

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, January 26, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Holy Spirit is probably the most important gift we will ever receive. After all, he's the only one who can empower us to live a full Christian life. He's the one who makes our faith come alive as he teaches us about truth, convicts us of sin, and pours the love and power of God into our hearts. He intercedes for us, strengthens us in the face of persecution, and gives us gifts to sanctify us and charisms to help us serve the body of Christ.

The Spirit is often compared to fire, a symbol of his transforming energy. But in order for him to transform us, we need to "stir into flame the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6). It's not as if we are starting from scratch, however. We receive the gift of the Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation. We have the Spirit as a sort of "pilot light," and with him we have everything we need to become saints.

We might assume praying harder and reading more Scripture are the only ways we can fan the flame of the Spirit. While those are important, we also need to put our faith into action by giving the Spirit more room to work. When we get out of ourselves and serve other people, we can draw on the Spirit's grace and power. We can ask the Spirit to release his gifts in us so that we can minister his love to people and not just our good intentions.

What good deed is the Spirit inspiring you to do? Perhaps to visit the sick or elderly. Maybe he is leading you to volunteer at your parish or at a nearby soup kitchen. Or perhaps you know someone who is depressed and lonely, and would deeply appreciate someone to talk to. If you're not sure how to serve, just pray about it—the Spirit will surely lead you to those who need just what you have to give!

*Holy Spirit, fill me anew with your presence. Stir into flame your power within me, that I may be transformed by the fire of your love!*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We will follow the regular bell schedule today.
- We continue to pray for those en route to Washington for the March for Life.
- Today, we will have the seventh grade invention fair.
- There will be a junior high Science Olympiad meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 in room 215.
- Attention all junior high, junior varsity, and varsity girl soccer players. Your washed uniforms are due in Mrs. Williams' room no later than this upcoming Monday. All junior high and junior varsity boy soccer players, your washed uniforms are due in Mr. Camps' room no later than this upcoming Monday.

- Any varsity or junior high student who signed up for track and has not participated in a sport this school year, please make sure you have a physical form before next week's track practice.
- Seniors, please remember to bring your signed and notarized retreat permission slips that were mailed to your parents. You may turn in senior letters to Ms. Dapremont. The deadline for accepting these are this Friday, January 27. All seniors will need to be at school next Wednesday by 7:45 a.m. The bus has to depart on time in order to make the steamboat boarding times. If you have questions please see your religious studies teacher or Mr. Creel.
- All drama guild members will meet today after school to finalize parts and draw up schedules. Meet in room 204.