

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, October 21, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity. (Luke 18:11)

Have you ever been around someone who has a knack for putting people down? It seems they feel good about themselves only when they're degrading someone else. Although we can't say for sure, that could be part of this Pharisee's motivation for thanking God that he's not like everyone else. He may be acting more out of fear and insecurity than out of pure pride or arrogance.

How about you? It's doubtful that you spend all your time judging everyone else. But are there other ways that you compare yourself? When you see someone's weakness, do you use that person as a measuring stick to judge yourself—"Am I doing better than him or worse?"

This spirit of comparison is something to watch out for; it can take the joy right out of your faith! If you find yourself thinking that way, remember that God isn't comparing you to anyone. He loves you just as you are. No matter how many times you hear that, it can still carry a hint of surprise. After all, we all need improvement, don't we? But this love of God must be the starting point for any genuine spiritual growth we experience. He just loves us, and there's nothing we can do to make him love us any less!

As a point of reflection today, try meditating exclusively on God's love for you. Don't dwell on your sins. He already knows about them! Just sit in his presence, and think of all the ways he cares for you. He sent his Son to die for you. He planned from all eternity that you would be part of his kingdom. He's constantly sending grace and blessings to keep you in his love. If you reflect on this long enough, you won't worry about how your neighbor is doing. You'll be too busy thanking God!

"Thank you, Father, for loving me just as I am right now. Thank you too for your grace, which can always help me become more like you."

Today's Announcements:

- As we begin to see cooler temperatures, students are reminded about the outerwear policies of the dress code. Remember that only school-approved jackets and sweaters are allowed to be worn at school.
- 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 by today will receive a free dress day and ice cream party on Tuesday, October 25.
- St. Vincent de Paul School is seeking volunteers this Saturday 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.

- Senior yearbook ad forms, money, and pictures are due today.
- Students who are interested in trying out for the quiz bowl team need to pick up an application from Ms. Ladner in the library.
- Our Lady of Fatima needs volunteers for their Halloween Carnival this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet at Ms. Dapremont's desk broken into shifts. Fatima has a much smaller CYO this year and they really need our help. This is also a great opportunity for service hours which are part of your religion class requirements.
- St. Patrick is taking a group to March for Life on January 25 through 28. There are ten openings available on the bus. If you are interested in attending, please see Ms. Cloud - deposits are due by October 28.
- Students for Life will be hosting a Morning Star drive next week. We will be collecting diapers, baby wipes and blankets. Students may receive service hours for donating. Next week, Students for Life will be hosting the theme of Pro-Life.
- We would like to wish Coach Gaunce a Happy Birthday. He will be celebrating his birthday tomorrow.
- There will be a Youth Leg. meeting today after school in room 103. We will be reviewing procedures for the conference.