

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well. And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. (Mark 8:6-8)*

Do you know people who are remarkably generous? It seems like every time you turn around, they are giving, whether it's sharing time, making a large donation, or giving wonderful gifts. In Scripture, we see that God is just like this, only on a much more extravagant scale.

In the eighth chapter of Mark, for example, Jesus doesn't give just a few people only a mouthful of food. He feeds four thousand people until their stomachs are filled. That's extravagance! What's more, just before performing this miracle, we see Jesus freeing a young girl from a demon and healing a deaf man with a speech impairment. Both of them were Greek, outsiders who were considered undeserving of God's favor! But Jesus showed that God's generosity surpasses all boundaries, even the one between Jews and Gentiles. Later, he took the time to pray over another man twice—just to make sure he could see perfectly.

In his parables, Jesus also portrayed God as a lavishly generous Father: think of the father of the prodigal son or the king who forgives the equivalent of millions of dollars of debt or the employer who pays a day's wages for just an hour's work. And if that's not enough, remember his most generous act of all: Jesus laid down his life for us on the cross. That's what generosity looks like!

Yet for all these stories, we can still think differently about our heavenly Father: "Look at how many times I have failed. God can never be happy with me. It's no use to ask for his forgiveness or his help. I don't deserve them anyway." It's as if we are programmed to think this way, and we need to be reminded over and over again that it just isn't true.

Today in prayer, imagine yourself sitting with the four thousand. Jesus is looking on all of you with compassion. Imagine him pausing before you and looking into your eyes. He has so much love for you! He wants nothing more than to convince you that you have a generous Father in heaven. This is a wonderful place to be—and you can experience it every day. What a loving, generous God we have!

*"Father, thank you for your generosity to me. Lord, I trust in you!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We will have our spring athletic media day beginning at 1:30 today. We will call for students at the appropriate time.
  - 1:30 p.m. – Tennis – south courtyard
  - 2:00 p.m. – Junior High Baseball – baseball field

2:30 p.m. – Boys and Girls Golf (separate photos) – south courtyard

3:00 p.m. – Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball – baseball field

3:30 p.m. – Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball – softball field

4:00 p.m. – Boys and Girls Track (separate photos) – stadium

- Coach Dellenger will have all track uniforms at lunch for those few who have not picked up their uniform for today's springs sports pictures. Track is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today.
- Students, please check the guidance page of the school website for summer programs including programs abroad.
- Students, please remember to bring your gift cards for the William Carey University students - \$5 or \$10 to a fast food restaurant or Walmart.
- There will be an FCA Chapter meeting this Thursday.
- The sophomores are selling Valentine grams through Friday. The cost is \$3 for one and \$5 for two. See any sophomore for an order form.
- Congratulations to the boys basketball team for their victory over Collins last night 63 to 59. The Irish played very well down the stretch with a great team performance to secure the win and a great senior night for Jack Magandy, T.K. Strobridge, and Evan Chubb.
- The French Honor Society induction will be postponed until a later date.
- All students interested in trying out for varsity cheerleading need to come by Mrs. Mullin's classroom immediately after school.