

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He was a righteous man. (Matthew 1:19)*

That's how we often think of St. Joseph, isn't it? The righteous man who did not want to expose Mary—his pregnant spouse—to the shame of public scandal and punishment. According to Jewish betrothal customs, he and Mary were considered to be married already, but he had not yet brought her to live with him in his home. That made her pregnancy problematic, to say the least. So he took the righteous demand of the Law and tried to soften it. He intended to divorce Mary quietly and move on with his life. Righteous and compassionate, that's Joseph.

But his story didn't end there.

Joseph's plan was interrupted when an angel told him to go ahead and take Mary into his home: her pregnancy was from the Spirit, and it was for the salvation of Israel. There would have been plenty to fear about such a union: Mary's condition might bring shame to his household and family name. Neighbors would look askance at them, and his own integrity would be in doubt. Customers might hesitate to hire him as a carpenter. And what of his position in the synagogue?

But Joseph didn't hesitate. He did what the angel counseled. Bringing Mary into his home, he willingly accepted the shame and disgrace that could have fallen on her.

Joseph was able to take all this on because he trusted God. He believed the angel's word that God was doing something new in Mary and in her son. What's more, in some mysterious way, Joseph's actions prefigure what Jesus would do for each of us: like Jesus, he placed his own reputation on the line. Like Jesus, he accepted rejection and opposition for the sake of God's plan.

That puts Joseph at the head of a long line of saints who chose obedience to God at the risk of their own reputations. Think of St. Francis of Assisi, divesting himself of his riches to live as a holy beggar. Or St. Joan of Arc, defying social limitations to follow her divine mission.

So don't be afraid to say yes to the Lord, even if it puts you at odds with the status quo. Remember you have Joseph as a father to care for you every step of the way.

*"Thank you, Father, for St. Joseph, a righteous man and holy model of faith!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a Beach Clean Up on Sunday, March 24, and they are seeking volunteers to assist. The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Long Beach Pavillion next to the harbor. Please let Mrs. Rosetti know if you are interested in assisting.
- ★ Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the completed form is due to Dr. Buckley by Friday, March 29. You may download the outside guest form from the "Campus Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high

school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ Juniors, if you are interested in applying for the 2019-20 St. Patrick Campus Ministry Team, please sign up with Mrs. Collier this week. The Campus Ministry Team application will be completed through Canvas, so once you sign up with Mrs. Collier, the application will be added to your Canvas account. If you have any questions about Campus Ministry, please see Ms. Previto, Sr. Williams, or Mr. Creel.
- ★ The Lady Irish softball team won big against Pass Christian last night with a score of 13-3. Ijiah Henderson had 4 RBI's to seal the deal in the victory. The Fighting Irish tallied six runs in the fourth inning. Anna Grace Castanedo, Sarah D'Aquilla, Ijiah Henderson, Caroline Dellenger, and Ali Ware were all contributors in the big inning with RBIs. Taylor Stawarski was the winning pitcher for the Irish striking out two players. Brooklyn Mitchell came in as relief to finish up for the win. Congrats to the Lady Irish softball team. Next game will be at home against OLA at 6:00 p.m. on March 26.
- ★ In Saturday's track meet, Isabella Leatherman placed 2nd in pole vault. Our apologies for leaving that off of yesterday's announcements. Good job, Isabella!
- ★ Congratulations to the junior high Fighting Irish baseball teams on their victories over Stone County last night. Austin Lee pitched a complete game to earn the win and several members of the Irish contributed with multiple hits.