

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 5, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! (Luke 10:13)*

These are some pretty harsh words! Jesus' statements of woe against the cities where he ministered can sound as if he is promising to retaliate against them for having rejected his message. We can get the idea that he will come in a fit of rage and destroy anyone who doesn't repent for their sins.

But something's not quite right with this picture. Jesus isn't so sensitive that he needs to bully people into obedience. Rather, he is lamenting what will happen to these cities because of their lack of repentance. All the miracles that he performed in them, all his teaching and parables—it was all meant to show them what life could be like if they turned back to God and began treating each other with mercy and compassion.

The destruction that Jesus predicts will come, not from his hand, but from the hands of the people themselves. As St. Paul once wrote, "If you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:15).

Repentance doesn't mean just saying "I'm sorry." It means turning our lives around. It means asking the Lord for his grace as we try to change our behavior. This is what Jesus was hoping would happen in all of these cities. But it didn't. They remained trapped in their sin, despite all the demonstrations of God's love, power, and mercy Jesus showed them.

Jesus knows how easily we can give in to temptations like greed, envy, resentment, and lust. He also knows how dangerous these sins are. It's why he went so far as to die for us: to set us free from these sins and to fill us with his Spirit of love.

Jesus spoke these words after he had left Galilee behind and had begun heading for Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). He had done all he could, and it was time to move on toward the cross. Isn't it wonderful that he hasn't "moved on" from us? Day after day, he gives us countless opportunities to repent, to change our hearts and behaviors, and to bear the kind of fruit that can change not only us, but the people around us as well.

*"Jesus, help me to live a life of true repentance and change."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Mary Catherine Kalil, Benjamin Kirby and Allison Ware! Celebrating a birthday Saturday is Henry Miller and Sophia Spicuzza, on Sunday is Sydney Penn, and Olivia Myers on Monday.
- ★ Monday is our fall holiday! The second quarter will begin on Tuesday. First quarter report cards will go home next Friday.
- ★ Senior sibling pictures for the yearbook are due today to Ana Patino. Please email them to her, or give her a printed copy. If you have any questions, see someone on the staff.

- ★ The robotics team will be hosting a booth with our robot to represent St. Patrick at the Nativity Carnival on October 13. Members should come by Mrs. Worrel's room to sign up for a shift at the carnival.
- ★ Coach Burger will be sitting in the St. James Dunking Booth tomorrow from 12:00 to 12:50. Come out and take your chance to dunk Coach Burger.
- ★ St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is seeking volunteers for their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27, from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. See your email for more details.
- ★ Nativity BVM Elementary is looking for volunteers to dress up for its Haunted House next Saturday, October 13, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Students can work an hour shift or stay the entire time. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you would like to volunteer for service hours.
- ★ Attention all NJHS members: Please stop by and pick up your 2018-19 calendar and service hours sheets sometime in between classes or after school today with Mrs. Mays or Dr. Casey.
- ★ There is a National English Honor Society meeting on Tuesday after school in room 200. All applicants and current members should attend. New members, there is a \$10 membership fee; you can pay this at the meeting if you wish.