

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self. (Colossians 3:9-10)

Have you ever become overly attached to a worn-out piece of clothing? Perhaps it was an old coat that kept you very warm but was faded and stained. The zipper was broken, and there was a big tear in the sleeve. When winter arrived, you took it out of your closet and started wearing it again. But then a good friend told you, "Please get rid of that! It just doesn't look good anymore. Here! Try on this new coat I just bought for you."

Paul is saying something similar in today's reading. He reminds us that we have cast off our "old self." We now have a "new self"—a new life in Christ, given to us in Baptism (Colossians 3:9, 10). Unfortunately, we don't always recognize how "new" our new self is. We often see only our old self with all its failings.

What is Paul's remedy? "Put to death . . . the parts of you that are earthly" (Colossians 3:5). The Colossians may have acted with anger or malice in the past. But the past is over

and done with. They are a new creation now, so their identity, their memory, and the vision they have of themselves and the world have changed. They don't have to keep walking around in old, dirty clothing. Just get rid of it, Paul says. You have something infinitely better to wear!

Of course, this isn't always easy to do. Our old desires haven't completely left us. Like that old coat, it can take us a long time to part with them completely. So often we fail because we lose sight of how wonderful our new life in Christ really is. We give in to old temptations because we forget about what God has already done—and still wants to do—through his power and grace.

Is there a habit or inclination you would like to "put off"? Obviously, a habit is something ingrained, so you may not shake it overnight. But be encouraged. God has made you a new creation. He's done so much in you already, and he's only just begun!

"Lord, give me the grace and the strength to leave behind everything that stands between me and you!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Chad Hilton, Clay Hilton and Madelynn Holder!
- Today is day 1 of the advisement rotation.
- Out of school guest forms for grades 9-12 for the Homecoming dance are now available in the front office or on the website and are due back no later than Friday, September 20.
- Choir rehearsal will be today after school in the band hall.

- Seniors and juniors, please remind your parents that tonight is the annual financial aid night. It will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium. You are welcome to accompany your parents.
- Congratulations to our volleyball teams on their win against North Forrest last night. The JV team won 2-0 and Varsity won 3-0. Both of our teams are undefeated in district play. Come out and support our teams Thursday night as we take on Resurrection at home - JV starts at 5:30 and Varsity at 6:30.
- The SAVE club has a meeting Monday, September 16, at 3:00 in room 118. If you would like to participate in the September event but cannot make this meeting please see Dr. Casey sometime before the end of the week.
- The junior high math club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:40 in room 118.
- Anyone in grades 7 through 12 who would like to participate in Science Olympiad may come by room 215 and pick up an application.