

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth. (James 1:18)

Think of the excitement a husband and wife feel when a new baby arrives. Then compare it to the way God must feel about us. After all, St. James tells us that God has given us a spiritual “birth” through the power of his word (James 1:18). And that spiritual birth, which happens in Baptism, brings joy to our Father’s heart.

But despite the joy he feels at our baptism, God knows that we still have to grow in our faith—just as any human parents know that their newborn child has a long road ahead of him. And how do we keep growing? Certainly we need to keep encountering the word of truth through the sacraments. But we also need to encounter Jesus in the Scriptures.

Scripture is where we can come to know Jesus. We meet him through the Gospel stories, and as we continue to ponder these stories, our friendship with him deepens. We can imagine ourselves accompanying Jesus on his journeys, or we can picture him teaching us. The more we do this, the more Jesus becomes real to us, strengthening our faith that he is with us even now.

Scripture also forms our minds and our way of thinking. It helps us to comprehend more and more deeply who God is and all he has done for us through Christ. It also helps us adopt God’s values rather than the world’s.

Finally, Scripture is an avenue for the Holy Spirit to speak to us. We can expect that as we read, something will jump out at us—something the Lord will use to guide us, comfort us, or help us through the day.

So read the Scriptures every day and take time to reflect on what you read. Take, for example, another verse from today’s first reading: “All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” (James 1:17). How does it make you feel? Perhaps it makes you want to thank God for your blessings. Or perhaps it makes you realize that despite whatever struggles you may be enduring, God is still in charge and he is good.

If Scripture gives you an inspiration, don’t ignore it. You never know, God could be trying to “birth” something new in your life!

“Lord, give me a deeper hunger for your word!”.

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Madelyn Creel, Matthew Krass, Quinlan Pisciotta, and Vincent Pisciotta!
- Today is day 7 of the advisement schedule.
- FCA chapter will have a meeting this Wednesday in the auditorium at 7:50.
- Congratulations to both Science Olympiad Teams, they both placed 3rd at the Regional Competition and both qualified for the State Competition in April. They also placed in several events.
- Students, we have officially passed the halfway point for our Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Mrs. Farragut's first period is in the lead with Dr. Casey and Mrs. Aldrich not far behind. Also, beginning today and continuing this week during lunch you will have the opportunity to win a chance to pie your teacher. Each participating teacher will have a bucket set up in the cafeteria. Each dollar you donate is a chance to have your name entered to throw a pie at that particular teacher. Participating teachers include: Mrs. Cloud, Mrs. Farragut, Dr. Casey, Coach Smith, Coach Williams, Mr. Creel, Mr. Homell, and Sr. Kelly.

- Even though the Lady Irish varsity basketball team lost a heartbreaking game last night in the first round of the state playoffs on a 3 point shot with 1.3 seconds left to lose 41-38, we would like everyone to know how proud we are of them! Well done ladies!
- The Interact meeting tomorrow after school will take place in Ms. Lawson's room.
- The following clubs will take pictures after mass on Thursday in the gym: National Junior Honor Society, SAVE Club, Interact Club, Junior High Math Club, Spanish/French Club, Students for Life, and Science Olympiad.
- We will be having Bible Study tomorrow at 7:30 am. All are welcome!