

# ST. PATRICK

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday, September 18, 2019

#### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*... taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16)*

If you were reading an e-mail or letter from a good friend and that person wrote, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," you would almost immediately know that she was referencing the hymn. We have all probably sung this song at church and heard it on the radio.

What might surprise you is that today's first reading is also a hymn, one that may be unfamiliar to us but was very familiar to Paul's readers. Just like many of today's hymns, it outlines some of the key aspects of the Christian faith. It proclaims that there is only one God (in contrast to many pagan gods). It describes how Jesus became Messiah, not only for Israel but for all peoples, and how he was "taken up in glory" to sit at the right hand of God (1 Timothy 3:16).

These few lines from an ancient hymn give us a glimpse into how the early Christians worshipped. The interesting part is how similar it is to how we worship two thousand years later. Our liturgy at Mass contains many similar statements. Just think about the Creed, for example, or the Gloria. Many Christian songs contain proclamations about what Jesus did on the cross and how he rose again.

These similarities are not just a coincidence. They reveal the faithfulness of God over all these centuries. Despite historical and political changes, wars and persecution, and the rise and fall of countless nations, the basic core of our faith has remained the same. God's light has continued to shine, and his praise continues to resound in the hearts of his people.

This can give us great comfort. As we look at the dramatic changes unfolding in the world, we can know that the beauty and the truth of the gospel message will continue to shine. God has always been faithful to his people, and he will continue to be faithful right up to the very end.

Let's take today to thank the Lord for his faithfulness. Let's thank him for touching those early Christians who passed on their faith and for touching our lives too. And the next time you sing a hymn at church or recite the Creed with your parish community, remember that God will keep his light shining, no matter what.

*"Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness to all generations."*

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#### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to William Reid!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement rotation.

- Homecoming dance tickets are now on sale - tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the front office or the spirit store on the St. Patrick website. Students must be in 9th through 12th grades to attend, and any high school guest from another school must have a completed and approved guest form. Those forms are due to the front office by September 20.
- Homecoming shirts are now on sale. They are \$15 and may be ordered through the school store or through the front office. All orders must be submitted by this Thursday, September 19, at 8:30 a.m. This is a presale and we will not have extra shirts. Order by Thursday to get your 2019 Homecoming shirt.
- Coach Dellenger will have FCA chapter sign ups for three days this week. FCA is for students in grades 9-12 who are in a varsity sport, cheer, band, or dance teams.
- All National English Honor Society applications must be turned in to your English teacher today.
- Choir rehearsal will be today after school in the band hall.
- The OLF Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 27th from 10 am -6pm. For more information and to sign up to volunteer please see Mrs.Collier in the front office.
- Our Lady of Fatima will be having a Masterpiece on Canvas fundraiser on September 21 from 6-8 pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$25 per canvas and all proceeds will go towards to Our Lady of Fatima's Youth Program.
- Our Lady of Fatima Teen Acts Retreat will be having a car wash from 9 am - 1 pm on September 21.
- The Interact Club meeting will take place at 3:00 in the auditorium today. Signups for Cruisin the Coast will be starting soon