

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.
(Hebrews 12:1)

Look into the sky on a summer day, and you will likely see a group of clouds sweeping across the sky. It's so beautiful that it's hard not to think of heaven. But how often do these clouds remind you of the people who live in heaven? How often do you think of the heroes of our faith as a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1)?

In the Old Testament, clouds are often associated with God's presence among his people. Think of the Israelites as they fled Egypt and headed for the desert. They didn't know where to go. Sure, God had brought them out of Egypt, but what now? Was he still with them? But then a great pillar of cloud appeared to lead them on their journey. It was a constant sign to them that God was still with them, looking over them and guiding them.

The holy men and women who have gone before us do something similar for us. They tell us that God has always been present and at work in the lives of real human beings. For instance, Abraham testifies that God is faithful. David tells us that God is merciful. Perpetua and Felicity show us

how God gives us strength to persevere during persecution. John Bosco declares that God provides for all our needs. And of course, there's the Virgin Mary, who tells us what it is like to bring Christ into the world.

This great cloud of witnesses isn't made up only of celebrated heroes from the past. It includes your grandfather, who takes you to Mass every Sunday, or your aunt Teresa, who is known for her generous hospitality. It includes your friend, who serves at the homeless shelter, and your neighbor, who prays the Rosary on her morning walk.

We are not surrounded by theological propositions. We are surrounded by real human beings with real experiences of God in their lives. They form that great cloud that reminds us God is with us always. They tell us that holiness is possible. And they cheer us on in our race toward Jesus.

So what's today's forecast? Cloudy—with a 100 percent chance of grace!

"Jesus, help me remember the holy men and women who surround me and testify to your presence!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Trent Nasakaitis!
- ★ Cheer tryouts are coming up. Tryouts for cheer will be held March 15. If you are interested in trying out, please stop by Ms. Hebert's room 102 to pick up a tryout packet.
- ★ Coach Camps and the men's soccer team would like to wish the women's varsity team and Coach Villarrubia good luck today as they play at Sacred Heart for the South State Championship.

- ★ If you are interested in Wednesday morning tutoring in English or Wednesday afternoon ACT practice in English or Reading, please let your English teacher know today!
- ★ Junior high track members need to turn in their event sheets during school or at practice today; uniforms will be distributed after practice today.
- ★ Students who attended the Brandon Green concert Friday night should have received an email allowing you to wear jeans tomorrow with any St. Patrick shirt.
- ★ All members of Science Olympiad should see Ms. Moon by Friday to pick up a permission slip for the Regional Competition.