

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, October 31, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:12-14)*

In high school, it becomes common for people to form and hangout with cliques. People spend a lot of time with those who dress like them or talk like them, play the same sports, or listen to the same music. Being with the in-group may give you a feeling of belonging. Oftentimes, people seldom move out of those cliques to mingle with people who are different.

In today's reading, Jesus invites his host—a Pharisee—to venture beyond his own clique. Many of the Pharisees who opposed Jesus did not reach out to the less fortunate. By avoiding people who weren't like them, they missed out on the works of compassion at the heart of the Law they cherished so much.

But Jesus saw that this Pharisee was open. He had invited Jesus to his house, so he was already looking for the truth. Thus, Jesus tried to get him to see things in a new light, the light of his mercy.

Jesus invites us to see things in that same light. His life shows us that mercy in action looks radical. Throughout his life, he embraced poverty and was shunned by the powerful. Even when compared to our modern ideas of social justice, his actions may seem radical. Yes, it's good to give our resources to the poor, but it's harder to give ourselves.

"Do not invite your friends." As you meditate on this verse today, consider how Jesus' words to the Pharisee weren't empty philosophy. When he told his host to invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind," this was something Jesus had actually done (Luke 14:13). He constantly reached out to the marginalized. He loved them and was one of them.

Imagine Jesus ministering to people on the fringes, to the poor or isolated. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you look at them the way Jesus did. You may find yourself thinking differently about people outside your circle of friends. And you might just act differently too.

*"Lord, who are the broken in my midst? How can I touch them with your love?"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Tomorrow is All Saints' Day, and we will celebrate mass tomorrow morning. Don't forget blazers and ties tomorrow.
- Junior high baseball tryouts will be held Tuesday, November 1. All seventh and eighth graders are eligible to tryout. Students trying out should bring cleats, a glove, and a bat if possible.

- There will be a National Junior Honor Society meeting at 7:50 a.m. in the auditorium this Wednesday, November 2.
- St. Patrick will hold an ACT Workshop the weekend of November 12 and 13. If you're interested in attending any of the three sections (math, science, and/or English), see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.
- There will be an FCA chapter meeting this Thursday morning at 7:50 in the auditorium.
- Many thanks to all who donated pet food and supplies for the Humane Society. They were most appreciative.
- The Fighting Irish swim team had an awesome state meet in Tupelo on Saturday. Our boys team finished fifth at state and our girls finished sixth. Congratulations Irish swimmers for a fabulous season and a job well done! Be sure to check out all of the individual results posted on our website.
- We would like to wish Mrs. Worrel a Happy Birthday today!