

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. (Luke 17:16)

The Greek word for “thanked” in this passage is one of the most important words in our life of faith. What is this word? Euchariston. That’s right. The word that we get “Eucharist” from.

The whole of the Mass is our way of saying “Thank you” to Jesus. “Thank you for saving us.” “Thank you for giving us your Spirit.” “Thank you for the Church.” “Thank you for every good gift you have ever given us.” It is one long, extended act of thanksgiving!

During the penitential rite, we thank Jesus for his mercy, even as we confess that we have sinned. Picture yourself standing before the Lord, hearing him say, “Neither do I condemn you.” How could you help but sing his praises? How could you help but cry out, “Glory to God in the highest!”

At the end of each of the readings, we respond, “Thanks be to God!” or “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” We thank the Lord for speaking words of life to us, words that have the power to pierce our hearts and lift us up to

heaven. We thank him for all the stories from Scripture that tell us about God’s wonderful deeds—stories that tell us how much he wants to do in our own lives.

During the offertory, we offer him bread and wine, but we also offer him our lives in gratitude for the gift of his life. We are imitating the psalmist, who asked, “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation” (Psalm 116:12-13).

When we receive Jesus in Communion, we are telling him how grateful we are for offering himself on the cross and for offering himself to us on the altar. We are so thankful for this act of love that we long to receive him—body and blood, soul and divinity—into our very being. We are so moved by his generosity that we want to be with him always.

We have a generous, loving, and merciful God. He has given us every good and perfect gift, especially the gift of himself in the Eucharist. Let’s bow down in worship and proclaim our thanks to him!

“All glory and honor is yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Thank you for all you have given us!”

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Today's Announcements:

- Tomorrow we will celebrate mass and follow the liturgy bell schedule. Remember blazers and ties tomorrow.
- This Thursday, our cafeteria staff will be preparing our traditional Thanksgiving meal for lunch to include turkey and dressing. Mr. Buckley is buying for everyone, so we hope you enjoy this year's Thanksgiving lunch.

- Today, our eighth graders will attend the Pathways 2 Possibilities field trip at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Eighth grade will have lunch at 10:40 this morning - we will call for you to report to the cafeteria at that time.
- If anyone would like to help serve senior citizens this Sunday, November 19, at the St. Alphonsus KC hall in Ocean Springs, we could use you. We usually serve about 300 senior citizens a turkey dinner for free. Please call the church Wednesday or Friday 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 228-875-5419. Make sure you have your form for volunteering if you go. We had six St. Patrick students assist with the fair last weekend - thanks to everyone for helping.
- FCA Chapter Members are reminded to turn in your Thanksgiving Basket items to room 108 by the end of today.
- There is a National English Honor Society meeting on Thursday after school in room 200 with Mrs. Buckley. We will be discussing setting up tutoring and service opportunities.
- The tennis team will be having tryouts on Wednesday, November 29th from 4-5:30. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk with Mrs Collier. Please put your name on the list before tryouts.
- There will be an Interact Club meeting immediately after school today in the auditorium. Christmas events will be discussed.
- We'd like to wish good luck to the Fighting Irish Junior High Basketball teams as they go "Shark Hunting" tonight in their match up at North Woolmarket.
- Congratulations to our spelling bee participants! You did a great job! Our third place winner is Anthony Mattina, our second place winner is Ainsley Kate Thriffiley, and our first place winner who will go on to the District Spelling Bee is Cecilia Ware. Congratulations!
- We wish the junior varsity boys soccer team good luck tonight against St. Martin tonight.
- We would like to congratulate the girls Varsity Basketball Team on their victory last night against OLA. We won 64-24. Players of the game were Makenzie Stenum, Gabby Patino, and Quinlan Pisciotta. Congratulations girls.