

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

His dwelling shall be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10)

When you look at a nativity scene, you will see hay and animals. And right in the center of it all is Jesus, the Son of God, lying in a manger. Who would have thought that he would choose to make his glorious dwelling in such a humble setting?

Let this truth sink in: Jesus, the Messiah, was willing to come right into the heart of our world and be born in a stable. No pomp. No fanfare. No royal attendants. His presence alone made that stable glorious.

Every day, Jesus continues to come to us in humility. He chooses to enter our ordinary circumstances and make them glorious. When he does, our lives are graced just as that stable was two thousand years ago. He doesn't wait for just the right moment or the perfect setting. He embraces our highs and lows, triumphs and failures.

Just as he came to an unkempt stable, Jesus is happy to come into your messy home. Just as he was surrounded by the sounds of noisy animals, he is there in the midst of

crying children or difficult relationships. Just as he came to a displaced family huddled in a cave, he is there when we feel isolated or afraid. He comes to prison cells and hospital rooms just as readily as he comes to families gathered around the table and worshippers gathered around the altar. Jesus is always Emmanuel, God with us, in times of joy and times of sorrow. He comes and fills them with his glory.

Jesus always comes to you, regardless of your situation. The smelliness of the stable cannot take away from the beauty of his presence. Your own unworthiness or failings cannot dim his glory. He embraces every part of your life, and by doing so, he makes you glorious!

So don't be afraid to welcome Jesus. Don't think you're unworthy. Don't let shame or fear keep you from opening the door to him. He knows what it's like to live in an all-too-human, less-than-perfect world. Not only will he come into your home and your life, but he will change it—simply by his loving presence.

"Jesus, come and dwell in every part of my life. Make me into your glorious dwelling place."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Sarah Gatlin today!
- ★ Service hours are due by December 14. Because of the calculation for senior exemptions, seniors your service hours are due by December 12.
- ★ If you would like to write a letter to a senior for their retreat please see Mrs. Collier and she will direct you to the envelopes. You will have to place it in the correct person's envelope. You may do this before or after school. You may not leave class to do so. All letters should must be turned in by the end of today.

- ★ Final payments and notarized permission forms for March for Life are due this Friday. There are a few openings that have become available. If you are interested in attending, please see Ms. Cloud for an application as soon as possible. Students who have a C average for the semester and are in good standing without excessive absences are eligible to attend.
- ★ It's that time of year again! Let's get our school in the Christmas spirit by participating in our annual door decorating contest. Each first period should creatively decorate their door in time for judging on Tuesday December 11th. There will be two winners this year- a religious one and a festive one.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against West Wortham. We won 28-10; players of the game were Jade Agler, Carsen Centanni, Mackenzie Mullen, Maycie Olier, and Grace Milligan.

The seventh grade boys basketball team defeated West Wortham 21-16 last night. John Hay led the team with 12 points. The seventh grade team is now 2-2 on the season.

- ★ The eighth grade boys soccer team defeated West Wortham 31-21. Matthew Krass led the team with 9 points, and Chad Hilton was the defensive player of the game. The team is now 3-2 on the season.

The junior high girls soccer team defeated Bayou View Middle School by a score of 8-0. Goals were scored by Linda Mustered, Taylor Jernigan, Haylie Alvarez, Mary Ellen Edwards, Maddie Holder, and Emma Holter.

The junior high teams high teams will host East Central Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m.

- ★ There will be an FCA Chapter Meeting this Friday in the auditorium at 7:50 am.
- ★ The following clubs will be photographed this Thursday beginning at 12:50. Please know that there will not be a makeup day. This is for students only. Sponsors will be photographed separately.
 - Aisling 12:51-12:56
 - Bible Study 12:57-1:01
 - National Junior Honor Society 1:02-1:12
 - Choir 1:13-1:18
 - National Honor Society 1:19-1:29
 - National Science Honor Society 1:30-1:40
 - National English Honor Society 1:41-1:51
 - Spanish Honor Society 1:52-2:02
 - Drama Guild 2:03-2:13
- ★ Deacon Buddy at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach is hosting a drive for the Stone County Correctional Facility and the Harrison County Prison. The items needed include: white men and women crew socks, men and women deodorant, shampoo, body wash, and hard candies. Please bring your items to your first period classes. All items are due by December 14. Thank you for your participation.
- ★ Congratulations to the students who participated in the band concert and the cantata last night. You did an outstanding job!