

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 21, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I do believe, help my unbelief! (Mark 9:24)

He had brought his son to Jesus, the healer and the wonder-worker. It was his last hope. But Jesus wasn't there, only some of his disciples. No matter. Surely they could help. But no—their prayers had no effect. The scribes mocked them; the disciples became frustrated. And still his son suffered. The man felt defeated.

Just then, Jesus came down from the mountain. The father's heart began to lift as Jesus asked him to bring the boy to him. With a mixture of fear, discouragement, and hope, he cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

This is what faith looks like. It isn't always picture-perfect. It's honest, and it asks God for the help and strength we don't have. That makes this father's prayer a good one for us to adopt today.

"Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief! I admit it; I am weak. I wish my faith were stronger. I wish I were better at trusting you, better at obeying you. Still, I want to approach

you honestly, not as I think I should be, but as I am.

"I do believe, Lord! I know you have helped me in the past. Every time I feel a tug on my heart to pray for someone, it's because of the faith you've given me. Every time I try to look for your help with a problem, I'm exercising that gift of faith. But this situation right here? This one isn't as easy.

"Lord, I know that I will face something today that will challenge me. I might waver when you don't seem to be answering my prayers. I might worry about the future and start to doubt that you really will stick with me. I might fall into the trap of thinking I don't need you if things are going well today. I don't want these things to stop me. Help me to keep reaching out to you.

"Lord, help my unbelief! When my prayers aren't answered the way I expect, help me to hang on. When new issues arise unexpectedly, increase my faith. When the day is peaceful and prosperous, keep me close to you. Lord, I do believe!

"Lord, thank you that with you all things are possible!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Connor Atwell today!
- ★ The Herff Jones representative will be in the cafeteria after school today for ring sizing for our varsity girls track team. Students will need to bring a deposit of \$60.
- ★ Tryouts for the volleyball team will take place on May 24. All girls interested in trying out for the volleyball team should come by the office and pick up a tryout form.

- ★ You may begin turning in your textbooks to Ms. Gryder in the library during fifth, sixth, and seventh periods today. The library will reopen tomorrow morning before school. Be sure to give your textbooks to Ms. Gryder - do not just leave them on the counter. All textbooks are due by Thursday, May 24.
- ★ If you owe a cafeteria balance, be sure to get that paid. Final grades will be held until cafeteria balances are paid.
- ★ Final exams begin tomorrow. Tomorrow and Wednesday, we will have two lunch periods instead of three. Tomorrow's lunch will take place during second period and Wednesday's lunch will take place during fourth period. Your teachers will let you know which lunch to attend. Dismissal for Thursday is at 12:30.