

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, September 17, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come.
(Luke 7:4)*

Today's Gospel recounts one of Scripture's best-known stories about the power of intercessory prayer: Jesus heals an unseen servant with only the power of his word. It's an inspiring story, but take a look at how it all began. People came to Jesus and urged him, begged him, to come. They weren't asking on behalf of a family member or a friend or even another Jew. They were asking him to come heal a pagan soldier's slave. An unlikely believer, the Roman centurion recognized that Jesus, like Caesar, possessed supreme authority. So he sent envoys to convey his request, and Jesus responded!

Many miracles in Scripture occurred because someone went to Jesus on another person's behalf. Often it was a parent pleading for a child or a friend begging Jesus to intervene. And over and over, Jesus answered their request.

Intercession like this isn't limited to biblical times. We can all be intercessors. We don't need a special title or training. In fact, you probably already intercede for your family and friends. But maybe now is an opportunity to learn to pray a

little more effectively. How? Like the centurion, try making a plan and pushing yourself to stick with it.

First, find a piece of paper and write down the people, places, and situations that you want to pray for. Maybe it's people in your own home or parish. Maybe it's a bitter conflict in a distant country. Don't let the size of the request deter you.

Next, find a visible place in your home where you can post your list. You might put it on the refrigerator, on your mirror, or beside your Bible. Every time you see the list, picture yourself bringing these petitions to Jesus, just as the centurion did. Ask him to intervene in these situations to bring healing or reconciliation or whatever else is needed.

As time goes by, you may discover that God has answered some of your prayers. Put a check mark next to these. This will remind you that God is listening, even though other prayers seem to go unanswered. In moments of doubt, you can look back on these answered prayers and remember that God knows and hears the requests of his people.

"Lord, I am not worthy, but please come and heal."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Senior baby pictures are due Friday, September 21, and the senior college t-shirt picture will be September 21 during lunch. Senior quotes are due Friday, September 28 to Marie Seicshnaydre. If quotes are not approved, students have three days to submit a new quote, or a bible verse will be chosen for them!
- ★ There will be a NJHS meeting in the auditorium on Tuesday at 7:45. All existing members for this year should attend. Any current NJHS member interested in running for office should see Mrs. Mays by the end of the day on Monday.

- ★ Just a reminder to all 8th and 10th graders to come out to the courtyard tomorrow morning at 7:45am to enjoy your donuts from the spirit contest this past week.
- ★ Submissions are now being accepted for the upcoming issue of Aisling. All students are encouraged to submit their poetry, short stories, photographs, and artwork. The theme for this issue is 'Adventure'.
- ★ Starting today students in grades 9th-12th in athletics, band, dance and cheer can sign up for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter in room 108, to sign up you must have your yearly dues of \$5.00 and you will be able to vote for FCA Officers !
- ★ Chess club will have a meeting this Wednesday at 7:45 in room 104
- ★ Juniors and Seniors, Please remember to remind your parents that financial aid night is this Wed., September 19th at 6 p.m. Please make plans to attend with your parents.
- ★ The Bible Club meets every other week. Everyone is welcome. We are studying the Gospel of John. We will meet tomorrow morning, Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 7:45 in room 112. Please join us. Also, on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, Fr. Colten Symmes will be a guest speaker. Again, please join us.
- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish Cross Country Team for a great performance at the Biloxi Invitational. Varsity Boys placed third overall with Cade Meyers, Dylan Middleton and Dominic Patino placing in the top 10. Girls Varsity placed sixth overall with Jordan Pete, Isabel Leatherman and Amelie Million placing in top 10. Isabella Patino came in first place for Junior High Girls and Addison Fountain placed in the top 10. Bryon Sheppard came in first place for Junior High Boys and Luke Meyers placed in the top 10. Great job to all runners!
- ★ There is a Key Club meeting this afternoon in Mrs. Sutherlin's room at 3:05.
- ★ The representative from Balfour will be on campus this Wednesday during lunch to take orders for letterman jackets and sweaters. Students in grades 10 - 12 who have participated in at least 25% of their sports varsity quarters/periods are eligible to receive their letterman jackets/sweaters this fall. We will have another fitting this Spring for our Winter and Spring season athletes.