

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, February 22, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.
(Matthew 16:18)*

The best nicknames capture something essential about a person. United States President Abraham Lincoln, for instance, was called “Honest Abe” for his great concern for the truth. One story has it that as a store clerk in Illinois, he walked several miles to return a few cents to a customer he overcharged.

Today's Gospel tells us how Peter—whose real name was Simon—received his nickname from none other than Jesus himself. Impressed that Peter had come to the conclusion that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus gave him the name “Rock,” or Petros in Greek and Kepha in Aramaic. Peter's faith would be the rock-solid foundation for Jesus' new Church.

Appropriately, Peter's nickname identified his best talents: he was solid as a rock; he could stand firm under pressure; and he could be a trustworthy brother to his fellow disciples—the rock who held everyone together.

At first, however, Peter didn't quite live up to his name. He

had to grow into it. Like all of us, he started out as a mix. He believed in Jesus and wanted to follow him wholeheartedly. But he also wavered at times, acting undeniably “unrocky.” He told Jesus he should not have to go to the cross (Matthew 16:22). He boldly walked on water at Jesus' invitation, only to sink like a rock the minute he realized what he was doing (14:28-32). And at what must have felt like his lowest point ever, Peter denied three times that he was a follower of Jesus (26:69-75).

Despite these failings, Jesus never stopped believing in Peter. He never stopped teaching him and molding him into the rock Jesus knew he could be. And it worked. Peter eventually did become every bit the rock who would sustain the Church.

On this feast day, when we celebrate Peter's role as leader of the Church, remember that Peter was able to take on this role because Jesus had helped him grow into the person he became. Remember this, and believe that he can do the same for you.

“Lord, I want to be your disciple! Keep on teaching and forming me so that I can be the saint this world needs.”

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Celebrating a birthday this weekend are Riley Goodhart, Luke Meyers, and Ashlyn Stegall!
- ★ The pizza luncheon for the Class of 2023 - the winning class of the Catholic Schools Week Quarter Challenge - will be held next Wednesday, February 27.
- ★ Pasta for Pennies will continue into next week. There has been intense competition so far between classes, and over \$500 was raised on Monday with our Duct Tape Challenge. Don't forget that you may have family and friends donate online, and that money will go toward your first period class's total. Check our website and social

media for the link, or ask your teacher to email the link to your class (classes can create their own class link). There is a competition this week between schools to get the most online donors. Whichever school has the most online donors (not donations) will receive a \$50 gift card to Walmart. If your student page raises \$50, you are also eligible to receive a free t-shirt! Let's get those online donations going! Post to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and let's help LLS find a cure for blood cancers!

- ★ We are excited to announce the formation of the Fighting Irish eSports team! Membership is open to all students in grades 7-12 who will compete in Rocket League once weekly. Interested players of all skill levels, please see Mr. Eleuterius today after school for more information!
- ★ Senior Ladies, remember your scholarship, Les Belle Fleurs, is due today. Please give it to Ms. Wilkinson before 3:00 today.
- ★ The Fighting Irish men's basketball team will travel to Heidelberg tomorrow to compete in the second round of the South State Tournament. Game time is 7:00 p. m. Good luck, Irish.
- ★ We want to wish our robotics team a safe trip and good luck today on their travels to and competition in the FTC State Competition.
- ★ The 2019 Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp Queen applications are available in the front office.