

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, October 25, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Who will deliver me? (Romans 7:24)

For seven chapters, Paul has been laying out one long theological argument: the gospel he preaches is “the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). In verse after verse, he has demonstrated that there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles when it comes to faith. Everyone has sinned. Everyone is guilty. Everyone needs salvation. And that salvation has been freely given to everyone through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Now, as he approaches the end of his argument, Paul shifts his tone. Instead of Paul the careful theologian, we meet Paul the passionate believer. Reflecting on his own experience of the battle between sin and righteousness, he confesses that he may want to do good but is not always able to carry it out. “Evil is at hand,” he says, always ready to thwart his determination to be holy (Romans 7:21). Finally, in a cry of exasperation and frustration, he calls out, “Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?” (7:24).

Jesus, that’s who! “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord,” Paul proclaims (Romans 7:25).

In this passage, Paul seems to be repeating what he has said all along, only now he is saying it personally, joyfully, and filled with gratitude for the gift of salvation. Of course, Paul is still teaching. He is using his own experience to bring his teaching to life.

This was Paul’s way of showing that he wasn’t just teaching abstract theories. Everything he said up to this point mattered deeply to him, and he wanted it to matter to everyone else as well.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus matters! It may sound obvious, but that doesn’t make it any less true. His gospel is your salvation from the very real sins you commit. His mercy is your hope for peace and comfort in the battle against sin. His love—a real love that you can sense in your heart and in the people around you—is the foundation for your life.

So when temptation comes fast and furious or when frustration or guilt or anxiety feels like a millstone around your neck, remember Paul. Remember his teaching, but remember also his struggles and his faith. Then cry out with him,

“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to John Krieger! Celebrating a birthday this weekend are Addison Fountain, Christopher Owen, Alex Taggart and Ms. Marie Cenac!
- Today is day 4 of the advisement rotation.

- All soccer games this Saturday will be played at West Harrison High School.
- Sophomores, this is a reminder that the HOBY application is due today. Please see Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
- Seniors just a reminder the cut-off date to order a senior ad is November 8. Forms for ads may be picked up in the library. Ad forms, payment and a flash drive with all your pictures must be in a sealed envelope with your name on it. That needs to be turned in to Mrs. Aldrich.
- Students for Life's ProLife Movie Night is tonight beginning at 7pm in the cafeteria. Admission is one baby item and bring money for concessions. Full concessions will be available! Students 7-12 are invited to bring bean bag chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the movie night in comfort! Students for Life members should arrive by 6:30 to help set up. We look forward to a great night!
- FCA and Key Club are sponsoring the "Tricks for treats" canned pet food drive for the Humane Society of South Mississippi. Starting on Monday, October 28th, and ending on Thursday, Halloween. Please bring all pet items to Coach Dell's room or give them to an FCA or Key Club member!
- eSports needs two more players to make up a team, if you are interested see Mr. Eleuterius.
- All seniors that participated in the Fall Athletic Season must get a senior night bio sheet from Mrs. Worrel, complete and return to Mrs. Worrel for Friday Nights Senior Night. The deadline for senior bios is Wednesday October 30.
- The High School Cross Country Teams competed in the District Championships yesterday at George County High School. Boys High School Results: The team finished in first place. The top Irish Runners that made the All-District Team in the order that they finished are: Dominic Patino, Mason McCullough, Cade Meyers, Bryon Shepard, Thomas Salloum, Jameson Thriffiley, and Sawyer Stone. Ladies High School Results: The team finished in first place. The top Irish Runners that made the All-District Team in the order that they finished are: Isabel Leatherman, Olivia Leatherman, Haylie Alvarez, Samantha Alvarez, Aja Bui, Molly Bowen, and Olivia Owens. Congratulations Fighting Irish!
- Sacred Heart Elementary is seeking volunteers for their "Boo"tiful Halloween Trick or Treat night on Thursday, October 31, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. They need people to dress up and hand out candy and also to help decorate. Please see Mrs. Collier in the front office if your interested in helping out with this event.