

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, February 18, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Sin is a demon lurking at the door . . . yet you can be his master. (Genesis 4:7)

This story starts off with great promise. Both Cain and Abel have prepared their offerings to the Lord. They know that God has created and sustained them. They know that everything comes from him and that offering a sacrifice is only right. We also know that God sees Cain's heart when Cain's sacrifice falls short and that he knows the temptation Cain is facing.

We also see God make a promise to Cain. He offers him the strength to turn away from anger and jealousy. He is ready to help Cain "master" the sin that is tempting him (Genesis 4:7).

Here again is another sign that God had not abandoned his people after Adam and Eve fell into sin. Here we see God talking directly to Cain, encouraging him and steering him in the right direction. He isn't asking Cain to rely on his own strength alone; he offers divine strength to help him.

God is offering his same divine strength to you as well. He knows your heart. He knows whom you struggle to love. He

knows the angers you harbor. Yet he is speaking to you, just as he spoke to Cain, and promising you the grace to master your own sin. He is inviting you to confess your temptations so that he can change your heart. He is asking you to listen to him so that he can help you find the way to love.

Right now, imagine yourself in this scene. Imagine God is calling your name as he called out to Cain. You might hear him asking you a question similar to the one he asked Cain: Why are you resentful? Why are you dwelling on this temptation? As you consider how to answer, be assured that God is patiently waiting for you to ask for his help. He is offering you an exchange: your anger for divine strength. Your jealousy for healing. Your resentment for a changed heart.

God makes these exact same offers when you face every kind of temptation. He is always with you. He knows your heart, and he is always ready to offer you his grace to help you gain mastery over every sin.

"Lord, help me look to you for your divine strength in the face of every temptation."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Madelyn Creel, Matthew Krass, Quinlan Pisciotta, Vincent Pisciotta, and Audrey Swansburg!
- ★ The top three classes for Pasta for Pennies are currently:
 - THIRD: Mrs. Cloud with \$70
 - SECOND: Ms. Norton with \$94
 - FIRST: Mrs. Buckley with \$150

Teachers please collect duct tape money in your first period classes and have a total ready. Student council will be coming around with tickets for duct tape soon. After tickets are sold first period classes will be called down individually to duct tape Dr. Buckley.

Pasta for Patients will continue through next week, so bring in your change!

- ★ The inaugural Saint's Shenanigans Sr. Mary Jo Memorial 5k/Fun Run will take place on Saturday, March 9, at Nativity BVM Elementary. If you have are in need of volunteer hours, there will be several activities and things for you to assist with that morning. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in volunteering.
- ★ We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish varsity basketball team on finishing in second place in the region 8 tournament. The following members received all-region recognition, Emilee Nolte, Gabriel Patino, Quinlan Pisciotta, Alayna Miller, Chandler Wheeler, Sarah D'Aquila, and Makenzie Stenum, who received region 8 defensive player of the year. The Lady Irish will host a first round playoff game tonight against Loyd Star High School at 7 p.m. Congratulations ladies!
- ★ There will be an Interact Club meeting Wednesday after school in the auditorium.