

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town.
(Luke 14:21)*

Imagine how time-consuming it must be to organize something like a state dinner or an occasion such as the Oscars. Everything from the menu to the decorations—and especially the guest list—has to be carefully chosen. Contrast this with the host in today's Gospel. He opens his doors to everyone! He goes so far as to send his servant out to invite as many people as possible! "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town" (Luke 14:21).

The guest list at a state dinner or a Hollywood event is limited; there is only so much money in the budget for such an event. But Jesus' guest list goes on and on. He wants his home to be filled; he wants every person he created to join him at his heavenly banquet table—not to mention, his riches cannot be exhausted. His grace is infinite! It reaches to everyone. In God's eyes, we are all worth every last penny.

Jesus tells this parable to illustrate the kind of host God is: One who seeks to gather people, all kinds of people, into his kingdom, One who spares no expense or effort to welcome every man and woman into his family. Not a single person is too far gone. Think of Peter: after he denied knowing Jesus, the Lord reached out to him and restored him (John 21:15-19). Or think of the Samaritan woman at the well: ashamed of her sin and fearing rejection, she waited until the heat of the day to draw water so that she could avoid everyone else. But Jesus freely engaged her in conversation and offered her his own living water (4:4-30). Just like the forgiving father who pleaded with both the prodigal son and his older brother, God wants to bring everyone into his home.

Don't forget that God is pursuing you too! You may feel as if you are on a spiritual street or in an alley rather than inside his warm, loving home. Or you may be already walking with Jesus on the way to his banquet. No matter how near or far from God you may feel, he is always seeking you.

"Jesus, thank you for seeking after me! Bring me closer to you."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Isabell Alexander.
- We are excited to welcome the sixth grade students from our partner elementary schools to campus today!
- There will be a brief sophomore class meeting today after school in the auditorium. All sophomores are asked to attend.
- 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 will meet after school today at 3:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Congratulations to both the green and gold junior high boys basketball teams as they visited West Wortham and brought home two Fighting Irish victories last night. Coach Hewes is very proud of all his players for battling hard and earning a solid team win.

We would like to congratulate our seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against West Wortham. We won 22-8. Players of the game were Abby Badurak, Emma Holter and Taylor Stawarski. Congratulations, girls!

- Congratulations to the boys junior varsity soccer team for their win 4 to 0 over Pass Christian. Clayton Stoddard scored with a corner kick and an assist by Mitchell Badurak; Mason McCullough scored a goal, and Jonathan Galle scored two goals.

The girls junior varsity lost to Pass Christian 5-0, but the girls put up a tough fight during the game. Keep up the great work.

- We are planning an ACT workshop for the first weekend in December. We will offer a math, English, reading, and writing section. Students who are interested in the English portion of the ACT workshop are asked to see Mrs. Trahan today.
- This Thursday, the FCA Chapter will have their meeting in the auditorium at 7:50 a.m.