

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 6, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... *their inability to repay you. (Luke 14:14)*

One day, a father asked his daughter to join him on a trip to the inner-city, where he wanted to reach out to the homeless. On the way, they stopped off at McDonald's to buy some food to hand out. When they reached their destination, however, the girl became afraid and decided to stay in the car where it was safer. So she watched her dad walk up to perfect strangers, all of whom were struggling, and talk with them. She was touched by the way her father offered friendship to these people as well as food. Gathering her courage, she got out of the car and joined in. Within moments, she was laughing and sharing stories with people she had once feared.

What a beautiful way to think of our heavenly Father's generosity toward us! Day after day, God gives us many gifts, freely and happily, without expecting anything in return. He knows we could never repay him, but that doesn't stop him. He loves us too much. He enjoys our company too much to remain aloof.

Now, as generous as the girl's father was, he still had certain conditions on his love. He could give only so many hours, and he could afford only so many meals. After he was done, he and his daughter went back to the comfort of their home and the warmth of their family.

By contrast, our heavenly Father's love is unlimited and unconditional. He reached out to us when we were lost in sin. He came to us in Christ and offered his very life to rescue us. He was so rich that he could afford to save each and every one of us.

Just as the homeless people had to decide to trust the father and have lunch with him, we, too, have to trust that our God has only good things to give us. We, too, have to "come and eat."

In today's second reading, Paul cries out, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). Our Father has unlimited resources. He has unlimited love for us. His arms are always open. So let's run to him today and receive his gifts.

"Father, thank you for your unconditional love."

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Today's Announcements:

- There will be a brief sophomore class meeting tomorrow after school in the auditorium. All sophomores are asked to attend.
- Congratulations to the Fighting Irish sailing team for finishing third at the Mississippi High School Sailing Championship! The skippers were Mallory Edwards, James Edwards, Claire Wingfield and Teal Salloum. Mary Ellen Edwards, Chloe Aschenbach, Nicole Summersell, Gabrielle Miller, Emily Miller and Robbie Clisby crewed for them. They won six out of 24 races winning top three out of the majority of them with the newest team.

- The Library Scholastic Book Fair opens today. It will be open from 7:45 until 3:30 all week. It closes after lunch on Friday. Please come by to shop and help us meet our goal of \$2,500.
- The National Science Honor Society meeting will take place tomorrow both before school at 7:45 and after school at 3:00 p.m. Students will have their choice as to which meeting to attend - morning or afternoon.
- This week you will be seeing members of the Science Honor Society taking sign-ups for appointments for the upcoming blood drive on December 3rd here at St. Patrick. If you or anyone you know can sign up this week to give blood, please see a member at your lunch period. If you are not old enough to give, please encourage a parent or friend of the family to make an appointment to give the "Gift of Hope." Sixteen year olds may give with parental permission; seventeen and up do not need parental permission.
- There is a robotics meeting after school today in room 202. It is very important that all members attend this meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events that we host as a team.
- Congratulations to the boys cross country team on winning the 2A Cross Country State Championship this weekend! This is the first time the St. Patrick Boys Cross Country team has won a state championship. Each runner was critical in the team effort to win this championship in a close race. Running for the Irish were Cade Meyers, Mason McCullough, Dylan Middleton, Dominic Patino, Austin Dossett, Jameson Thriffiley, and Jack McKee. They were supported by teammates Spencer Wingfield, Teal Salloum, and Marshall Eleuterius. Three of these runners also made the all-state team. Cade Meyers finished in 3rd place, Mason McCullough in 4th place, and Dylan Middleton in 10th place.

The Lady Irish also had a fantastic race. The St. Patrick Girls team finished third, only four points behind the first-place team. In this tight race, each runner played a crucial role in the team finish. Running for the Irish were Jordan Pete, Isabel Leatherman, Amelie Million, Gabriela Patino, Quinlan Pisciotta, Lindsey McClure, and Presley Mullinax. They were supported by teammates Beyla Bleichner, Carmen DeStazio, and Juliana Sabagh. Three girls also made the all-state team. Jordan Pete finished in 6th place, Amelie Million finished in 7th place, and Isabel Leatherman in 9th place.

Congratulations to the cross country team on an excellent season and state meet!

- The junior high Fighting Irish boys basketball team participated in the Greater Vancleave Shootout Tournament this weekend. Both the 7th and 8th grade teams defeated St. Stanislaus to advance to the championship games but came up short against Vancleave in the finale.