

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, February 17, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Love your enemies. (Matthew 5:44)

Can you picture getting to heaven, and the first person you meet is the one you liked least on earth? It's possible. After all, God loves that person just as much as he loves you. We should never presume to know how he judges each person.

No one falls outside the scope of God's loving intentions, either. What God wants for you here on earth is what he also wants for your aggravating neighbor—that they “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

Here's another surprise: your enemy can help you move closer toward that goal of perfection. Notice that Jesus' command to be perfect appears right after he explains how to treat the people who show hate toward us: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). So if you want to be perfect, you begin by loving your enemies.

Are you thinking, “This is too much”? Of course it is! It's beyond human powers—or it would be, if Jesus hadn't suffered and died for us.

Try to cooperate with the Lord today. Think about the people you should be loving more than you do—and not just your “enemies.” Think too about the people you take for granted, look down on, or consider undeserving. Instead of harboring spiteful or judgmental thoughts, say a short prayer for someone who provokes you.

What if you have stronger emotions? When you find yourself dwelling on people who have hurt you or people you don't like or people with whom you have strong disagreements, stop yourself, and start praying for them.

Start with the people you live and work with. Pay attention to the thoughts that cross your mind, especially angry or hateful ones. Don't harbor them! Instead, take advantage of every invitation to love. Then the perfection of God will begin to shine out from you.

“Father, help me to love, not hate. Help me to take another step toward the perfection you want for me.”

Today's Announcements:

- Our varsity basketball teams travel to West Marion today as competition continues in the Division Tournament. The Girls and boys will play Seminary today. Girls play at 4:00 p.m. followed by boys at 5:30 p.m. Both teams will advance to the South State playoffs next week.
- Mrs. Trahan would like to remind the entire cast that they need to be at practice until 5:15 today. Set will go to the shop at 5:15.

- Student Council is sponsoring a Chick-fil-A night this Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in D'Iberville. Please come out and support!
- National English Honor Society officers are posted outside of Mrs. Buckley's door. New Member Dues and Senior Cord Dues are to be paid by the end of February to Mrs. Buckley.
- Reminder for students trying out for varsity cheerleading, there will be a meeting in Mrs. Mullin's room after school today.