

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Romans 13:9)

This command from God, often called the second greatest commandment, can seem impossible, can't it? Love every neighbor? Even the annoying one down the street? How can we find the ability to do something so radical? One way is to recognize how we have been loved. Maybe the following story can help.

A family once experienced a damaging house fire. No one was injured, but their home was destroyed, and they were left with next to nothing. The family was able to recover largely because of all the support they received. One close friend in particular took charge of the situation. He helped them find temporary housing, he recruited their other friends to help provide meals, and he set about finding clothes and other necessities for them. Needless to say, the family was deeply grateful.

A few years later, this same family heard about another family nearby who had suffered a similar tragedy. None of the neighbors seemed to know what to do. Without hesitating, the couple walked right over. "You are not

alone in this," the wife told them. "We've been through this before; let us help you get back on your feet." They quickly began organizing, and within hours they had many resources in place. They even invited the family to stay with them until they found a more permanent living situation. This couple was uniquely qualified to help because they had received help in the same way. In short, they loved their neighbors as they themselves had been loved.

How has God loved you? What concrete ways has he used, and what has his love done for you? Sometimes his love flows through other people, as it did for the fire victims in the previous story. Other times it comes as we sit quietly in prayer or as we hear God's word at Mass. No matter how you have experienced it, God's love is meant to flow in you and through you to affect the people around you. So look around today, and see if there is someone whom you can tell, "You are not alone in this; let me help you."

"Father, show me how I have been loved so that I can offer that same love to my neighbor."

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Today's Announcements:

- We are excited to welcome the fifth grade students from our partner elementary schools to campus today!
- Tomorrow we will have an Adoration service at 9:40; regular uniform dress is scheduled for tomorrow - students will not need to wear blazers and ties.
- This Thursday, the FCA Chapter will have their meeting in the auditorium at 7:50 a.m.

- Congratulations to Alaina Olsen who is our Hugh O'Brian recipient. The alternates are the following students: Emma Bruffey, Meredith Collins, Teal Salloum, and Clayton Stoddard. These students should see Ms. Wilkinson after announcements today.

- Congratulations to our October Students of the Month.
 - Vincent DeStazio
 - Ainsley Thriffley
 - Morgan Culbertson
 - Cathryn Otero
 - Anthony Bui
 - Jordan Gill
 - Emma Bruffey
 - Micah Webb
 - Dylan Middleton
 - Ana Patino
 - Matthew Bisner
 - Makayla Marchioni

- The Chess Club Meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled.