

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Zucchini bread. Zucchini pizza. Chocolate zucchini cake.

One mistake common to many beginning gardeners is to underestimate the zucchini they plant. They don't appreciate just how fruitful these seeds can be. Just one seed, for example, can produce up to nine pounds of food. So planting just a couple of seeds can quickly result in a zucchini avalanche that leaves a gardener scrambling for clever recipes.

Perhaps this idea of a few seeds yielding an overwhelmingly large harvest is an appropriate way to celebrate today's feast of St. Lawrence. This third-century Roman deacon was known for his care for the poor and his courage and good humor in a time of intense persecution. According to tradition, when he was martyred by being roasted alive, he called out, "Turn me over; I'm done on this side."

News of Lawrence's courage and faith led many people in Rome to turn to the Lord despite the persecution. Even after his death, his miracles continued to prove that every good work that we sow in the name of the Lord reaps huge dividends. For example, St. Gregory of Tours tells the story of a large group of workers who ran out of food as they were rebuilding a church dedicated to St. Lawrence. When they prayed to their patron, the one loaf of bread that remained in their basket multiplied to feed all of the workers for ten days.

God's abundant grace and mercy can lead us to reap so much more than we can sow. Every prayer of intercession, every act of kindness, every decision to forgive—they can all produce baskets of blessings for the people around us. So don't shy away from the opportunities that will present themselves to you today. Remember St. Lawrence. Remember the miracles. Remember the zucchini! Then go ahead, and sow your seed.

"Lord, I believe that any seed of good I plant will be multiplied by your abundant grace. Give me the courage to continue to plant seeds and rejoice in your harvest."

Today's Announcements:

- Due to severe thunderstorms being forecast for this afternoon and evening, we have made the decision to postpone our "Meet the Teacher Night" event to next Wednesday, August 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Seniors who did not take senior portraits during the summer will have make-up portraits made on Thursday, August 18, at 11:00. Parents of seniors are invited to come to the senior make up session and order photos that day.

- Students should use the crosswalk to cross the street before and after school. Please pay attention and look both ways before crossing, and do not use earphones in until you have left campus. Students should line up along the pick up so they can see their rides, not by the gate or cafeteria (parents are waiting for kids talking by the gate who are not paying attention backing up the line). Thanks for your help with this.
- Registration for cross country is still open, any student interested should talk to Ms. Alexander in room 206 before the end of the week for details.
- Schedule changes will only be made for valid reasons at this point. Switching teachers or switching class periods is not a valid reason. Students have had schedules since June 8, so we will only make legitimate changes.
- Seventh and eighth grade students who are interested in playing junior high soccer, please sign up with Coach Camps in room 208.
- All student drivers should have a parking permit by the end of the week in order to park on campus. Registration forms and parking decals may be picked up from Ms. Dapremont in the front office. There is no charge for a parking decal.
- Anyone who is interested in joining the art club (grades 7-12), please stop by room 101 to sign up with Ms. Cody.
- Interact Club sign ups (grades 9-12) will take place today after school in the auditorium - dues are \$5.
- Interact Club sign ups (grades 7-8) are in Ms. Moon's room 215 (no dues for students in grades 7-8).
- Students who have not picked up textbooks need to do so from the library by Friday. Students may come in after or before school.
- Student council will have their first meeting tomorrow in room 200 beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- We will have our first school-wide mass tomorrow, August 11, at 9:40. All students will need to follow the liturgy dress code including blazers and ties tomorrow.
- Any seventh or eighth grade girl who is interested in playing in the volleyball intramurals on Friday, August 12, please see Coach Gaunce or Coach Trahan today.