of confusion. He knew that they would be faced with a huge challenge when they saw him die on the cross. To prepare them, he explained that this was part of the great story that he had called them into. They would experience wrenching grief, and they would feel out of step with the rest of the world. But that wouldn't be the final chapter. Their grief would be turned to joy, and the story would take on a whole new meaning.

Do you believe that your life is part of this same story? While the disciples had to wrestle through the grief of

Jesus' death, your part of the story has come later. You already know about Jesus' resurrection. If you can keep your eyes focused on Jesus' victory over sin and death, you'll know a joy, a stability, and a peace that nothing in this world can take away from you.

At times we lose sight of God's story. We forget that our joy comes from Jesus' salvation, not from the story that the world offers us. Losing focus, we can begin to lose our trust that God is with us.

This is why we need to immerse ourselves every day in the story of the Scriptures. We need God's word to sharpen our focus.

Never forget that you are part of an epic story. You are one of the "great . . . cloud of witnesses" whose lives have been changed by the Lord (Hebrews 12:1). You aren't just a passive observer; you're an active participant. You have a role to play today in moving this story forward—and Jesus is right beside you, helping you every step of the way.

"Lord, teach me the wonderful story of your salvation. Help me to make it the story of my life."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Lillie Guida, Morgan Owen, and Coach Dellenger will celebrate their birthdays this weekend! Happy Birthday!
- ★ There is a sign-up sheet for the Fall 2018 cross country teams in Ms. Alexander's room (room 206). Any interested students are welcome to sign up. This will put you on an email list to receive information about summer workouts.
- ★ Attention boys and girls golf teams - please clean out your golf bags and return them to Mr. Hewes by Friday.

- ★ This is a reminder and an invitation that our Spring Blood Drive is tomorrow from 9 until 3 in the cafeteria. The theme is "Say Aloha to Saving Lives." If you or anyone you know would like to donate blood, please come tomorrow to help through your Gift of Life. Student members, please be there for your shifts.
- ★ The sophomore class is selling Exam Grams through the St. Patrick Spirit store online and in Religious studies classes! These exam survival kits cost \$5 and will be delivered during sixth period classes May 21. Send your friends exam grams to say good luck and support the sophomore class!
- ★ Any students interested in participating in the free physicals offered by Bienville Orthopedics next Saturday, May 19th, please let your coaches know ASAP. You will be able to pick up the physical form beginning on Monday, May 14 from the front office.
- ★ Juniors, if you requested campus ministry for the 2018-2019 school year, be sure to see Mr. Creel today to pick up your application packet. Applications are due by May 24.
- ★ Mrs. Lawson appreciates the thoughtfulness of all students who brought in a meal for her family. You may pick up your meal containers in her classroom any time before the end of the school year.