

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, December 9, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. (Luke 1:28)*

If you have any experience of motherhood, you know that it takes a lot of faith. In many ways, it's something beyond your control. Suddenly, you have a new life inside of you. You do your best to nurture that life, but you don't know how everything is going to turn out. You do everything you can to assure that your child will be loved and supported. Still, you have to trust God for the big picture.

As we honor Mary today, let's remember the deep faith she had, not just to be a mother, but to be the Mother of God! She didn't comprehend how she could give birth to the Son of God, but she still said yes to the angel's invitation. She was told she would suffer greatly because of her child, but she still obeyed. Mary was clearly no shrinking violet! She took care of Jesus for thirty years, endured his crucifixion and death, and stayed true to him until the end.

Mary has many things to teach us. Like her, we are called to bring Jesus into this world, and like her, we too will suffer.

When we face the challenges and temptations of life in this world, we can forget about the Lord and follow the path of least resistance. Or we can do as Mary did and hold fast to our faith in God's greatness. We can trust that he will look after us if we remain humble and open to his word.

Mary is more than just an idealistic example of perfect faith. She is a mother, and she loves us as her very own children. St. John Vianney tells us, "Mary's heart is so loving toward us that the hearts of all other mothers taken together are but a piece of ice in comparison."

So go to Mary—and not just for your needs. Ask her to help you grow closer to Jesus. And go with great confidence. Remember the angel's words, "The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). She is a privileged insider in the heavenly court, and she is already praying for you!

*"Jesus, thank you for your Blessed Mother! By your Spirit, help me to imitate her virtues and call upon her in times of need."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Matthew Ladner!
- Today is day 2 of the advisement rotation.
- Our PTO is sponsoring our annual photos with Santa this upcoming Tuesday during your lunch period. You may wear a Christmas sweater with jeans and closed toed shoes if you bring an unwrapped, new toy for donation to Hope Haven and our local children's court shelter. These kids are removed from their homes suddenly and will not be with their families at Christmas. Please bring a toy to your first period class on Tuesday to share with these children.

- Ministry experience hours are due to your theology teacher by December 20, and there will be no extensions. Students who do not complete the required ministry experience hours will be required to repeat the course per the handbook. For questions, please speak with your theology teacher or Mr. Creel.
- The prison ministry project has started, bring in white crew socks, travel size items such as deodorant, shampoo, and body wash and place them in the boxes that will be in the foyer. Seventh and eighth grade students can earn service hours by checking with their religion teachers and high school students can earn service hours for clubs. Please see Mr. Creel if you have any questions. This is a good opportunity to earn service hours before the semester ends.
- Softball tryouts will be Wednesday, December 11, at 3:30 at the softball complex. You need to be on the field by 3:30 dressed and ready for tryouts. Make sure you have a glove, proper attire, and a physical. Tryouts will last until 5:30. If you have any questions, please see Coach Blakeney.
- Track and field sign ups for junior high and varsity teams will be until December 13 with Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- Tennis tryouts are Wednesday December 11 at Bayou Bluff Tennis Club. The St. James bus will drop off any students trying out at Bayou Bluff on Wednesday. The bus will not return you to St. Patrick.
- Class officers will need to report to Mrs. Aldrich at 7:30 Thursday morning in the library to take class officer photos for the yearbook. Please be in full liturgy dress for these photos.
- We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish Varsity Basketball team on their victory Friday night against East Central. We won 53-34. Players of the game were Quinlan Pisciotta, Gabby Patino, Chandler Wheeler, Jasmine Stawarski, and Alayna Miller. Congratulations ladies!!!!
- The Fighting Irish defeated East Central 54-44 Friday night to improve to 7-1 on the season. Drew Roth led the team with 15 points and 7 rebounds. Nick Krass contributed 13 points and 5 assists. Rhett Jones, Briggs Menendez, and Michael Fitzpatrick played well for the Irish. The team will travel to Purvis Tuesday night. Coach Robinson and the team would like to Thank the Student body for their support. That was Great!
- The Drama Guild will meet tomorrow in the auditorium until 3:30. If you are interested in participating in the spring production, please come to this meeting.
- There will be English tutoring for 30 minutes every day before and after school.
- NHS Members, if you have your items for the Christmas Bags Service Project, please give them to Ms. Wilkinson.
- Students, the library will be closed during all lunches TOMORROW (Tuesday, December 10) for a meeting. If you have Mrs. Aldrich during 5, 6 or 7 period please see her to find out which room to report to. Also, if you are staying after school please go to room 206.
- If you have a chromebook being repaired, please see Mrs. Aldrich. Several chromebooks are fixed and ready to be picked up.
- Both girls and boys went 1 and 1 over the weekend with their wins against Picayune. Middle school girls had a 2-0 win against Picayune with goals scored by Anna Kate Thriffley and Ashley Sutton . In their close 2-1 lost the

goal was scored by Jaden Twinn. Middle School boys won 7-1 against Picayune with goals scored by Sam Burke, Miller Sharp, Andrew Williams, Michale Baty, and Giovanni Pradelli