

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, February 11, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

As many as touched it were healed. (Mark 6:56)

How many people do you suppose Jesus healed during his time on earth? Certainly there must have been hundreds—physical healing was a huge part of his ministry. But you might make a couple of mistaken assumptions if you read only this passage. On the one hand, you might assume that Jesus performed powerful healings only when he walked the earth. On the other hand, you might assume that Jesus will always heal every person who asks him, just as he did in New Testament times.

Both assumptions are extremes. Two thousand years of Church history and current events tell us that many miracles of healing still take place today. But the same combination of history and today's news tells us that not everyone who asks is healed. This is a mystery that we just can't explain. We don't know why some are healed and why some aren't. We do know, however, that God is more loving than we can ever imagine and that he always has our best interests at heart.

It is never wrong to ask God for healing. We should feel

free to ask for it boldly, with the confidence of a child asking his father for help.

When Jesus sent his disciples out and told them to “cure the sick,” he wanted them to know that divine healing was something they should expect—even when he wasn't physically present with them (Matthew 10:8). This may run counter to our experience, but we should be careful not to put God in a box. He is still God, and that means that he can and sometimes will do what is humanly impossible.

If you are praying for healing for yourself or a loved one, take heart. Even if nothing appears to be changing, you are still doing a lot more than you think. You are taking your needs before the all-powerful, all-loving God. He hears your prayer, and he will do whatever is best in that situation. Be open to whatever kind of healing may take place. It may occur at the hands of the doctor or it may be through your intercession—or it may be both. Or it may be a spiritual healing where you find new peace in the midst of suffering.

“Mighty Lord Jesus, you can do the impossible! Hear my prayer!”

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Cole Goodhart!

- ★ Here is the final count for the CSW Quarter Challenge:
 - Class of 2021 - 56
 - Class of 2020 - 42
 - Class of 2022 - 25
 - Class of 2024 - 22
 - Class of 2019 - 68
 - Class of 2023 - 1017

- ★ St. Patrick Catholic High School will host the Region 8 Division 2A Basketball Tournament this week. The Fighting Irish men's and women's teams will be in action on Thursday night. Admission is \$7, as this is a MHSAA event. The State Pass is the only pass that will be honored at this tournament. All entry must be through the front of the gym. No one is to enter through the back doors.
- ★ The 7th and 8th grade Lady Irish basketball teams had their banquet last night, and we would like to congratulate the following members for receiving special awards. 8th grade - Caroline Dellenger, Mia Sharp, and Alex Taggart. 7th grade - Addison Fountain, Ashlynn Stegall, Hailey Necaize, Isabella Patino and Chloe Santiago. Congratulations ladies!
- ★ National Honor Society members, please remember your donations for Homes of Grace. Please put your items in room 113.
- ★ Seniors, the O'Keefe Scholarship is due today. Give your application to Ms. Wilkinson. Please remember to check all deadlines.
- ★ Senior banner photos for our Spring sport senior athletes will be taken this Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m. Your coach should have given you the appropriate form, if not, please see Coach Burger.