

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, October 7, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*The men offered sacrifice and made vows to [the Lord].  
(Jonah 1:16)*

Prayer, sacrifice, acceptance of God's will—these sound like the actions of pious men, don't they? Amazingly, these acts of faith in the "God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land," come not from a God-fearing Israelite but from pagan sailors (Jonah 1:9).

This is only one example of the irony and surprising reversals that make up the story told in the Book of Jonah. Time and again, unbelievers demonstrate true faith and heartfelt repentance, while Jonah spends his energy running from God or fighting his plan. For example, the sailors wake Jonah and beg him to pray during the storm, and the pagan king of Assyria orders his subjects to fast and turn from sin. And when God reveals his salvation, everyone is happy—except for Jonah!

Time after time, Jonah sets limits on God's actions and the reach of his mercy, only to be shown how limitless it really is. Though it is included in the collection of the prophetic books, Jonah is, at its heart, a parable that corrects the widespread notion that God only cares about his chosen nation, Israel.

Clearly, God's vision is far greater than Jonah's narrow viewpoint. God wants every human being on earth to receive his salvation and new life, not just his special people, Israel. Even when poor Jonah misses the point, God patiently works to expand his heart. He pursues Jonah even while he is fleeing; he saves his life and gives him a second chance. And he tries to teach him why he was so merciful toward the Ninevites.

Jonah can show us the difference between our narrow viewpoint and God's expansive vision. We can't let our ideas of who is acceptable and who isn't overshadow our grasp of God's desire to restore every sinner. As often as we, like Jonah, try to limit God's mercy, that's how often he extends it—frequently to the very people we think don't deserve it. That's the point: we all need mercy, and God offers it especially to those most in need. May we all allow God to stretch our expectations and to expand our vision!

*"Father, thank you for your far-reaching love. Broaden my vision, and help me extend your mercy to everyone I meet."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Sydney Penn!
- Today is day 5 of the advisement rotation.
- There will be an Interact Club meeting Wednesday at 3:05 in the auditorium. Thanks to all who worked the successful Cruisin' the Coast event yesterday!

- Coach Dellenger would like to meet with the newly elected FCA Officers this Wednesday at 7:45 in room 108.
- All Science Honor Society members need to make sure you have signed up today for a committee for the November 9 blood drive.
- Bible study will be held on Wednesday Oct. 9 at 7:30 am in the Chapel. Please bring your bible and a notebook!
- The NEHS meeting this afternoon will be in Mrs. Trahan's room. Only current junior and senior members need to attend.
- The High School and Junior High Cross Country teams competed in the Watson/Mississippi College Invitational this past weekend and here are the results:
  - Men's High School Results: Dominic Patino and Mason McCullough finished in the "Top 15" to pace the Irish to a 2nd place Team finish
  - Women High School Results: Isabel and Olivia Leatherman finished in the "Top 15" to help the team to a 5th place
  - Boys Junior High Results: Luke Meyers finished in the "Top 15" to pace his team to a 9th place finish
  - Girls Junior High Results: Isabella Patino finished in the "Top 5" in her race
- Seniors, please submit your senior quotes and your current photo and baby photo to Mrs. Aldrich for the yearbook by October 18.
- Any seventh and eighth grade young men interested in junior high basketball should plan to attend tryouts Thursday, October 10, during fifth and sixth periods periods in the gym.
- If you are in grades 9 -12, there will be a team from the University of Mississippi on campus Tuesday, October 8, at 3:00 in the auditorium. The team will talk about different majors and requirements. You do not have to attend the University of Mississippi to attend this session. It will last about 30 minutes. Please e-mail Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
- Keep selling your Irish Raffle tickets - the first drawing is Friday, October 11!
  - Everyone who sells at least one book of tickets gets one throw (per book sold) at Dr. Buckley in a dunking booth.
  - The student who sells the most tickets gets to go to a nice lunch off campus with Dr. Buckley at the restaurant of your choice.
  - All teams who reach 100% will get a catered breakfast and late arrival to first period.
  - The teacher/staff who sells the most tickets gets a nice St. Patrick gift basket.