

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 28, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted. (John 6:12)*

If you've ever had unexpected dinner guests, then you can probably identify with Philip and Andrew. When Jesus asked them how to feed an enormous crowd, they must have wondered, "What is he talking about? We can't feed this many people!" They looked at what they had—two fish and five barley loaves—and concluded that it wasn't enough. What they had was too little to be useful.

We can feel this way about ourselves. When we face the challenges of our day—getting along with a coworker or juggling the demands of family life—we might conclude that our resources of kindness or energy or money are too little. What we have feels like it's not enough to get us through the day, let alone be of much use to God. But look at what Jesus did with a few loaves and fish: he fed thousands. He made it clear that it's not the size of the gift that matters; it's the immensity of his power that makes the difference.

So what can we learn from this miracle?

First, little isn't little when we give it to the Lord. He can do great things when we offer our gifts to him. If we give him just ten minutes in quiet prayer, he can fill us with his love and show us how to love each other. When we offer someone a smile, he can use that kindness to warm their heart. When we make a casserole for a family in need, he does so much more than satisfy their hunger—he reminds them that they have dignity and that they are loved.

Second, nothing is wasted in God's economy. Even the leftover "fragments" of our acts of love are precious to the Lord. He sees and cares about the tiny sacrifices that nobody notices, the unappreciated energy we put into helping someone out. He promises to bless every moment we spend in prayer by filling us with grace so that we can pour it out again for his people.

So be courageous! Offer what you have to the Lord and trust that he will multiply it. Offer him your time in prayer and offer your love to those around you. And watch how he meets people's needs through you!

*"Jesus, fill me with your love and use me to feed others."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Later today, Bishop-designate Kihneman will be ordained as the fourth Bishop of Biloxi. We continue to keep Bishop Kihneman in our prayers as he becomes our new Shepherd. We look forward to his visit to St. Patrick very soon.

- Today is the deadline for the registration discount. Students, if you have registration packets or course selection request forms, please submit those to Mrs. Whiteside today.
- We wish good luck to the track members who qualified for South State; they will be competing at St. Andrews tomorrow. Good luck Irish!
- The Lady Irish softball team will advance to the third round of playoffs after defeating Franklin County 10-1 last night to close out the series. Kirsten Walters hit a homerun last night for the win. We send a big thank you to Anna Grace Young for singing a fantastic National Anthem. The girls will play Philadelphia at home on Monday - so please come out and support the Lady Irish.
- The returning volleyball players need to meet in Mrs. Trahan's room immediately after school. The meeting will be short, so don't be late.
- There are still several drama t-shirts in Mrs. Trahan's room. Please pick up your shirt today.