

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 14, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He spoke to us through the Son. (Hebrews 1:2)

As the Church begins a series of readings from the Letter to the Hebrews, let's take a broad look at this beautiful epistle.

Truth be told, Hebrews has always been somewhat of a mystery to commentators. Many early Church writers saw in it the influence of a Pharisee like St. Paul because of its numerous quotes from the Old Testament. But its style is totally different from Paul's other works. Other scholars claimed that the writer was Paul's fellow apostle and evangelist Barnabas, "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36). And even though debate continued—others have proposed Luke, Apollos, and even the deaconess Priscilla—the letter was accepted as authentically inspired by the Holy Spirit. An early pope, Clement of Rome, even quoted from Hebrews around AD 96.

Modern study reveals Hebrews to be a well-crafted letter, dating most likely from before AD 67. Although the audience is never clearly identified, no doubt tradition is correct in pointing toward a community made up chiefly of Jewish Christians rooted in the Hebrew religious culture and language.

Beyond that, we know that it is an exciting letter with a powerful, timeless message: fix your eyes on Jesus, the Son of God, and the fulfillment of God's age-old promise to save his people.

The Letter to the Hebrews is infused with an experiential knowledge of Jesus and his power to deliver us from bondage. He is our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) who constantly intercedes for us (7:25) and whose blood was shed to cleanse our consciences (9:14). He is the author and perfecter of our faith (12:2) who sustains not only our lives but the entire universe as well (1:3). He is able to deal with every fear, every sin, every obstacle in our life of faith. He can give us every reason to "hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy" (10:23).

This is the Jesus we will be meeting throughout the next four weeks: a dynamic, powerful Messiah who is completely committed to rescuing us from sin and bringing us to heaven. May the Spirit open our eyes to see him more *clearly*.

"Jesus, thank you for embracing the cross so that I could enter into a new, eternal covenant with you!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Trystan Chevalier!
- ★ Sign ups for both varsity and junior high track will stay posted for two weeks. See Coach Dellenger in room 108 if you are interested.
- ★ The St. Patrick Fighting Irish defeated Richton 38-33 in junior varsity men's basketball Friday night. Kaleb Chatman, Briggs Menendez, and Nick Krass led the team to victory.

In varsity men's basketball the Irish defeated Richton 57-43 to improve to 17-1 on the season. Horatio Parker led the team with 17 points, while Drew Roth added 15 and Windfield Swetman 11. Michael Moeller, Michael Fitzpatrick, Nick Krass, and Parker Frame all played very well for the Irish.

Both Irish teams will travel to North Forrest Tuesday evening.

- ★ There will be an Ambassadors meeting in the library directly after school on Wednesday. Please make plans to attend!
- ★ Students attending the March for Life event in Washington who are not traveling with St. Patrick will need to see Mrs. Collier in the front office.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish varsity basketball team on their victory Friday night against Richton. We won 41-31 to remain undefeated in district play at 4 and 0. Players of the game were Emilee Nolte, Gabby Patino, Makenzie Stenum and Quinlan Pisciotta. Congratulations ladies!
- ★ The varsity women's soccer team will be hosting the OLA Crescents tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. The first 75 students to come to the varsity game on Tuesday will receive a coupon for a free ice cream from the cafeteria. Come out and support our Fighting Irish women's soccer team.
- ★ Make up tennis tryouts will be held on Wednesday, January 23, at Bayou Bluff. They will be from 3:30 to 4:30. Please sign up with Coach Villarrubia in room 217, if you plan on attending make up tryouts.