

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Do you want to be well? (John 5:6)*

Did you know that St. John recounts only seven of Jesus' miracles? They may be few in number, but they are rich in meaning. In fact, John called them "signs" because of the way each of them led people to believe in Jesus.

Well, all except one. The sign in today's Gospel seems to have no spiritual effect on the man who receives it. If anything, he shows the exact opposite of what you would expect.

First, when Jesus asks if he wants to be healed, the man doesn't answer with an eager yes! He doesn't offer a direct answer at all. Instead, he complains, "I have no one to put me into the pool" (John 5:7).

Then, after Jesus heals him, the man picks up his mat—and walks away (John 5:9). He doesn't thank Jesus or tell anyone else what happened to him. He just moves on with his life.

Next, when some of the religious leaders confront the man for breaking the Law by carrying his mat on the Sabbath, he shirks all responsibility and blames "the man who made me well" (John 5:11). He doesn't talk about how special Jesus is. He doesn't show any awe or gratitude for his healing at

all. Just enough facts to shift the blame.

Finally, after Jesus talks to him again, the man reports him to the leaders (John 5:15). As a result, they begin harassing and persecuting Jesus. Thanks to this fellow's words, in fact, they begin a long campaign against Jesus that ends with them plotting his death (11:49-53).

It seems that this fellow shows us how not to relate to Jesus:

- Don't complain to him. Cry out for help instead.
- Don't walk away. Instead, cling to him and praise him for his blessings.
- Don't treat him like just another man. Instead, acknowledge and believe that he is the Son of God.
- Don't be afraid to talk about what he has done for you. Instead, find ways to share the good news.

What about you? Do you want Jesus to make you "well" in some area of your life? Then follow these four points. They are a clear and hope-filled recipe for deeper healing and stronger faith.

*"Yes, Jesus, I want to be made well! Lord, I believe in you!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

★ Happy Birthday to Andrew Ritter and Mackenzie Rodrigue today!

- ★ March 14, this Wednesday, is the one month anniversary of the deadly Parkland, Florida shooting. As you may have heard, March 14 is a national planned day to protest violence in schools. Many students are planning a “walk out.” At St. Patrick, there will be no walk out. Instead, we encourage you to “walk up.” Walk up to the kid who sits alone at lunch and invite him or her to sit with you. Walk up to the kid who sits quietly in the corner, smile and say “hello.” Walk up to the kid who may be disruptive in class and ask him how he’s doing. Walk up to teachers and school staff and say thank you. Walk up to someone who has different views than you and get to know him or her. Walk up to 14 students and 3 teachers and say something kind. Make deposits with as many people as you can. Honor the lives of those lost by walking up, not out.

We will have a school-wide prayer tomorrow morning to honor the victims and families in Parkland. There will also be a student-led reflection and prayer will take place after school on Wednesday at the statue of Mary by the football stadium. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome and encouraged to join.

- ★ Attention all students... Mu Alpha Theta invites you to celebrate Pi Day tomorrow, March 14, as the date coincides with the constant pi, 3.14. Members will be selling slices of pie at each lunch for \$1 per slice. Make sure to bring your money for a great treat!
- ★ The tenth grade retreat has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 21.
- ★ Today St. Patrick will be the host team in the St. Patrick Invitational Track and Field Meet (7 teams are participating), field events start at 4:20 with the 4 x 800m relay at 4:30 and other running events start after the field events are finished. Coach Dellenger is asking the junior high track team to try and help at today’s track meet.
- ★ Congratulations to the sailing team! The sailing team won 2nd overall and 2nd in state at the Mississippi High School Team Race Championship. Skippers were Mallory Edwards, James Edwards, Clayton Stoddard, and Teal Salloum. The crew were Mary Ellen Edwards, Claire Wingfield, Teal Salloum, Emily Miller, Gabrielle Miller, and Robbie Clisby.
- ★ The top three classes thus far for Pennies for Patients are:

In third place... Camps with \$40; in second place, Williams with \$44.36; and in first place, Buckley with \$150.24.

We have two more weeks to donate money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society, so there is still time! Teachers' classes who reach Gold status (over \$300 raised) will receive a deep clean of their classroom compliments of student council.