

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. (John 3:34)

When you hear the word “ration,” what do you think? You may imagine times of war when food and gasoline are scarce, or certain products are set aside only for particular people. Or maybe you picture times of economic hardship when people stand in long lines waiting to purchase their necessities. You always feel a little uncertainty and anxiety when something has to be rationed, because you never know when it may run out.

What a relief to know that God does not ration his gifts! No matter how tight we are economically, no matter how little free time we have in our days, the one thing we can count on is the abundance of the gift of the Holy Spirit! God gives him to us without measure. He doesn't reserve his Spirit only for special people. He doesn't hoard the Spirit in case supplies get low. He is always ready—even eager—to give us more. So let's take him up on the offer!

If you ever doubt God's generosity with the Spirit, try to

recall how many things Jesus promised the Spirit would do in your life. He wants to make spiritual truths come alive in your heart. He wants to convince you that Jesus is Lord. He wants to show you your sin so that you will repent and be set free. He wants to assure you that he has triumphed over evil and that Satan has been condemned. And he wants to give you the power to share the gospel with the people around you. Have you called on the Holy Spirit lately? He doesn't mind if you “pester” him. If you're facing a difficult decision and need some spiritual insight, he's ready to guide you. If you're struggling with doubt, he is ready to strengthen your faith. If you want to share your faith with someone, but you don't know what to do or say, he is ready to give you his words. If you are dealing with the chains of addiction or a pattern of sin that seems impossible to break, he is ready with his power and his encouragement.

God never rations the gift of his Spirit. May we never ration our response to that precious gift!

“Holy Spirit, I need you today. Help me trust in your presence and your power.”

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Today's Announcements:

★ Happy Birthday to Emma Bruffey!

- ★ Seniors, Ms. Wilkinson has three new scholarships. Please see her during lunch today if you meet the criteria for the following:
- You are a Jackson county resident and plan on entering the medical field.
 - Fleur De Lis Society/Ladies Auxiliary for students of French descent.
 - Gulf Coast Italian American Cultural Society Scholarship for students who have at least one ancestor who emigrated from Italy.
 - The Salloum Family Scholarship is also available.

Also, seniors, please give Ms. Wilkinson your scholarship offers. This is any scholarship you have been offered.

- ★ Today, St. Patrick will be co-hosting with St. Stanislaus both the 2A and 4A Divisional Track and Field Meet. Team dismissal for those in the Field Events, 800m relay, and 3200m run is for 1:15 today; other team members will be called out at 2:45!