

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, August 9, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 16:25)

Do you tend to shrink back when you read these words? You're not alone. Denying oneself, taking up one's cross, losing one's life—it can sound, well, just too difficult.

And yet we need to remember that it is God who is asking this of us—and he is someone we can trust! Just look at what Moses says in the first reading. He recounts miracle after miracle that God had done out of love for his people. Moses' language is striking: he reminds the Israelites that God "personally" led them out of Egypt "by his great power" (Deuteronomy 4:37). He took them by the hand and delivered them from a land of slavery to a land flowing with milk and honey. Yes, the Israelites had to give up the relative security of their old life in Egypt, but look what they gained!

This is your God. He is faithful and trustworthy. He wants only what is best for you, even if it means that you have to give up something that you think you can't do without. He wants to lead you personally, just as he led the Israelites,

away from anything that keeps you far from him or that divides you from the people you love. But he won't force you; he wants you to surrender to him willingly and trustingly.

Remember too that God doesn't usually ask for something earth-shattering. Maybe he wants you to give up some time on your phone in the morning so that you meet him in prayer first. Maybe he is asking you to refrain from gossip and use that time to listen to a classmate or colleague who is going through a hard time.

Spend some time today thinking about what you might need to "lose" in order to find more of your life in Christ. Even if it's something difficult, remember whom you are giving it up for. You can trust this great wonder-working God. He won't ask you to give up something without giving you something much better in return. He is a good God, and he wants nothing but good for you!

"Jesus, help me to let go of anything in my life that leads me away from you."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Landon Stringer and Mrs. Vicki Saucier!
- ★ Teachers, please post attendance in PowerSchool at the start of each period - if you are unable to post attendance in PowerSchool, please call Mrs. Collier.
- ★ All athletic periods will meet in the gym.
- ★ Our library media center will be open until 5:00 p.m. each afternoon.

- ★ Students, you will have until August 16 to check out your textbooks from the library media center.
- ★ Students who drive to campus, please pick up a parking permit and registration form from Ms. Edwards by August 16. All vehicles parked on campus must have a decal displayed on the rear-view mirror. There is no charge for parking permits.
- ★ The first meeting for robotics will be Monday, August 12, after school in room 202. This meeting will be at least 20 minutes and will include sign-ups for all students interested and students who are already members. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in being part of robotics - robotics is open to all students. There are many areas of robotics to become involved in, so come to this meeting to find out more.
- ★ If you are interested in helping out the football team as a videographer, manager, or statistician see Coach Bailey or Coach Hommell. Any help is greatly appreciated.