

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He stepped forward and touched the coffin. (Luke 7:14)

Caught doing something nice. So read the words on an award that teachers like to present to their students—an award given in the hope that the act of kindness being rewarded was a natural, rather than a solicited, response. This way of recognizing ordinary acts of unselfishness also helps reinforce in the students the truth that acts of compassion are always rewarded.

It's hard to imagine Jesus needing a sticker to remind him how important it is to be kind and generous. Seeing a widow grieving at her only son's funeral, he was moved with a pity that came from heartfelt mercy. Jesus felt this mother's sorrow through his very being, and just as he would bring us to new life through his resurrection, so he brought her son back to life. She didn't expect or even request such kindness, but he gave it anyway—just as he saved us by his death before it dawned on any of us to ask him.

It's amazing, but true: Jesus has taken the initiative to reveal his love to us. As we accept this love, we find ourselves wanting to turn to him for wisdom and help in our everyday situations. Without expecting him to prove himself, we begin to trust that he will turn our sorrow into joy—according to his wisdom and his timing. We begin to believe that he will take the areas of our lives that are “dead” and bring healing and renewed life to them.

Think about just one time in your life when you received Jesus' mercy without expecting it. It could be anything from having someone smile at you when you were feeling down to having a close friend to whom you could pour out your heart. Let this memory reassure you that Jesus is on your side regardless of your level of faith. He is always with you, ready to reveal his Father's love for you. He loves being “caught doing something nice.”

“Jesus, help me to surrender myself to your perfect plan. Teach me to trust in you so deeply that I become your ambassador to those around me.”

Today's Announcements:

- Today we will follow the Liturgy bell schedule. We will have Irish Idol today at 9:40 a.m.; tickets for this is \$2.00 and may be purchased during first period. Half of the proceeds will go toward Hurricane relief. If you are not attending Irish Idol this morning, you will need to report to Mrs. Benoit's room (room 101) when the bell rings.
- Here is the rundown of other Homecoming events we have planned this week....
 - This morning we will have Irish Idol.
 - Tomorrow evening is our annual powder puff football game followed by the blackout pep rally.
 - Thursday is our Homecoming Mass and Classic Luncheon. We are preparing a very special lunch for Thursday, and it is on Mr. Buckley - so lunch will be free for everyone.

- On Friday, we will have our Homecoming Family Picnic starting at 1:00 followed by our gameday pep rally at 2:00. We are adding a new tradition this year with a pregame tailgate at 5:30, and the big game starts at 7:00. Our 2017 Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime.
 - On Saturday, our Homecoming Dance will take place at the D'Iberville Community Club from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The court will be presented at 8:30. This dance is a high school dance - for students in grades 9-12. Homecoming dance tickets are on sale in the front office and on the website for \$20 each. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.
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- Interact Club: Cruisin' the Coast signups start tomorrow morning with Ms. Lawson in room 201.
 - The NJHS meeting will be tomorrow morning (Wednesday) at 7:45 a.m. in the auditorium. This meeting is mandatory for all existing NJHS members.