

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. (Luke 12:37)

Picture a state dinner in a foreign capital: a lavish dining hall, silver and crystal lining the table, waiters standing tall, ready to serve the guests. A military band strikes up a fanfare, and the prime minister enters. But instead of sitting down, he removes his dinner jacket, dons an apron, and asks the waiters to be seated at the table. Then, slowly and carefully, he proceeds to serve them the meal. Crazy, right?

Amazingly, the reality at the center of our faith transcends even this illustration. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, gave up his life to save us from sin. And this wasn't just one exceptionally heroic act; it's part of who he is. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that when he returns, he will once again serve those whom he finds waiting for him.

But how does this truth about God affect our lives now? Certainly, it fills us with awe and gratitude. As St. Paul has said, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). But

how about our relationships with other people? Do we say, "God serves me; so should you!" Of course not! God's heart of service is meant to humble us and move us to serve as well.

Jesus tells us that love is expressed most fully in laying down our lives for each other. When we allow this kind of servant love to be the center of our relationships rather than selfish interests, it changes everything. We find that we are able to connect more deeply with our spouses and children, with our friends and co-workers. Our self-serving motivations begin to weaken, and we become more aware of the needs of the people around us. In short, we give God's love a foothold in our lives.

How can you lay down your life today? Take a look at the next twenty-four hours, and anticipate the opportunities that God will give you to imitate him through acts of service. Then, when these opportunities arise, accept them eagerly. Know that as you step into the role of a servant, something holy is happening: you are becoming Christ to another person.

"Lord, teach me how to serve as selflessly and humbly as you do."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Mitchell Badurak today!
- As we begin to experience cooler temperatures, students are reminded to follow the outerwear uniform policy. Only school uniform outerwear should be brought and worn at school.
- 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 will be 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.
- 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.
- Big buddies, students for life, and sailing will take yearbook photos after mass this Thursday.
- Quiz Bowl Team members practice begins tomorrow before and after school in the library.
- The mandatory National Science Honor Society meeting will be today after school in Ms Lawson's room. Red cords, science honor society cords, and the blood drive will be discussed.
- Happy second day of Red Ribbon Week! Today's fun fact of the day is that there is a clear link between depression and substance abuse. Stay happy; stay away from drugs! Show your pledge to be drug free and "kick out drugs" by wearing wacky or crazy socks tomorrow to school!