

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, February 25, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Who can number these? . . . Who can explore these?
(Sirach 1:2, 3)*

Modern-day scientists can answer many of Sirach's "unanswerable questions." Sands of the seashore? Take the amount of grains of sand in a teaspoon and multiply it by the volume of all the beaches and deserts on earth: scientists estimate it's over seven quintillion (that's seven with eighteen zeroes after it). The depths of the abyss? Through unmanned submarines, scientists can descend three miles into the deep chasms of the ocean and study its mysteries.

But that knowledge is not the wisdom Sirach is talking about.

From now until Ash Wednesday, we will be reading from the Book of Sirach, a collection of sayings and moral teachings that is part of the wisdom literature in the Hebrew Bible. Today's reading is a poetic introduction to the book, and it highlights this essential point: all wisdom comes from the Lord (Sirach 1:1). Wisdom helps us see the world as God does. Wisdom helps us know how to live in this world that God has created. Wisdom helps us understand who we are and how we should relate to the people in our lives. In short, wisdom—God's wisdom—is available to guide every aspect of our lives.

Isn't that good news? God doesn't keep his wisdom to himself. He freely—lavishly—gives it to his friends. That includes you!

One of the most obvious ways God shares his wisdom is through his word. Sirach says, "The word of God on high is the fountain of wisdom" (1:5). St. Paul would agree—he urges Timothy to use the Scriptures to teach, correct, and train himself in all areas of righteous living (2 Timothy 3:16).

Today is a good day to take some time to seek God's wisdom. Try sitting with the Scriptures for a bit, and allow them to sink into your mind and heart. Maybe use today's readings. Or you could use a favorite psalm or a story from the Gospels. Whatever passage you choose, give yourself time to read prayerfully and to ponder what you read. Let the words open your heart to God's heart. Let them show your eyes to the way God looks at things. Let them show you how to live.

God's thoughts are indeed deeper than the abyss. So dive into his word, and discover all that he wants to show you.

"Father, thank you for teaching me the way of wisdom."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Joshua Gautier and Leila Ransonet!
- ★ The pizza luncheon for the Class of 2023 - the winning class of the Catholic Schools Week Quarter Challenge - will be held this Wednesday, February 27.

- ★ 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!
- ★ The 2019 Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp Queen applications are available in the front office.
- ★ We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Dance for our junior high students (grades 7-8) on Saturday, March 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$5. There will also be a parent social for parents of junior high students.
- ★ Congratulations to Team Tempest and those students who attended the State Championship in Oxford this past weekend. The team received the Motivate Award Trophy which defines a team that shows a collective effort to be role models of FIRST by sparking others in our partner schools, our own student body, and our community to embrace Science, Technology Engineering and Math. Team Tempest will now move on to Bayou Regional in March with the FIRST Robotics Competition robot.
- ★ The St. Patrick Fighting Irish Men's Basketball team defeated Heidelberg 61-58 to advance in the State Basketball Tournament. It was a thrilling game from start to finish as the Irish played extremely well. Windfield Swetman led the Irish with 22 points along with a great defensive performance. Jay Parker added 20 points and ran the offense to near perfection. Drew Roth contributed 11 points and 6 rebounds. Michael Moeller, Parker Frame, and Nick Krass played well for the Irish. The team will travel to North Forrest to take on the Eagles at 7pm Tuesday night. Coach Robinson said, "We want to congratulate our team on their success and give a Special Thank you to our fans that made the trip to Heidelberg."