

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, October 17, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... rich in what matters to God. (Luke 12:21)

How often, when you give away a smile or a hug, do you receive it right back? Quite a lot, probably. That's because love multiplies when you share it. It's not exactly the same with money. When you give it, say to a merchant, you don't get any back. Your bank account is diminished.

Today's Gospel warns us that if we focus primarily on our possessions and money, we might approach Jesus like the fellow having a hard time with his brother.

He asks Jesus to help him secure his share of an earthly inheritance. Unfortunately, he's asking the wrong person. While Jesus does care about our financial situations, he is much more vested in our spiritual riches. He is rich in mercy and kindness, and he wants to make us rich too. This is the kind of wealth that "matters to God" (Luke 12:21).

Just as a person approaches a financial advisor to grow their material wealth, we can ask Jesus to help us grow our spiritual wealth. Often, this starts by appreciating the immense value of riches we already have: humility or patience, mercy or love. We can ask him to help us grow in them even more.

But we don't have to stop there. Because our spiritual "treasure chests" matter to God, he is ready to give us even more. Do you need more compassion? Ask for it! Are you stuck in some kind of resentment? Ask for the gift of forgiveness. Unlike the brother who wanted to hold on to his share of money, God loves to share his bounty. His spiritual riches don't deplete when he gives them away.

Your spiritual treasure chest won't be any less full, either, even if you try to empty it out on people every day. Remember Jesus' promise: "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you" (Luke 6:38). When you are rich in what matters to God, you can spread the wealth without losing anything. That's how generous Jesus is!

"Lord, help me to receive more and more from you so that I can give more and more to everyone else."

Today's Announcements:

- If you have any Irish raffle tickets and money with you, please turn it into Ms Dapremont in the office. Keep selling your tickets! All students who sell ten tickets will receive a free dress day and ice cream party on Tuesday, October 25.
- St. Vincent de Paul School is seeking volunteers on Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 to assist with their fall festival. Any students who are interested in helping for service hours, please see Ms. Dapremont for more information.

- AP exam fees are due by this Friday, October 21.
- Senior sibling pictures were due Friday, but we only receive four. Seniors, Mrs. Farragut has extended the deadline to Wednesday. If you do not get a picture to Mrs. Farragut by Wednesday, you will not be included in the yearbook for this page! Also, senior yearbook ad forms, money, and pictures are due this Friday.
- The Lady Irish cross country team came in first place at the George County Invitational this past Saturday. Leading the Irish team on the podium was second place finisher Isabel Leatherman. She was followed by Anna Clare Colson (fifth place), Gabriela Patino (sixth place), Jordan Pete (seventh place), and Quinlan Prisciotta (fourteenth place) to round out the top five places.

The varsity boys team was led by eighth grader Cade Meyers with his finishing time of 18:39 to place him in ninth place on the podium. Rounding out the top five finishers for the Irish were Austin Dossett, Jack Dent, Griffen Broussard, and Dylan Middleton.

In the boys junior high race, the Irish were led by Dominc Patino's second place finish. He was followed by Jameson Thriffiley, Robbie Clisby, and Marshall Eleuterius.

- Soccer tryouts are today and tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.
- There will be a ten minute mandatory junior class meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, right after school in the auditorium.
- The students who are auditioning for the fall production need to be at the auditorium at least ten minutes before their scheduled time. Students who are scheduled after 4:00 should be there at 3:45