

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, January 29, 2020

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. (Mark 4:11)*

In World War II, the Nazis believed the secret code they were using to transmit radio messages was unbreakable. But men and women at the now famous Bletchley Park in Britain were finally able to crack the code, and their work is credited with shortening the war by up to two years.

Have you ever felt as if you were trying to crack a secret code when you read Scripture? It's not always easy to understand what the Gospel writers, St. Paul, or any of the Bible's authors, for that matter, were trying to convey. But Jesus told the disciples—and us—that “the mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you” (Mark 4:11). That's why he sent his Holy Spirit, the ultimate “Code Breaker.” He is the One who enlightens us as we read, opening our hearts and minds to understand and internalize God's word.

So the first and most important thing you can do is to call on the Holy Spirit every time you open the Bible. Just as the disciples asked Jesus for an explanation of his parable, you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you read. He can turn what might seem at first glance a dense

paragraph into a clear and eloquent passage that moves you deeply.

Second, invest in a Catholic study Bible with footnotes as well as a good Bible commentary. These are invaluable aids that will help you understand the history, context, and genre of each book you read. You might also consider joining a Bible study or studying one-on-one with a friend.

Third, get in the habit of regularly praying with Scripture. For example, the parable in today's Gospel of the sower and the seed can be the basis of a rich meditation. You might ask yourself, “What kind of soil have I been lately? Am I letting anxiety about worldly things or the lure of riches get in the way?”

Finally, be persistent. You might not always understand everything you read, but don't get discouraged. Keep asking the Holy Spirit for help. Believe that over time, the Spirit will continue to reveal the mysteries of his kingdom to you.

*“Thank you, Holy Spirit, for opening my heart and mind to God's holy word.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Mr. Moody - he celebrated his birthday yesterday!
- Today is day 7 of the advisement schedule.

- Math Club members are reminded that this Thursday is the local round of the Mississippi Gulf Coast junior high math competition. The local test will be given in room 118 and you can take it Thursday either before school at 7:30 or after school at 3:05. Both groups will get the same amount of time so you can come to whichever is more convenient. If you are not a member of the math club and still want to compete please see Dr. Casey today.
- The next Mock Trial practice will be Thursday and is mandatory. Practice will begin in room 116 right after school.
- Anyone who wants to play eSports Rocket League for spring esports, you need to see Mr. Eleuterius by Friday.
- We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish Varsity Basketball team on their victory last night against East Marion. We won 47-32. Players of the game were Emilee Nolte, Gabby Patino, Quinlan Pisciotta, and Alayna Miller. Congratulations ladies!
- The Fighting Irish defeated East Marion 59-49 last night in a key Division Game. Drew Roth led the Irish with 33 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Krass added 15 points and 9 rebounds. Michael Fitzpatrick, Robert VanHorn, Rhett Jones, and Briggs Menendez played very well for the Irish. The team will host Bay High Friday night for Senior night. Come out and support the team. Go Irish!
- Congratulations to the varsity men's soccer team on their first round playoff win over Franklin County last night. Quinn Lagrone, Thomas Biggs, and Cameron Musial each had a goal in their 3-2 victory. The Fighting Irish will play their second round matchup against Clarkdale High School - game details will be provided later today.
- Two St. Patrick students participated in the District Spelling Bee last night. We would like to congratulate Evan Holliman for placing second and Adnan Khan placed fourth. The competition involved 45 competitors from Harrison County.