

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, February 17, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Let perseverance be perfect. (James 1:4)

Perseverance is one of those character traits that everyone values. Being able to stay the course when things get difficult is often the deciding factor between success or failure. Clearly, James thinks perseverance is crucial to our faith—so important that he equates it with perfection. He even writes that we should “consider it all joy” when we encounter trials because these trials give us the opportunity to grow in our ability to persevere (James 1:2).

But we know how hard it can be to persevere, especially in our walk with the Lord. We get tired of fighting temptation. We grow weary of sacrifice. We wonder if God is really hearing our prayers. We don't know if we can keep loving people who don't return our love.

So how do we stay the course? How do we keep moving forward in trust and confidence when our faith is tested and we are ready to give up?

We can take our cue from Jesus. He must have grown weary walking from village to village, with nowhere to lay his head. He must have grown tired of being jostled by

crowds who wanted only to touch him and be healed. He must have been frustrated by the constant attacks from some of the religious leaders. But he just kept going. Every day was hard and demanding, but the Father gave him the grace to endure—all the way to the end, to his death on the cross.

We too can rely on God's grace to persevere. His grace doesn't necessarily mean that things will get easier; sometimes we just have to keep going, as Jesus did. But we can trust that somehow we'll find the strength we need to keep pressing on. That “somehow,” of course, is the power of God's grace flowing into us.

Every one of us has challenges we must persevere through, whether that's a difficult relationship, a strong temptation, or a chronic health issue. So as you pray for the grace to persevere through your own trial, pray too for your friends, loved ones, and acquaintances who need that same grace. Then take comfort in knowing that many people are lifting you up right now, just as you are doing for them!

“Jesus, help me to persevere through all the difficulties I encounter today.”

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Today's Announcements:

- Today is day 6 of the advisement schedule.
- St. Michael Catholic church is now accepting applications for the 91st annual Shrimp Queen scholarship pageant. Contestants must be between the ages of 16-19 and a descendent of someone involved in Mississippi's Seafood Industry. Please see Mrs. Aldrich in the library for an application.
- Cheer tryouts are coming up soon. Those who are interested in trying out should come by Mrs. Meyers' room (room 102) to pick up your cheer tryout packet. Cheer tryouts will be held on March 13 and packets will be due on March 11.
- The men's and women's powerlifting teams competed this past weekend in their respective region championships at West Lincoln High School. The women are your Class I Region 4 Champions and the men placed 5th in Region 4-2A. The following individuals also qualified for the South State Championships due to finishing in the top 3 of their weight classes: Madalyn Smith, Annie Torp, Scarlet Nation, Madison Owen, Sophia Spicuzza, Victoria Trosclair, Jadon Turner, Jameson Thriffiley, and Matthew Ladner.

- We would like to congratulate the Lady Irish varsity basketball team on their victory Friday night in the Region 8 tournament against Collins. We won 50-36. Players of the game were Chandler Wheeler, Gabby Patino, and Jasmine Stawarski. We would also like to congratulate Emilee Nolte and Quinlan Pisciotta on being named first team all-region 8.

- The Fighting Irish men's basketball team captured the Division 8 2A Championship Friday night with a hard fought 45-39 victory over North Forrest. The Fighting Irish men's basketball team will be hosting the first round of the MHSSA playoffs tomorrow night at 6pm vs. Union High School. Tickets are \$7 at the gate, with only state passes being allowed. Everyone must enter through the gym lobby. Please come out and support your District Champ Fighting Irish.

- FCA Chapter will have a meeting this Wednesday in the auditorium at 7:50

- Irish Baseball split Saturday winning the first game 4-3 over South Jones before falling to Poplarville 9-0 in the second game. Trent Nasakaitis led the charge in game one with an RBI double. Game two was led by John Hay, going 2 for 2.

- Teachers of NHS Members, we will call for the members the last 10 minutes of second period. Please have them put their book bags in the foyer. Members, you will report directly to the auditorium.