

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, December 6, 2017

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*How many loaves do you have? (Matthew 15:34)*

While it tells the story of a wondrous miracle—the multiplication of the loaves and fishes—today's Gospel reading also shows that we are not passive recipients at the banquet of life. Yes, Jesus performed the miracle. Yes, he fed a large crowd with very little food; no one else could have done that. But everyone there that day had a role to play.

The people in the crowd did their part. They actively sought Jesus, bringing their sick friends and relatives to him. Then, when they saw him heal, they “glorified” God (Matthew 15:31). When they grew hungry, rather than rushing off to find food or turning into a restless mob, they listened to the disciples and sat down quietly, waiting to see what Jesus would do. They were amazed at the miracle he performed and ate their fill.

The Twelve also played a vital part in this miracle. First, Jesus shared his concern with them: “My heart is moved with pity for the crowd” (Matthew 15:32). Then they gathered their resources and brought them to him. After

Jesus gave thanks for these gifts and the food was multiplied, it was the disciples who passed it around to all the people sitting in amazement.

Just as the people in today's Gospel were not spectators, God doesn't want us to be spectators either—especially not at Mass! Just as the people did in his time, we can come to Mass hungry for his word and thirsty for his touch. We can participate actively in the worship and bring our gifts and our needs to him during the offertory. Then, after Jesus has transformed the gifts, we can come to the altar and receive more than enough to satisfy us.

Our God is a generous God. He gives us much more than we ask for. He asks us how many “loaves” we have, even though he knows the answer. Then he takes the little that we offer him and multiplies it a hundredfold so that we are filled up to overflowing with his grace. He never stops giving, over and over again, every time we celebrate Mass!

*“Jesus, I offer you my heart, my mind, my will. Take all my desires. Bless them and multiply them for the good of your kingdom.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Presley Harrison, Cooper Lott, Anthony Mattina, Taylor Stawarski, and Logan Young today.
- Ballots for Mr. and Ms. SPCHS have been sent to students in grades nine through twelve. Students, please vote this week.
- Tickets are still available for our Fall Production, “Murder's in the Heir.” This is a dinner theater, so you need to purchase tickets in advance. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan in room 204.

- Seniors, midterm exemption notices will be sent to your school email account on December 13. To be eligible to be exempt, you must have an A, no more than 5 tardies total, no more than 5 unexcused absences, no more than 5 detentions, and no ISS or OSS. Also, you must have all cafeteria balances paid. See Mr. Buckley if you have any questions.
- Students for life members who are attending March for Life will meet this Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. Signed and notarized permission forms and final payments are due at or before this meeting. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have not received a permission form. All students who paid deposits were approved to attend the trip.
- Deacon Buddy at St. Thomas Church in Long Beach is doing a supply drive for the Stone County Prison where he does prison ministry. Please bring in men's and women's crew/athletic socks and deodorant by Monday December 11. Please put items in the front office.
- Seventh and eighth graders who will be attending the performance of *Murder's in the Heir* will need to bring \$5 to their first period teachers tomorrow. Those who don't wish to attend will go to study hall.
- If you have any original artwork, photography or writing that you would like to submit to *Aisling*, the school's literary and arts magazine, please do so by tomorrow. We've received some great work but are always looking for more.
- There will be no chess club meeting tomorrow.
- The varsity boys basketball team defeated Sacred Heart 58-51 last night. Tucker Santiago scored 18 points followed by Jacob Salminen with 14 and Braden Fayard with 10. The JV boys won their game 47-25 as Braxton Blackwell scored 16 points and Michael Moeller added 14 to lead the Irish.

Both teams will be in action Friday night as the Irish will host East Central. The JV boys will play at 5pm, followed by the varsity girls at 6 and the varsity boys will tipoff at 7:30.

- The science honor society and science club would like to thank all of those who organized, worked, and especially donated blood this Sunday for our Winter Blood Drive. We had many first-time donors and were able to reach 150% of our goal. Saving three lives with each pint, we were able to give the Gift of Hope to 200 people. Thank you for giving.

Anyone who worked the blood drive this Sunday and did not give your t-shirt size, must see Mrs. Lawson today in order to have yours included in the order.



