

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*He . . . guides them beside springs of water. (Isaiah 49:10)*

Did you know that the earth's surface is over 70 percent water? And more than half of the people on earth live within 2 miles of fresh water! Not only that, but our bodies are 60 percent water. And while you can survive for weeks without food, you will only last 3-5 days without water. Clearly, water is essential for life.

The theme of water runs through the Scriptures too, especially in Lent. So far, our Lenten readings have presented multiple images of trees planted by streams of water, Moses striking the rock for water in the desert, Naaman the leper being cleansed in the river, and a Samaritan woman receiving living water from Jesus. And just yesterday, we read about Ezekiel's image of the Temple flowing with the river of life, along with the story of a man Jesus healed by the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

Through all of these stories and more, God is showing us that his life is like water for us. In fact, our spiritual lives

are surrounded by water. In Baptism we were cleansed by water, and we received within ourselves a spring of living water bubbling up in our hearts. And at the end of our lives, during the Mass of Christian Burial, our bodies are sprinkled with holy water. Each Lent, we prepare for the great liturgies of the Triduum, when holy water is blessed and catechumens are baptized into the Church.

How do you need to experience God's life-giving water today? Take a moment in prayer and ask the Lord to help you come in touch with the life he has placed in you. Let the spring well up within you—a spring of hope, of joy, of cleansing, and of peace. Let that living water irrigate any "parched ground" in you—softening your heart, cleansing your conscience, healing your memories, enlivening your imagination. Let it carry away your burdens and give you the simple joy of knowing that Christ is in you and that he will never stop loving and caring for you.

*"Father, I want your living waters to flow in me today. Nourish me, cleanse me, and bring me your joy."*

*Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Zachery Seymour and Anna Tran today!
- ★ Today is the one month anniversary of the deadly Parkland, Florida shooting.

We will have a school-wide prayer later this morning to honor the victims and families in Parkland. There will also be a student-led reflection and prayer will take place after school at 3:00 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 today, 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!
- ★ 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.
- ★ Results of yesterday's St Patrick track meet will be announced tomorrow morning
- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish baseball team on their 7-3 victory over Stone County High School last night. Seth Allen was the winning pitcher. B