

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 23, 2017

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Tell my brother to share the inheritance with me. (Luke 12:13)*

Every parent of more than one child has heard pleas like this one. "Tell him to stop teasing me." "Make her share that toy." Many parents know better than to step into the middle of a conflict like this. Instead, they might ask a few questions to help the child to think or examine his motives. They help the child find ways to handle the conflict without their direct intervention. They help build his confidence so that he can find a better way to resolve conflict than complaining.

This is not so different from what Jesus does in today's Gospel. Instead of involving himself in a financial dispute between two brothers, Jesus exposes the greed that lurks behind the demand. The parable that he tells in response raises a more important question than the division of goods. What riches really matter in the long run—the contents of the man's bank account or his relationship with his brother?

For Jesus, the man's motives matter more than the

outcome of his dispute. It wasn't Jesus' role to make the problem disappear; he wanted to teach the man how to work through it himself according to God's ways. The solution he offered was meant to go deeper and have more permanent effects than settling this one argument. Essentially, he was teaching this man how to love his brother.

God wants to do the same for us. He wants to show us how to resolve conflicts by examining the motives and values in our own hearts. So if you're having a hard time with someone, come to Jesus before you approach the other person. Let Jesus shine his light on your heart so that you can see what lies under the surface. Let him offer you his compassion and understanding toward the other person. Let him assure you that you are capable of working things out together as long as you respect each other and leave room for the Holy Spirit to help.

The work of mending relationships starts with each one of us. And Jesus will be right there to help us through it.

*"Holy Spirit, help me to build more loving relationships with the people you have put in my life."*

### Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Laney Barton and Ms. Hebert today!
- FCA chapter members are reminder to start bringing in your non-perishable goods for your Thanksgiving Basket for the poor. The deadline is November 15.
- Halloween is fast approaching! Make sure you find a Junior Class Officer this week to purchase your BooGrams! They are \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5! Or you can purchase them online in the spirit store! Don't forget your boos!
- Seniors in fall sports should turn in their biographies to Coach Burger no later than Wednesday of this week.

- Media day for our winter sports has been rescheduled to next Wednesday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. We will also be taking pictures for senior banners on this day. The cost for senior banners is \$75.
- There will be a mandatory National Science Honor Society meeting tomorrow after school in Ms Lawson's room. Red Cords, Science Honor Society Cords, and the blood drive will be discussed.
- Students for Life members who are interested in attending the March for Life January 17-21 can begin signing-up this week. The schedule is as follows: Seniors and Juniors sign up Wednesday, Sophomores on Thursday and Freshmen on Friday. Students may sign up by submitting an application and \$200 nonrefundable deposit to Ms. Cloud beginning at 7:30am in the cafeteria. Spots are limited, so please sign up early on the appropriate date.
- Happy Red Ribbon Week! SADD club is excited to celebrate being drug free with you this week. This morning SADD club members will be coming around first period passing out treats. Here is your drug fact for the day: Early substance abuse increases the likelihood of a person developing psychiatric disorders in his or her late 20s.
- Jordan Pete, Isabel Leatherman, and Cade Meyers were all top 20 finishers in the class 5A-6A district meet this weekend. Good luck to the Irish cross country team as they travel to Jackson for their regional meet this Wednesday.
- Congratulations to the Fighting Irish football team for their 21-12 victory over the Clarkdale Bulldogs on Friday night. Come out and support the Fighting Irish this Friday night as we celebrate Senior Night against the Collins Tigers.