

# ST. PATRICK

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 27, 2017

#### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." (Luke 21:1-4)*

Who did you notice at Mass yesterday? Maybe you caught a glimpse of someone in a fancy new dress. Perhaps you spotted a family whose children behaved perfectly. Or maybe an attractive person whom you had never seen before came in and sat down right in front of you. We tend to notice the impressive people; we don't notice the ordinary. That's the way our minds work. But that's not who Jesus noticed. He noticed a poor widow.

Somehow, amid all the activity, Jesus singled out this woman. He didn't reject the wealthier people's offerings, but this widow touched his heart in a special way. He saw far more than her meager gift. Those two coins reflected her heart; in deep faith and trust, she offered God everything. No wonder Jesus wanted his disciples to see this!

Like the widow, there are times when we give all we have.

Often this happens within our family, when we make sacrifices for our parents or siblings. Parents work tirelessly to provide for their family. They spend sleepless nights caring for a sick child. A husband or wife listens patiently when the other has a difficult day. Why? Because love does such things. Just as Jesus saw the widow, he sees these acts of love. He sees you. It's not hard to imagine him smiling and saying to his Father, "See how they love one another!"

So what about giving our all to Jesus? How can we have a generous heart for the Lord? It's not just a matter of giving more money or praying longer or going to Mass more often. It certainly pleases God if we can do any of these things. But it's not in the doing; it's in the intention. It's a matter of our hearts. It's a matter of offering Jesus every task we do and carrying it out with all the love we can muster.

St. Paul said it best: "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). So whatever you are doing, pause and dedicate it to God. Do this several times during the day. Your joy will grow. Your awareness of God's presence will grow. And Jesus will surely bless you.

*"Jesus, I offer you all that I think and say and do."*

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#### Today's Announcements:

- We hope everyone enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving Holiday. We are excited to have everyone back at St. Patrick this morning.
- Happy Birthday to Gracie Davenport and Annie Torp today!

- The tennis team will be having tryouts this Wednesday, November 29, from 4-5:30. Be sure to sign up at the front desk before tryouts.
- NHS Members: Your t-shirts are here! Please pick them up during lunch or after school today.
- The Science Honor Society meeting will take place tomorrow morning and after school in Ms. Lawson's room.
- The Interact Club bellringing signups are with Ms. Lawson in room 201, starting today.
- All Quiz Bowl team members need to see Ms. Ladner today before leaving school.
- Good luck to all junior high basketball teams today as they take on Stone County in the Home Opener today after school. Please come support the teams - 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00.