

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 25, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

To anyone who has, more will be given. (Luke 8:18)

When you read these words, do you see yourself as “one who has” or “one who has not”? Most of us tend to focus on the negative rather than the positive. We have a nagging worry that we have not done enough to please God. We think that we need to do more so that we don't lose the little we think we have. But one young man's experience can show us a different answer.

He and his friends were discussing this passage at a Bible study when something new occurred to him. Instead of focusing on where he might be falling short and what he “had not,” he thought he should begin to ponder what he “had”—all that God had already given him. The more he thought about it, the longer the list became.

He felt so moved by God's generosity that he mustered up the faith to ask some of his classmates if there was anything they wanted him to pray for. He even went to the local mall, where he offered to pray with shoppers. To his surprise, many said yes. He prayed for some to know God's love and for others to not be so fearful and

for others' family members. In some cases, he even prayed for healings. Even when someone refused his offer, he continued to ask other people—and it paid off. Over time, he learned that a few people had started to feel better or to be more forgiving or to think about going back to church.

Eventually, this young man realized that the “more” God had given him wasn't really for him; it was for him to share.

This principle is not only for adventurous students. It's true for all of us. Think of all that God has given you: friends and family, a home, food, and clothing. Even if you feel lacking in one of these areas, never forget that he has given you the gift of salvation as well as the Church and the sacraments. He has given you his love and the sure hope of heaven. You are richly blessed indeed! As the truth of God's generosity sinks into your heart, let it propel you to step out in faith. Let it give you the courage to tell just one person today, “God loves you.”

“Lord, help me to be as generous with your love as you are.”

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Maegan Daneault!
- Volunteer opportunities are available for St. Patrick students to help at the St. James Fall Festival on October 7-8.

St. James Cafe!: Prefer those with fast-food/restaurant experience, but we will train. Work preparing po-boys and serving other food. Contact John Fitzhugh at 228-860-8270 (okay to text) or jcfitzhugh@bellsouth.net. Please contact ASAP to schedule times.

Sweet Booth: Help set up Saturday and Sunday mornings and man the booth during the day. Contact Rachelle Cleveland at 228-731-0085 or rachel.cleveland@yahoo.com.

St. James is also in need of volunteers to assist with miscellaneous services. Contact Justin Skinner at 228-313-5828 or justinskinner@yahoo.com.

- The Science Honor Society Meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled.
- This week is the last chance to sign up for the Interact Club Heart Walk and Cruisin' the Coast.
- Bible Study tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in room 108.
- National Honor Society, we are still in need of items for the homeless. Also, you must pay your dues and turn in your contract by the deadline Friday, September 30.
- Please join us in an evening of prayer for Hope Broadus. It will be held during XLT/Adoration at St. John the Evangelist Church in Gulfport from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 26 (tomorrow night). Hope and her family will be joining us for XLT, which is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/live worship music. Confessions will be available during Adoration. Although we will be lifting Hope in prayer during the entire time of Adoration, towards the end of the hour special prayers will be offered for Hope and her family. Let us remember Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them."
- This year's FCA Chapter Officers are the following:
 - President: Anna D'Aquila
 - Vice President: Aaron Broadus
 - Secretary: Maddie Moak
 - Treasurer: Sydney Biggs

Congratulations to these students. Coach Dellenger will be meeting with you this Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in room 108.