

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, January 24, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He warned them sternly not to make him known. (Mark 3:12)

Can you imagine trying to keep a huge, exciting secret under wraps? That is exactly what Jesus was doing. As the Messiah, he came to bring healing, a new reign, and redemption, but he knew that the people would have a hard time understanding that the blessings would be released only after his death and resurrection. That's why it was so important to keep his "messianic secret" until the right moment. Otherwise, people might get so caught up in the miracles that they would lose sight of his long-term goal of redemption through the cross.

Well, the secret is out now. Sin has been defeated, and death has lost its sting. But at the same time, Jesus remains a mystery to us. He still surprises us with the depths of his kindness and compassion. We have only begun to scratch the surface of what it means that he is both completely just and completely merciful. How can he both be sovereign over all creation and yet still hear and answer our prayers?

Every day, Jesus invites us to learn a bit more of the mystery of who he is. It is as if we sat down with a tapestry

needle and a piece of white fabric. As we glimpse his love, we start to make stitches in one color. But then the color shifts as we feel him convicting us of our sins. It may change again when he gives us new strength to weather a difficult time in our lives. Over time, our plain fabric starts to fill with a picture.

This picture doesn't develop only through prayer and study. Day after day, in situation after situation, it can become clearer and more detailed. Every time we try to yield to God's laws or listen for his Spirit's promptings, we learn a little bit more. As time passes, we can look back and see how our image of God has changed and filled out.

Today, think about one facet of God—maybe his mercy, his love, or his patience. How has your perspective on that facet changed or deepened over the years? Spend some time contemplating this aspect of your heavenly Father. Then praise him for revealing himself to you!

"Jesus, I want to know you more."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Anthony Bui!
- ★ This weekend, there will be a local March for Life sponsored by the Diocese of Biloxi, held on Sunday afternoon at 2pm at Nativity Cathedral. It begins with Mass and the rosary, then participants will march from the Cathedral to the Biloxi lighthouse. All students and parents are invited to attend.
- ★ St. Patrick's first ever Contemporary Christian concert starring Brandon Green will be held Friday, February 1, at 7 pm, tickets are \$10.00 each in advance online or \$20.00 at the door. All students who purchase a ticket and attend will receive a free jean day.

- ★ National Honor Society, your next meeting is Wednesday, February 6. Please mark your calendars.
- ★ Seniors, if you have been accepted at USM, please make sure you read your email from Ms. Wilkinson. If you are planning to attend USM and did not receive an email, see Ms. Wilkinson.
- ★ Friday is the deadline for all students interested in joining the St. Patrick Chapter of the National Art Honor Society. To be considered for membership, students must be enrolled in or have taken visual arts and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all academic classes. Please see Mrs. Benoit for more information.
- ★ Reminder: Sign up sheets for those interested in joining the Fighting Irish Men's and Women's golf teams are located in the cafeteria. Today is the last day to sign up so be sure to sign up if you are interested in playing.
- ★ Today is the last day to sign up for the teacher versus students dodgeball game..
- ★ Monday marks the first official day of practice for all of our Spring sports. If you are participating in a Spring sport please check with your coach to make sure you have an up to date physical on file.
- ★ Coach McDaniel will be conducting time trials for distance runners and sprinters this Friday at 3:15 p.m. at the stadium. Those who are currently participating in a Winter sport are not eligible to participate.
- ★ The first 100 students to attend tonight's soccer games against Resurrection will receive a free bag of homemade egg rolls by Mrs. Nguyen.
- ★ Those interested in track events of shot, discus, and pole vault should see Coach Owen and Dr. Leatherman after school tomorrow for an orientation session; if you have any questions, see Coach Dellenger.