

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 2, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Lord, when did we see you . . . ? (Matthew 25:37)

Can you imagine arriving at God's judgment seat, hearing his assessment of your life, and saying, "What are you talking about? That's not how I remember it. When did I see you?" It would be like a bad dream.

According to today's Gospel, one of the best ways to prevent this from happening is to examine how you treat the people around you. Jesus says that we should see him in other people, especially the poor, the prisoner, the hungry, and the foreigner.

A story about St. Francis of Assisi illustrates this truth perfectly. Thomas of Celano, one of Francis' early disciples, described it this way:

So greatly loathsome was the sight of lepers to [Francis] . . . that, in the days of his vanity, he would look at their houses only from a distance of two miles and he would hold his nostrils with his hands. But now, when by the grace and the power of the Most High he was beginning to think of holy and useful things, . . . he met a leper one day and, made stronger than himself, he kissed him. Writing about this incident himself, Francis said, "What had previously nauseated me became a source of

physical consolation for me. After that I did not wait long before leaving the world."

What happened to Francis can happen to you. But don't think you have to make such a radical change overnight—or all on your own. Thomas of Celano attributed Francis' act of kindness to "the grace and the power" of God. Francis may have taken one or two steps in welcoming people with leprosy, but he knew that he was able to embrace that man only because he was "made stronger than himself." In other words, it was a combination of Francis' decision and God's grace that changed his heart.

Jesus is present in a special way in the beggar on the street. He is in the new student at school and in your coworker who may be struggling with something this morning. Every time you show mercy to one of them, you open the door to grace a bit more. Every time you show kindness, the Holy Spirit changes you a little bit more. And the path to heaven grows a little clearer.

"Jesus, help me to see you in every person I meet."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Taylor Jernigan and William Magandy!
- Today is day 7 of the advisement schedule.
- Our annual Shamrockin' the Coast fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Be sure to sell tickets! Tickets may be purchased at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/shamrockin.
- Our junior high dance and parent social is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to attend.
- Interact Club and Key Club: There will be a bridge walk on Saturday, March 7, for the needy. Signups are in Ms. Lawson's room.
- For any student interested in participating in dance for the 2020-2021 school year, pre tryout packets are available in Coach Bailey's classroom, room 112. Also, there will be a mandatory informational meeting this Wednesday, March 4th @ 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Policies and procedures relevant to the program will be discussed, and a parent or guardian must accompany the student to this meeting.
- Congratulations to the following Lady Irish basketball players on the awards they received at their banquet last night. First team all region players- Emilee Nolte and Quinlan Pisciotta. Most improved players award- Chandler Wheeler and Caroline Dellenger Leadership award- Gabby Patino. Defense award- Alayna Miller. Offensive award- Emilee Nolte. Most valuable player- Quinlan Pisciotta. Congratulations ladies!
- The varsity men's basketball team finished the season with a 22-9 record and qualified for the Elite 8 for the second consecutive year. The team won the school's first Division 8 2A Championship. The successful season led to many honors for the team. Drew Roth was named Most Valuable Offensive Player in the Division, Nick Krass, Rhett Jones, and Michael Fitzpatrick were named All Division players. Robert VanHorn and Briggs Menendez were named High Honorable Mention. Landon Jenkins, Isaiah Jefferson, and Chris Warren were selected Honorable Mention. It was a very good year for the Irish. Coach Robinson would like to thank everyone for supporting the team, especially the student section, "I am so proud of our team, our school, and our fans."
- Baseball game for March 3rd has been moved to March 4th at 6 PM due to logistical issues.
- The science honor society meeting for this afternoon has been cancelled. Please see Mrs. Worrel if you have questions.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Farragut and Mrs. Aldrich whose first period classes each raised over \$600 for our Pennies for Patients campaign. They will receive the Olive Garden pasta party. Dr. Casey's homeroom came in third place. Our school wide total was over \$2400. Thank you all for supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- The Fighting Irish Track Team competed on Saturday against 14 other teams at Pass Christian top finishers were Girls : Linda Mustard- 6th in long jump, Makenzie Stenum- 7th in discus and high jump, Madison Owen- 8th in discus, Olivia Leatherman- 4th in 1600m run, Isabel Patino - 2nd in 800m run, Alayna Miller-

5th in hurdles, The team of Isabel Patino, Linda Mustered, Hailey Necaize, and Leila Ransonet placed 4th in 200m relay. The team of Olivia Leatherman, Linda Mustered, Leila Ransonet, and Isabel Patino placed 3rd in the 400m relay. The boys team, made up of Ray Frazier placed 7th in shot put, Tristan Marchioni placed 7th in discus, Jadon Turner placed 7th in triple jump, Dominic Patino placed 4th in 1600m run, and James Triffiley placed 5th in the 800m run. Congratulations on a job well done!

- St. Patrick had two of the 16 teams competing in the 2020 Mississippi Mock Trial Tournament in Jackson this past Friday and Saturday. Team A placed third overall. This is the highest that St. Patrick has ever placed in the tournament and brings the school its 4th ever gavel. Team A's only loss in the tournament came to the eventual state champion.

Most Effective Witness Awards (per round):

- London Lafferty
- Abbie Baker
- Sofia Carreon
- Zach Lyons

Most Effective Attorney Awards (per round):

- Sawyer Stone
- Cole Reeves

Team B did not place in the top 6, but had a great showing considering all of the team members were experiencing their first year on the team.

Most Effective Witness Awards (per round):

- Kelsey Descher
- Olivia Owens

Most Effective Attorney Awards (per round):

- Christopher Dollar
- Cade Meyers
- Abbie Colledge

Chris Dollar was named the fourth-best attorney in the state competition. Cole Reeves tied for the best attorney in the state competition. Many thanks to the teams' sponsor, Mr. E, along with attorney coaches, Jim Reeves, Caroline Hommell, and Aaron Hommell.