

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, February 6, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... seated on the throne of his father . . . , with his sovereignty firmly established. (1 Kings 2:12)

In today's first reading, King David gives Solomon counsel on how to be a good ruler and then hands over the kingship to him. The backstory, however, isn't so neat and tidy. The history of Saul, David, and Solomon is a sometimes sordid tale of palace intrigue, dynastic conflict, and foreign wars. David's own sons fought against each other, and one even rebelled against David. So when David ordered a public procession, with Solomon riding on David's own royal mule to shouts of "Long live the king!" he was making it clear that his sovereignty was officially passing to Solomon.

Sovereignty means the ability to exercise authority freely and without external control. For Solomon, this meant that he could rule without danger of conflicts within his court or threats from other countries. For the people of Israel, Solomon's sovereign rule would bring them a season of peace and protection.

All of this can help us understand something about God's rule and our relationship with him. Although human rulers often establish their authority through intrigue and keep it

through power plays, God's way is different. He invites us to come under his rule. He waits for us to choose to accept his sovereignty. So while Jesus truly is Lord of all creation, he becomes the Lord of our hearts only as we allow him to guide our thoughts and actions—as we welcome him on the "throne" of our lives.

Imagine a throne in the center of a big circle, and within that circle are all the many aspects of your life: your family, your job, your possessions, your free time, your hopes and dreams, and your plans for the future. Imagine that in the course of your day, all of these things move closer and further away from that throne. Sometimes, one of them even occupies that place of authority.

Now, where is Jesus in this picture? Is he vying with your possessions for a crack at the throne? Or your job or your favorite hobby? What one thing can you do today to help clear the path so that he can sit on that throne and rule you with his love and tender mercy?

"Jesus, sit on the throne of my life! Help me to trust you more each day."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to James Summersell!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement schedule.
- *Aisling* is St. Patrick Catholic High School's art and literary magazine. The theme for this edition of *Aisling* is "Vibrant." All students, faculty, and staff are invited to submit original writing, photography, or artwork - visit

the school website to submit. Submissions are due by February 14. Photographs, short stories, poems, artwork, and storyboards may be submitted for possible publication.

- Pictures for senior banners for the spring sports season will be taken next Tuesday during seventh period. If you want a senior banner you must have your payment when your picture is taken.
- Math Club members are reminded that this Thursday is the local round of the MathCounts math competition. The local test will be given in room 118 tomorrow before school at 7:30. If you are not a member of the math club and still want to compete please see Dr. Casey today.
- Seniors, please check the website for updated scholarships. See Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
- All students, attending tonight's game between St. Patrick and North Forrest, must enter through the front lobby doors. The Junior Varsity Boys will begin at 5 pm followed by the Varsity Women at 6 pm and the Men's game at 7:15 pm. Go Irish!
- Due to weather the golf course has closed for the day therefore there will be no golf practice today. All players need to see Coach Smith sometime today or tomorrow. Thank You
- The following clubs will take photos immediately after mass this morning in the gym: Robotics, Mock Trial, E-Sports, Drama Club, and Student Council. National Honor Society pictures have been moved to next Thursday. If you are in any of these clubs or you are a sponsor please go to the gym after mass.
- Congratulations to our January students of the month: Ava Sutton, Anna Katherine Thriffiley, Ramona DiNardo, Brennan Tarrant, Juliana Ladnier, Megan Toth, Dominic Patino, Gully Yates, Andrew Roth, Sawyer Stone, Jesse Kearns, and Avery King.