

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 6, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy. (Leviticus 19:2)

Have you ever heard of lenticular images? They are 3D images that are used on trading cards or posters. Lenticular images transform as you walk past them and see them from different angles. You can tilt them back and forth and watch the images change.

If you read today's first reading from Leviticus carefully, you'll discover a "lenticular image" of sorts as well. At the beginning, you see a list of "thou shalt nots" that God was giving the people of Israel. But if you read to the end, you'll notice the language shifting to "love your neighbor as yourself." Do you see it? From one angle, godliness is a list of rules, but from the other, it's self-emptying love.

God wants to transform our understanding of what holiness is, just as this reading gives two complementary images of it. The best way for us to experience this change is to encounter his love. Yes, God is the model of holiness: pure, powerful, majestic, perfect. Yet underpinning all of these attributes is the deepest, most selfless love you can imagine. From the moment of creation to the giving of his only Son to right now, God's relationship with us is one of pouring himself out, holding nothing back.

While we may initially think of holiness as following a set of commandments, something much bigger happens as we encounter God's love. We start to be changed from the inside out. You've probably seen it in your own life. When you experience God's mercy in Confession, your heart becomes more tender toward people around you. When you spend time in adoration, you become more patient and gentle. Don't be discouraged if you aren't always perfectly loving. Growing in holiness is about letting God's love shape you over time, just as the lenticular image gradually shifts.

Today, let God's love shape your relationships. Invite him into your friendships, your relationship with your parents, your relationship with your co-workers. Ask him to show you one way that you can love these people better today. As you go about your day, pray this simple prayer: "Lord, use me." Then watch how he nudges you, here and there, little by little, to give more of yourself to the people around you. That's how he makes you holy!

"Lord, use me."

Today's Announcements:

- This week marks the end of the third quarter. Students, make sure to finalize all of your assignments, get help from your teachers as needed, and study for any final third quarter tests this week.
- There will be a high school dance in the cafeteria on March 11 from 7pm to 9pm. The theme is glow in the dark, and admission is \$5. If you are bringing an out-of-school date, make sure to pick up a form from the front office

and return it by Thursday. The form may be downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the website. Late forms will not be accepted.

- For Saturday's track meet in the junior high division, top finishers were Olivia Leatherman, first in pole vault; Jonathan Galle, first in high jump; Sarah Alexander, third in discus and shot put; Camille Pitre, third in long jump; and Dalton Blackwood, third in shot put.

The girls team of Leila Ransonet, Alexa Tatum, Samantha Alvarez, and Camille Pitre placed first in 4 x 200 and 100m relays. Quinlan Pisciotta, Alexa Tatum, Samatha Alvarez, and Leila Ransonet placed second in sprint medley relay. The boys team of Jonathan Galle, Dalton Blackwood, SrDrick Taylor, and Dominic Patino took first place in the spring medley relay.

- Seniors, please make sure you check the school website for scholarship deadlines. The O'Keefe scholarship is due Today. See Ms. Wilkinson if you have any questions.
 - Congratulations to our February Students of the Month:
 - Seventh Grade - Megan Marie and Caty Otero
 - Eighth Grade - Dale Edwardson and Kelsey Descher
 - Ninth Grade - Lauren Dossett and Lauren Johnson
 - Tenth Grade - Maddie Moak and Ricardo Quintana
 - Eleventh Grade - Raven Gonsoulin and Tyler Fulmer
 - Twelfth Grade - Laina Menendez and Luke Seicshnaydre
- Robotics will meet for the regular meeting after school today in room 202.
- We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Mrs. Joanie in the cafeteria. She celebrated her birthday on Sunday.
- We want to wish our junior high baseball team all the best in their game this evening against Stone. Game time is set for 5:00.